



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

Last night Elm Ridge WCID held its monthly Board of Directors meeting. Here is a summary of the actions taken and information discussed:

1. Erica O'Bryon was sworn in as Captain of the Elm Ridge Police Department by Chief Kennedy.
2. The Board unanimously approve authorizing the application to the TCEQ for a Bond application for up to \$23,500,000 for an engineering project for new Artesia Water Transmission line, engineering project for expansion and upgrade for current Artesia water facilities, police and administration building project, and Developer reimbursements. The Bond will not exceed the \$23,500,000 and expected to be sold at a lower total amount. This will likely be the last Bond the District will sell. There are no more large-scale projects anticipated.
3. Received monthly report from Engineering Dept. on some road repairs and engineering design projects.
4. Received monthly operator's report for Artesia Utility System. Operator reports very high usage of water.
5. Amendment to continue contract with Mustang Water on billing to collect fire protection plan service fees. The contract does not increase any cost.
6. Received General Manager's report on the daily management of the District. Some of the items covered were: Update on Water Restrictions and violations; Streetlight outages have been reported to COSERV; Arrowbrooke Park concession/restroom had its inspection from the Fire Marshall; New Police/Administration building "Coming Soon" sign has been placed in front of the building site; Starting priority list for road repairs for 2023-2024 budget year; Contract was approved by the Board for the surveys and re-platting of parcel in previously agreed land swap with Savannah HOA; Public records from Freedom of Information Act were received from City of Aubrey on Fire Services and reviewed; Meeting was held with City of Celina Fire Chief for initial discussion of Celina providing fire protection services for Arrowbrooke residents since new Celina Fire station will be closed than Navo fire station; Trash collection update and update on Rhino services was given; Board declined to engage traffic study in Arrowbrooke for \$25,000 for crosswalks requested in residential inward streets; some various street and traffic signs were repaired or replaced; Bids for Trash services are being solicited again for the 2nd time this year.
7. Board received report from Triton Communications on monthly website activity and improvements. New and upgraded website expected to be live next week. Website address will not change.



8. Police Department report from Chief Kennedy and some of the updates were: Total calls for service from the {Police Dept in the month of July 2023) were 2023; 248 traffic stops of which 85% were issued warnings; there was no SRO report as school was out in July; updates on police department vehicles was given; report of crime statistics was given to the Board; PD purchased a microchip scanner to help locate owners of lost animals. This will save money overpaying shelters to come scan animals; Oral Boards were held for Detective position. Officer Ferguson was chosen as the Department's newest Detective; As of the end of July the PD has completed 11,201 calls for service
9. Monthly report on calls from Aubrey Fire Department and Prosper Fire Department was given.
10. The Board proposed its tax rate for the coming year lowering the tax rate from 92.8 cents per \$100 of certified value to 88.7 cents. A Public Hearing was set for next month's Board meeting for residents to make comments.
11. The Board rejected Aubrey's budget for Fire services at Navo for the coming fiscal year.
12. The Project Manager updated residents and the board of directors on the progress of the design and cost estimates of the Municipal Complex and Police Department. Crossland, who is serving as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), has gone out to bid to subcontractors to assist them in establishing a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) to build the facility. Crossland provided 90% construction documents to the bidders from the architect firm, RPGA. RPGA should have 100% construction documents to Crossland on or about August 24th, 2023.
At that time, staff will be given the GMP to complete the project. Once the GMP is reviewed and accepted by the board of directors, Crossland will then be able to provide notice to the bidders to mobilize and establish a groundbreaking date and project timeline for estimated completion. After approving the 100% construction documents and GMP, staff will begin sharing some basic details and layouts of the building. For obvious reasons of security and safety of the police officers and civilian staff, some details may need be redacted, however, total square footages, prices per square foot and many other details will be provided to our board and residents.

For a COMPLETE review of all actions taken and discussions, please visit our website to view the Minutes of all Board meetings. Minutes are uploaded once approved by the Board at the next month's meeting.

Please join us for our next Board meeting September 21, 2023 to see how your Board of Directors are working for you.

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