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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 19, 2025

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Terry Morrow, President; Sam Hurley, Vice President; Gary Douglas, Secretary; Jimmy Terrell, Director; Randall Chandler, Director

ALSO PRESENT

Penny Hanson, General Manager; John Stover, Attorney; Holli Baze, Attorney; Ed McCarthy, Attorney; Kyle Bass

CALL TO ORDER

Terry Morrow, President, opened the Board meeting at 1:03 pm

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND INVOCATION

A quorum was declared by Sam Hurley. Invocation was given by Sam Hurley.

2. PUBLIC FORUM FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No items were discussed.

Item 3 was to be discussed after Item 5.

**4. SWEAR IN NEW DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE CADE WILKERSON'S TERM
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND TO BEGIN A NEW TERM OF 4 YEARS
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029.**

No action taken. Randall Chandler was sworn in to replace Cade Wilkerson on June 18, 2025.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS: DISCUSS AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 15, 2025
MEETING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 31, 2025.**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2025 meeting and the payment of bills for July 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025 by Sam Hurley, 2nd by Jimmy Terrell, passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC FORUM FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Ed McCarthy, attorney for applicants, explained the submitted applications. Mr. McCarthy introduced applicants' representative, Kyle Bass, who gave a brief personal background and briefly spoke on the applications.

John Stover, attorney for the District, advised the Board on the procedures the District is required to follow and of the request submitted by the applicants for the matters to be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

The Board received comments from members of the public in opposition to the applications from individuals shown on the attached list. (Those marked with an asterisk did not speak.)

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON APPLICATIONS PERMITS TO DRILL WELLS RECEIVED FROM PINE BLISS, LLC. INCLUDING APPROVING NOTICES, SETTING HEARING DATES, AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS.

A motion was made that any action on the permit applications to drill wells by Pine Bliss LLC be tabled for 90 days to give all interested parties an adequate opportunity to fully investigate and understand the consequences of the drilling applications by Jimmy Terrell, 2nd by Gary Douglas, passed unanimously.

A motion was made to rescind the previous motion by Jimmy Terrell, 2nd by Sam Hurley, passed unanimously.

A motion was made to refer the permit applications to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) with a provision requesting 90 days to give all interested parties an adequate opportunity to fully investigate and understand the consequences of the drilling applications before a hearing can be scheduled in Henderson County by Sam Hurley, 2nd by Jimmy Terrell, passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON APPLICATIONS PERMITS TO DRILL WELLS RECEIVED FROM REDTOWN RANCH, LLC. INCLUDING APPROVING NOTICES, SETTING HEARING DATES, AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS.


A motion was made that any action on the permit applications to drill wells by Red Town Ranch LLC be tabled for 90 days to give all interested parties an adequate opportunity to fully investigate and understand the consequences of the drilling applications by Jimmy Terrell, 2nd by Gary Douglas, passed unanimously.

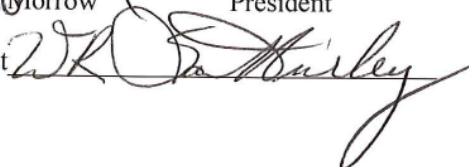
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A motion was made to refer the permit applications to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) with a provision requesting 90 days to give all interested parties an adequate opportunity to fully investigate and understand the consequences of the drilling applications before a hearing can be scheduled in Anderson County by Sam Hurley, 2nd by Jimmy Terrell, passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm by Jimmy Terrell, 2nd by Sam Hurley, passed unanimously.


Terry Morrow President _____ 7-17-25
DATE

Attest 

The list of members of the public is maintained at the District office.