

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE
DISTRICT'S MAIN OFFICE BOARD ROOM
RIDGELAND, MS**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District was held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at the District's Main Office, Ridgeland, MS.

Members Present: Jim Carraway, Larry Castle, Billy Cook, Phillip Crosby, Kenny Latham, Samuel Mitchell, Jack Winstead, Tedrick Ratcliff, Bruce Brackin, John Arledge, Shannon Armstrong, Trey Bobinger, John Pittman

Members Absent: W. C. Gorden

Others Present: John Sigman, Greg Burgess, Jim Tohill, Craig Hunt, Susan McMullan, Perry Waggener, Cindy Ford, Bobby Cleveland, Steve Clark, Jerry Bounds, Jason Temple, Brent Powell, Tammy Mabry

Board President Jack Winstead called the board to order at 9:30 a.m.

President Winstead then welcomed Brent Powell to the board meeting.

President Winstead asked for the review of the minutes of March 2013.

Upon review of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 2013, a motion was made by Mr. Billy Cook for the minutes to be approved as presented. Mr. Samuel Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The board attorney stated he had no report this month.

President Winstead then requested the open item on the agenda be presented.

Mr. John Sigman stated that staff has been working with Telepak on a right-of-way lease easement within Madison County off of Old Rice Road for a buried cable line. Mr. Sigman noted the appraisal price provided by Mr. Jim Craig was for \$33,695.00. Mr. Sigman stated that it was staff's recommendation that the Board approve the sale of the easement to Telepak as presented for \$33,695.00, plus attorney's fees and appraisal costs.

Mr. Billy Cook made the motion to approve the sale of easement to Telepak as presented for \$33,695.00, plus fees and costs. Mr. Phillip Crosby seconded the motion. A copy of the finalized easement shall be entered in "Exhibit to Minutes" file, thereby becoming a part of these minutes.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Winstead then called on Kenny Latham, Chair of Park Policy to give the committee report.

Chairman Kenny Latham stated that Park Policy Committee had three (3) items for the board.

Chairman Latham stated Park Policy had reviewed the proposals for up-river cleanup.

Mr. Craig Hunt outlined process of collecting quotes for the up-river cleanups, which take place after the three major boating/camping holiday weekends (Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day). Mr. Hunt outlined the quotes received and stated that Madison Services was the lowest bid per cleanup with a price of \$1,974.00. Mr. Hunt stated that Madison Services had provided the cleanup in previous years and were in good standing.

Chairman Latham made the motion on behalf of Park Policy Committee that the board approve the contract to Madison Services as presented. Mr. Billy Cook seconded the motion. A copy of the contract shall be entered in "Exhibit to Minutes" file, thereby becoming a part of these minutes.

President Winstead asked if there was any comment or question. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Latham then asked for the presentation of the approval of Phase 3 of Fannin Landing.

Mr. Greg Burgess outlined the 3rd Phase of the Fannin Landing Boat Ramp improvements, which include construction of a comfort station.

There was some discussion among the group regarding the location and positioning of the comfort station.

Mr. Cook inquired as to the requirement for Arbor Landing to provide a comfort station. Mr. Burgess responded there is no timeline for Arbor Landing's construction and it is not expected anytime in the near future.

Chairman Latham made a motion on behalf of the Park Policy Committee that the board approve the advertisement of Phase 3 of Fannin Landing Boat Ramp project as presented. Mr. John Pittman seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked if there was any comment or question. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: Castle. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY.**

Chairman Latham then presented the item of a feasibility study for campground expansion.

Mr. John Sigman outlined the need to expand the R/V campground at Timberlake Campground. Mr. Sigman noted the current waiting list for R/V pads for Timberlake contains over 250 names. Mr. Sigman stated the desire of staff to explore the possible development of expansion into the unutilized northeast area of Lakeshore Park. Mr. Sigman also noted that staff was in contact with the YMCA regarding the proposed expansion.

Mr. Sigman stated staff's desire to complete a feasibility study with market analysis, financing information and cost estimates for the expansion with the majority of the feasibility study being completed in house by staff.

Mr. Sigman also noted the use of the Master Planning data within the feasibility study.

Mr. Cook asked if the study would include the incorporation of a boat ramp for the grounds.

Mr. Sigman responded that the boat ramp would be reviewed also.

The resolution for staff directive reads as follows:

Be it resolved that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District "PRVWSD" Board of Directors authorizes the PRVWSD staff to perform the needed research and thoroughly investigate the feasibility of expansion of Timberlake Campground.

Chairman Latham made a motion on behalf of the Park Policy Committee that the board approve the directive for staff to develop a feasibility study on the expansion of Timberlake Campgrounds. Mr. John Arledge seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked if there was any comment or question.

Mr. Arledge noted his appreciation of staff's desire to conduct the feasibility study.

Mr. Bobinger also noted his appreciation for the study.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Winstead requested Shoreline Development Committee's business be presented.

Chairman Arledge had only one item to present to the board for consideration.

Chairman Arledge then presented the agenda item for approval of police grants.

Chief Waggoner gave an outline of the two Public Safety Grants that were available and requested approval to apply for the alcohol counter measures grant and occupant restraint grant from Public Safety as presented.

The resolution for approval reads as follows:

Be it resolved that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District "PRVWSD" Board of Directors authorizes the PRVWSD Police Department application for grant funds to Mississippi Department of Highway Safety.

Chairman Arledge made the motion on behalf of the Shoreline Committee for approval of the resolution approving application for the proposed Public Safety Grants for alcohol counter measures and occupant restraint. Mr. Kenny Latham seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked for any additional questions or comments. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Winstead then asked for the Audit Committee items to be presented.

Chairman Mitchell presented the annual insurance renewal.

Ms. Susan McMullan outlined the annual insurance proposal received. She noted the increase in premium due to inclusion of large equipment added through the previous year. She also noted the dam's coverage. Ms. McMullan advised the committee that the current policy is expiring and that in order to keep the District insured at the current level approval was needed to renew the proposed insurance coverage.

There was discussion among the board regarding the need for insurance and the agency's coverage under the State's tort claims. The group also discussed the \$250,000 deductible under the State property insurance policy.

Chairman Mitchell made a motion on behalf of the Audit Committee for approval of the annual renewal of insurance as presented and included in the Exhibits to Minutes. Mr. John Pittman seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked for any additional questions or comments. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mitchell then presented the per diem and travel expenditures for the month of March 2013 for approval by the Board. Chairman Mitchell stated Audit Committee had reviewed the expenditures and found them to be in order.

Chairman Mitchell made a motion on behalf of the Audit Committee for approval of the per diem and travel as presented. Mr. Billy Cook seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked for any questions or comments. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mitchell presented the Cash Balance Report for approval by the Board. Chairman Mitchell stated the Audit Committee had reviewed the report and found it to accurately reflect balances.

Chairman Mitchell made a motion on behalf of the Audit Committee for approval of the Cash Balance Report as presented. Mr. Kenny Latham seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked for any questions or comments. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mitchell then presented the Claims Docket for approval by the Board. Chairman Mitchell stated the Audit Committee had reviewed the docket and found it to be in order.

Chairman Mitchell noted that there were some big items on the docket, and asked staff to respond to any questions on the docket items. None were offered.

Chairman Mitchell made a motion on behalf of the Audit Committee for approval of the Claims Docket as presented. Mr. Billy Cook seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Winstead then presented the agenda item from the Executive Committee.

President Winstead outlined the role of the Reservoir Police Department. Mr. John Sigman explained that the police provide service on PRVWSD District property as follows: water, parks, Spillway Road and Northshore Causeway. The Reservoir Police will respond to emergency calls, but do not patrol the neighborhoods.

Mr. Sigman stated that the grants received for enforcement services are used within the parks and on our roadways.

Mr. Winstead noted that he had spoken to the Rankin County Sheriff's Department and the Department is confident it can handle patrolling and responding to calls in the neighborhoods.

President Winstead requested a motion be made confirming that the current mission of the Reservoir Police be re-affirmed as providing police services within the District's waterways and public parks, patrolling Spillway Road and Northshore Causeway and provide emergency response to calls as necessary within District's subdivisions.

Mr. Phillip Crosby made the motion as stated. Mr. John Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Winstead then introduced the agenda item regarding user fees.

President Winstead explained his desire to authorize staff to continue to determine the need for boater fees and ask staff to research the fee proposal.

The resolution reads as follows:

Be it resolved that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District "PRVWSD" Board of Directors authorizes the PRVWSD staff to perform the needed research, work up proposals and thoroughly investigate the application of a user fee for the District to include but not limited to boating, sandbar camping, and hunting.

Mr. Sigman noted there were several proposed concepts for the user fees, including boat fees, property use fees, hunting leases or hunting permits, and camping fees. Mr. Sigman noted that the Barnett Reservoir is one of only two lakes in the state that do not charge a fee for use.

Mr. Sigman also noted that the revenue from the proposed fees for usage would be devoted to recreation and maintenance of the lake.

Mr. Sigman stated that staff would research the topic, discuss with various user groups to get input and bring back to the committee for review and consideration.

Mr. Sigman also noted that if regulation changes are required for implementation, it would be staff's desire to include the changes in one package with other regulation items already scheduled for amendment.

President Winstead made the motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Trey Bobinger seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked for any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Crosby, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Winstead then presented the agenda item for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Sigman outlined the current operation of the lake level, giving the reasoning for the original adoption of lower winter level operation for vegetation control and flood mitigation. Mr. Sigman explained that the lowering of level did not prove to be effective in vegetation control, and provides a minimal level of flood mitigation.

Mr. Sigman explained that it was the overwhelming desire of leaseholders and lake users to investigate the possibility of year round operation of lake at the 297 level.

Mr. Sigman stated that the change in operation would improve the primary mission of the lake which is water supply and water recreation, as well as assist with bank sloughing issues.

Mr. Sigman then outlined the process by which the hydraulic and hydrological analysis was developed by Mendrop Engineering. Mr. Sigman stated the conclusion of the analysis was that there would be no adverse impact upriver or downriver from a change in the operational level of the lake. The change would be possible with current gauging stations and weather forecasting models for projection of rainfall from NWFS/NOAA/CORPS/USACE.

Mr. Sigman then stated the Hydraulic and Hydrological Analysis Report had been reviewed by the leaders in the field of weather prediction and forecasting in a meeting held at the PRVWSD main office on March 15th. Mike Runner of USGS, Jeff Grascel of LMRFC, Dr. Suzanne Van Cooten of LMRFC, Katelyn Castanza of LMRFC, Drew Smith of USACE Vicksburg, Michel Sorrells of USACE Vicksburg, Alan Gerard of NOAA and Marty Pope with NOAA Jackson were in attendance. Mr. Sigman reported that the conclusion of the review by the panel was that the report was sound and calculations and models used were correct.

Mr. Sigman then stated the staffs desire to change the operational level of the lake as proposed by resolution as follows:

Be it resolved that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District "PRVWSD" hereby adopts the Hydraulic and Hydrological Analysis Report of Lake Level Operating Plan dated 15 April 2013 prepared by Mendrop Engineering Resources included in the Exhibits to these Minutes.

Be it further resolved that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District "PRVWSD" hereby initiates the new lake level operational rule of a "Summer Pool" running April 10 – Oct 15 operating at a lake level of 297.5; and the "Winter Pool" running Oct 15 – April 10 operating at a level of 297, with a half foot bandwidth on either side of the operational target.

Mr. Sigman also noted that staff had meet with downstream communities such as Monticello, Richland, and Columbia to review report and discuss proposed operational changes. Mr. Sigman noted that there was no opposition to the changes from the communities contacted. Mr. Sigman also stated he had been in contact with the City of Jackson and Rankin County to offer the same information presentation but the invitations were not yet accepted.

Mr. Crosby inquired as to the impact upstream. Mr. Sigman stated that the study reviewed the upriver impact and found no impact in lake level above low head dam with the increased operating level.

President Winstead asked for a motion on the item.

Mr. John Arledge made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Carraway seconded the motion.

President Winstead asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Arledge, Armstrong, Bobinger, Brackin, Castle, Carraway, Cook, Latham, Mitchell, Pittman, Ratcliff and Winstead Abstained: None. Against: Crosby. **MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY.**

President Winstead then noted that the Ad Hoc Committee for Lake Level Operation is now dissolved with the completion of its task.

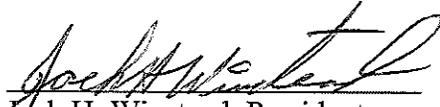
Committee Minutes and Miscellaneous Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the committee meeting minutes presented of March 2013.

Chief Waggener reviewed the Police Report for March 2013.

Mr. John Sigman then gave his report as Executive Director. Mr. Sigman noted the lake level of 297.57. Mr. Sigman asked board members to review the newspaper articles and email included in their packages. Mr. Sigman noted that the dredging bids would be received May 6th and that the master plan community meeting was to be held May 13th at the NWRMS cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.



Jack H. Winstead, President