#### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE

#### NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

#### April 6, 2020

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in regular session, open to the public, via telephone conference call at 713-955-6338, Access Code 2371222, pursuant to the Texas Governor's suspension of certain Texas Open Meetings Act provisions due to COVID-19, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020; whereupon, the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Alan J. Rendl	President
Kelly P. Fessler	Vice President
Lenox A. Sigler	Secretary
Ron Graham	Assistant Secretary
Jim Pulliam	Treasurer/Investment Officer

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were: Mr. Jun Chang, P.E., D.WRE, Deputy General Manager for the Authority; Mr. Mark Evans, Director of Planning and Governmental Affairs for the Authority; Ms. Cynthia Plunkett, Financial Assistant for the Authority; Ms. Barbara Payne of Payne Communications, Communications Coordinator for the Authority; Messrs. Stephen Berckenhoff, P.E. and Doug Haude, P.E., of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; Mr. Fred Bauhof, P.E. and Ms. Kate Hallaway, P.E., of Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Rafael Ortega, P.E., of Aurora Technical Services, LLC, on-call engineers for the Authority; Ms. Giti Zarinkelk, P.E., and Mr. Mike Bagstad, P.E., of Zarinkelk Engineering Services, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Ms. Katherine Mears, P.E., and Mr. David Huang, P.E., of RPS Klotz Associates, on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Lance McLeod, P.E., of Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. David Warner, P.E., of Jones Carter, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Marcel Khouw, P.E., of IDS Engineering Group, on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Carlton McDevitt of Inframark, LLC ("Inframark"), operator for the Authority; and Ms. Robin S. Bobbitt, attorney, and Ms. Alison Miller, paralegal, of Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC ("Radcliffe Bobbitt"), general counsel and co-bond counsel for the Authority. Numerous members of the public and other consultants to the Authority also participated in the conference call meeting. The conference call meeting was recorded and made available to the public according to provisions of Texas Government Code Sections 551.125 and 551.127.

WHEREUPON, the meeting was called to order by Director Rendl and evidence was presented that public notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the law. The posted notices of the meeting are attached hereto.

#### CONFERENCE CALL PROCEDURES

Ms. Bobbitt first reviewed the procedures for the telephone conference call meeting with the meeting attendees.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Director Rendl then stated that the telephone conference call meeting is a very unusual circumstance due to the COVID-19 pandemic that is currently affecting the entire world. Director Rendl noted that tonight's meeting will be a simple and short meeting.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Pulliam thanked Ms. Bobbitt for organizing tonight's conference call meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Rendl next stated that an email for public comment had been received from Mr. Mike Kelly of Harris County Freshwater Supply District No. 61 requesting that the Board consider delaying the implementation of the April 1<sup>st</sup> increase to the Authority's surface water rate and pumpage fee that was approved at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Director Rendl explained that this item is not on tonight's agenda, but that it could be considered at the May Board meeting. Director Rendl added that the Board will be working with the Authority's financial team to consider the effects of delaying the surface water rate and pumpage fee increases. Director Rendl further noted that the Authority's commitment to keep the rates as low as possible for as long as possible does not give the Authority much leeway on the rates that are charged to Authority customers.

A member of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 358 then reported that at their regular Board meeting held earlier today, a member of the Simon Group, owner of the outlet mall located within such district, made a request for the district to waive all water and sewer service fees through the end of the year, including the Authority's fees.

# **REGULAR AGENDA**

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board next considered approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting. Upon motion by Director Pulliam, seconded by Director Graham, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting, as written.

The Board then considered approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2020 special meeting. Upon motion by Director Pulliam, seconded by Director Graham, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2020 special meeting, as written.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT, INCLUDING APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ISSUANCE OF CHECKS

Director Rendl then recognized Ms. Plunkett, who reviewed the Authority's Financial Report with the Board, including the monthly investment report, the checks being presented for payment, and the budget comparison for the month ended February 29, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Upon motion by Director Sigler, seconded by Director Pulliam, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Report, the monthly investment report, and the checks being presented for payment.

## CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETING DATE

Director Rendl then informed the meeting attendees that the Authority's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. via telephone conference call. Director Rendl noted that the May meeting will be more comprehensive and include the usual consultant reports. Director Rendl added that he appreciates those people that called in to participate in tonight's conference call meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Richard Murphy with Westador Municipal Utility District asked if the Authority's construction projects are proceeding on schedule in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Director Rendl responded that the Authority's construction projects are proceeding ahead as best as he knows, and that he is not aware of any issues on any of the Authority's projects.

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

<u>/s/ Lenox A. Sigler</u> Secretary, Board of Directors

