

**MINUTES FROM THE
CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2024**

The Cypress Springs Special Utility District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the Board Room of the Cypress Springs Special Utility District Office at 114 FM 115 for their monthly meeting.

Directors Present: President Larry Daniel, Vice President Richard Starek, Secretary-Treasurer Lloyd Parker, Director Jerry Hammond, Director Brad Sears, Director Neuman Browning, Director Chad Neal, Director Rex Tillery, and Director Jack Kemp

Directors Absent: Director Todd Jagers, Director Richard Hughes

Also Present: General Manager Kevin Spence, Office Manager Jean Sparks, Hilltop Securities Lance Flores

Public Attendance Consisted of: Mike Rambin

Public Comment: Mr. Rambin shared with the board the Franklin County Water District's proposed bond for the damn. After reading the document, he requested everyone to pay close attention and review the bond closely. There has not been much information or promotion of this bond. Franklin County Water District is hosting a meeting next Tuesday to discuss this proposal if anyone is interested in attending.

Invocation: Vice President Richard Starek

President Larry Daniel asked for a motion and a second to approve consent items. Director Neuman Browning made a motion, seconded by Director Chad Neal, to accept the Minutes from July 16, 2024, as written, the Treasurer's Report, and Aged Payables/replenish petty cash checking to \$20,000.00. The motion carried with no dissent.

Manager's Reports / Unfinished Business:

Manager Kevin Spence reported that Temo Roofing faced delays in obtaining the total shingles for the office roof. Once all the shingles are available, they will start the roofing project, which will take about three days.

Manager Kevin Spence reported that flushing had been conducted more frequently before the quarterly samples due to increased run time caused by heat and leaks during the summer months.

Manager Kevin Spence reported that Jason Anders Construction had poured two slabs for additional buildings at the North Plant. The unused building from the East Plant will be moved to one of the slabs at the North Plant, and an additional building with a roof will be added to store parts and equipment.

Manager Kevin Spence offered to take any board member interested in touring the North Plant on either August 21st or September 4th around 10:00 A.M. Just let him know.

Manager Kevin Spence reported Peoples Telephone has installed a new phone system for a trial period. The system will automatically answer calls and offer a menu for customers to select from. It also allows after-hours calls to go directly to on-call operators, which may enable us to eliminate the current answering service, saving money. Additionally, it includes upgrading the internet at all three plants to fiber optic. After a discussion, Director Rex Tillery made a motion. Vice President Richard Starek seconded to approve Peoples Telephone's upgrade of the internet to fiber optics at all three plants and the new wireless automated phone system as presented. The motion carried with no dissent.

Manager Kevin Spence reported maintenance at Cornersville was another routine month.

Manager Kevin Spence referred to the Hilltop Securities presentation.

Manager Kevin Spence reported that TCEQ has approved the Rural Development plans. We are now awaiting Rural Development's engineers to review the state-approved plans.

Manager Kevin Spence reported that 1,441 Kamstrup meters have been installed. Some of the tops of the meter boxes are still being removed, and some antennas are being installed. The system is showing some improvements with doing this.

Manager Kevin Spence reported no updates on the City of Mount Vernon agreement.

Manager's Reports / New Business:

Manager Kevin Spence reported that the number of nonstandard service application inquiries has increased. Have not heard back from the inquiry of 400 houses in Saltillo, but on County Road 2060 & County Road 2100 paid for 6 meters.

Manager Kevin Spence reported that the SCADA upgrades were ordered for the North Plant to remedy the communication between the raw pump station and the treatment plant. The upgrade will integrate with the upcoming expansions and replace the out-of-date version of Wonder Ware that was installed in 2004.

President Larry Daniel handed the meeting over to Mr. Lance Flores with Hilltop Securities, who gave his presentation on the two different investing options through Hilltop Securities. After answering the board members' questions, he returned the meeting to President Larry Daniel. After the discussion, the board agreed to vote at the next board meeting and to have it put on next month's agenda.

There being no further business, Director Neuman Browning made a motion, and Vice President Richard Starek seconded it, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. The motion carried with no dissent.

Approved

Date