## Minutes January 14, 2025 Pecan Valley RWD Board Meeting

Board Chairman, Jim Hampshire, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Ed Hewett, Jeff Ewing, Bill Malone, and Jim Hampshire present. Leighton Duitsman absent. Also present was Jack Outhier, RWD Manager

Ed moved, Bill seconded, that the Board Approve the Minutes of December 10 meeting. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim aye. Motion carried.

Bill moved, Jeff seconded, that the Board Approve the Minutes of the December 27 meeting. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim aye. Motion carried.

Ed moved, Jeff seconded, that the Board Accept the December Financial Report and EOY Report. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim aye. Motion carried.

## Manager's Report:

- 1. Got Lift Station Control panel entirely replaced and working well.
- 2. Water test volunteers have come through very well.
- 3. Kellie's medical procedures in OKC January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Contracted Express Employment Professionals and Great Plains VoTech re employees.
- 5. Jack explained that his truck is dead and he doesn't intend to buy a new one for the District's use. Discussion would be under 6A on Agenda.

## Old Business to discuss and/or vote on:

The finalized 2025 Budget was presented. Bill made the motion, Ed seconded, that the 2025 Budget be approved as presented. This would include implementation of the 3% water rate increase and the 5% sewer rate increase to take effect February 1, to first appear on the March 1 bills. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim aye. Motion carried.

Jim presented a revised Policy for Holiday / Merit Bonus schedule. Following discussion, Jeff moved, Ed seconded, that we remain with the current Policy. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim abstained.

## New Business to discuss and/or vote on:

Proposed the purchase of a truck for District use only. Such truck would be available by employees only for District use, not as a personal vehicle. We had some sample listings for used Chevy Colorados as they have the best towing capability of mid-sized trucks, appear some of the best priced, and report the fewest mechanical issues. A reasonably late model, low mileage Colorado could be purchased in the mid \$20,000s range. Ed expressed his conviction we should get a new <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ton, 4WD truck, and suggested Jack research the state purchase plan. Ed moved, Bill seconded, to table this decision. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim aye.

Board reviewed the Executive Action List discussing Project Priorities and scheduling. No action taken.

Ed moved, Bill seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Ed aye, Jeff aye, Bill aye, Jim aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.