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# MINUTES DALLAS AREA MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY February 14, 2019

The Regular Board meeting of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority was held at 7:00 P.M. on February 14, 2019 at the DAMA Administration Building.

Board Members present: John Oliver, Brent Snowdon, Jeffrey Barrett and Ryan Doughton.

Other officials present: Attorney Benjamin R. Jones, III, DAMA Solicitor, Tom Keiper, Ed Hann, Ryan Longfoot, Tom Mayka, Susan Lee & Brent Berger of Quad Three Group.

Mr. Oliver opened the meeting with a roll call. There were no Public Comments.

On a motion by Mr. Doughton, seconded by Mr. Barrett and approved with all in favor of the January 10, 2019 Reorganization and Regular meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report

Mr. Snowdon submitted the wastewater division invoices totaling \$836,574.89 for approval. Following a brief discussion about the wastewater division check registers a motion was made by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Barrett, and passed on a unanimous roll call vote to pay the wastewater division invoices.

Mr. Snowdon submitted the solid waste division invoices totaling \$96,388.77 for approval. Following a brief discussion about the solid waste division check registers, a motion was made by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Doughton, and passed on a unanimous roll call vote to pay the solid waste division invoices.

Mr. Snowdon submitted the storm water division invoices totaling \$49,689.88 for approval. Following a brief discussion about the stormwater division check register, a motion was made by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Doughton, and passed on a unanimous roll call vote to pay the stormwater division invoices.

Mr. Snowdon also discussed the bank account balance sheet.

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#### **DAMA Committee Report**

Mr. Barrett reported he had nothing to report this meeting as he is waiting for Mr. David Jenkins to reach out for past information.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Keiper gave an update on stormwater billing. Approximately 72% of the first quarter billing was collected in the first month, even with the confusion of WVSA's bill being due in the middle of March.

Mr. Keiper reported in the last 10-and-a-half months, lateral inspections and/or sump pump inspections have been completed on 215 properties. Twenty One (21) sump pumps were connected to the sewer that had to be removed before the sale closed which is approximately 10%. If this number is indicative of the number of sump pumps in the system, this could be a large portion of the Inflow and Infiltration problem the Authority is experiencing.

Attorney Jones has been asked to research any ordinances necessary to facilitate forcing sump pump removal from the system.

# Engineer's Report

Mr. Berger reported bids were received for two (2) contracts. The first bid was for ground water level monitoring wells at a price of \$4500 per well for eleven (11) wells. The price was just under \$50,000 to put in 11 of them. With the installation of these wells, there will be at least one well in each of the twelve (12) drainage basins

The second bid was for air testing and televising of the laterals and grouting of the first 20 feet of those laterals in a portion of drainage basin 4 at a cost of \$1,400 per lateral. Between two hundred (200) and two hundred and fifty (250) laterals will have to be completed. The actual number will be confirmed. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Barrett, and passed on a unanimous roll call vote to go forward with the well monitoring systems. A motion was also made by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Doughton, and passed on a unanimous roll call vote to move forward with the lowest responsible bid for the grouting of the laterals.

# Solicitor's Report

Attorney Jones reported he is looking into what could be a more aggressive inspection of sump pumps and then legal action if needed in order to get the removal and keep them removed. Attorney Jones reported he received about 30 liens to be entered for delinquent

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accounts. It looks like most are reissuing the lien previously put on. He said the number of sheriff sales have happily dropped off quite a bit.

Attorney Jones reported there is threatened litigation by one or possibly three residents regarding a sewage overflow that allegedly did destruction to their personal property. The only way DAMA can be sued for a sewer overflow is if there has been notice of a dangerous condition existing prior to the overflow.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Keiper reported that the permanent storm water fee for commercial properties will be based on the impervious surface. There is an issue with the photography from the county as it is from 2010 and many things have changed since then. Mr. Keiper stated that a proposal to complete updated aerial photography of the area by June 1, 2019 has been obtained. The cost would be \$12,500. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed on a unanimous roll call vote to do the flyover for updated data.

## **Out of Order Business**

Mr. Oliver gave permission for Mr. Joe Dreier, a resident in the community to express his concerns regarding the Storm Water fee. After a discussion, Mr. Dreier was happy he could express his concerns and said he learned a lot of information from being at the meeting.

#### Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hann reported when we originally did the bid for the sewer for laterals for 450 houses the price was astronomical so that is why they are looking at doing 200-225 houses.

Mr. Longfoot reported our Community Shred Event is scheduled for May 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at the facility on Rte. 118. People attending will be asked to bring a nonperishable food donation for a local food bank.

Mr. Mayka reported he had nothing extra to report at this meeting.

With no other business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Doughton, Secretary

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