

## GWSC Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

July 15, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of GWSC was called to order at 6:05 p.m. 07-15-24. Meeting was opened with prayer led by Joe Farney. Posting of agenda was certified and the presence of a quorum was established. The following were present:

Directors present: Robert Mackie, Joe Farney, Thomas Martinez, Jo Farar, Pam Gresham, Bobby Farney. Doyle Parks

Operators: Brandon Berry, Aaron Berry – Absent (out of town)

Visitors: Ash Materials – Mike Sanders and Chris Calva

C. Mike Sanders apologized for starting off with community on the wrong foot and explained how they were told by Falls County Appraisal District that the location they purchased was not in any city limits and they had based everything they were doing on that as far as not pulling permits, etc. He also stated that water consumption will not be factored into the manufacturing of the materials. Bob Mackie asked for explanation of process of their materials, what exactly are they are making. He further stated that the community members were very concerned that it was a form of silica. Is it hazardous? Mike Sanders stated all processes would be given in detail in the information booklet which is forthcoming.

Mr Parks asked why a commercial water meter? If Ash Materials was using only for employee restrooms and drinking water then why do they need a commercial meter? Mr. Sanders agreed and stated he was not sure and wondered why the company they purchased building from was not required to have one. He further stated that the projected 15 employees were probably 3 years from now. Their budget allowed for 4 employees plus Chris at this time. Mr. Mackie stated he would check with Brandon Berry and the ones that could make that decision in regard to what meter was needed and let Ash Materials know if they needed to continue with Commercial Application. Bobby Farney stated he felt a commercial meter should be placed as it was a commercial building regardless. Mr. Parks made the statement he does not care what it is. He asked the original question as existing commercial buildings are not required to have commercial meter as meter is determined by water usage. Kaye Mackie stated that it was ultimately the Engineer's decision. Chris said that he had contacted two master plumbers to determine their water usage and he would provide info to Golinda Water Supply to submit to their engineer in order to make a more informed decision.

Mr. Parks asked again if any of the materials for their products was harmful at all. Mr. Calva answered no, absolutely not. The only reason he keeps everything covered and sealed is because of the moisture to the materials. He stated that he is bringing some of the actual materials to a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to hopefully explain the material better. He further stated that Walsh Electric submitted all their paperwork for the electricity and Mr. Shipp, City Inspector, approved all. TCEQ is sending their paperwork to City Attorney. MSDS sheets should be submitted for any and all products used.

D. Operators Report – No report to give as Brandon and Aaron are both out.

E. Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes - Jo Farar made motion to accept June 2024 as presented, seconded by Joe Farney. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Approval of June 2024 Financials – Doyle Parks made motion to accept June 2024 Financials as is with Jo Farar seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Discuss and Approve McCarver 3 meters – Motion was tabled as everything is still at Engineer’s office.

H. Discuss and Approve Ash Materials - 1 meter – Motion was tabled awaiting more information from applicant

I. Grant Application – No updates

J. GWSC Insurance quotes – Cindy Bunch reported that both insurance companies had submitted to their policy writers and evidently, they are dragging their feet. Some insurance companies are refusing to consider any new policies due to the volume of claims filed this year.

K. Cindy Bunch reported for Brandon Berry who will be the Falls County Water Advisory Board representative. Their first official meeting was June 20<sup>th</sup> and Brandon Berry attended as the Golinda Water Supply representative. There was a good representation at the first meeting and Falls County is modeling it after the McLennan County group as they have had success with grant monies in the past. The same engineering firm is leading the way in the engineering end. The Judge is trying to get water entities together to give us a better chance at getting funds.

L. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22p.m. with Doyle Parks making the motion and Jo Farar seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

*Robert Mackie*  
President, Board of Directors

*Carolyn Jo Farar*  
Secretary-Treasurer

**APPROVED 8-19-24**