

**PORTER SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

**March 8, 2022**

The Board of Directors (the Board or Directors) of Porter Special Utility District (the District) met in special session at 7:00 p.m., at 22162 Water Well Road, Porter, Texas 77365, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, pursuant to notice of said meeting posted in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** the President, after finding that the notice of the meeting was posted as required by law, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared it open for such business as may come before it.

**a. Roll Call of the Board of Directors/Declaration of a Quorum**

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| Doug Pillow     | President                 |
| Jodi Ruonavar   | Vice-President            |
| Caroline Denham | Secretary                 |
| Danny Bridges   | Treasurer                 |
| Johnny Barr     | Asst. Secretary-Treasurer |
| Jason Ashy      | Director                  |

Director Denham took the roll, all Directors were present in the District Board Room, thus constituting a quorum. Attending for the District was Jonathan Polley (Attorney) with Radcliffe, Bobbitt, Adams, and Polley, Jonathon Smith (General Manager), and Amanda Phillips (HR Director). District visitors were Mr. Donald Bell, Mr. William Gathright, and Mr. Vern Reichert.

**b. Director Qualifications and Disclosures**

Mr. Smith stated there are no updates on Director qualifications and disclosures.

**c. Invocation**

Invocation led by Director Denham.

**d. Pledges of Allegiance**

Pledges of Allegiance led by Director Pillow.

## **2. Public Comment**

Mr. Vern Reichert introduced himself to the Directors as the owner of Porter Drug and Alcohol. Mr. Reichert stated that the District is no longer using Porter Drug and Alcohol, and he would like the District to consider using his local drug testing facility again.

Mr. Reichert left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

## **3. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding vacant position on the Board of Directors, including interviewing applicants**

Director Pillow informed Mr. Donald Bell and Mr. William Gathright that the Board would like to talk to the Board Applicants separately. Mr. Bell left the room at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Gathright introduced himself and expressed his interest in participating on the District Board. The Board proceeded to interview Mr. Gathright. Mr. Gathright's interview ended, he stepped out of the Board Room and Mr. Bell entered the Board Room at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Bell introduced himself to the Directors and expressed his interest of serving on the Board. The Board proceeded to interview Mr. Bell. The Board concluded interviewing Mr. Bell at 7:22 p.m., and asked Mr. Gathright to return to the Board Room. Director Pillow thanked Mr. Bell and Mr. Gathright for their time and informed them that the Board would need to discuss the vacant position further. Director Pillow started that Mr. Smith would notify them of the Boards decision once reached.

Mr. Bell and Mr. Gathright left the meeting 7:23 p.m.

The Board decided to adjourn to executive session to discuss Mr. Reichert's request at 7:23 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m. by Director Pillow.

Regular Session reconvened at 7:30 p.m. by Director Pillow.

The Board discussed the two Applicants interested in serving on the Board.

Director Ruonavar made a motion for Donald Bell to fill the vacant Board Position. Director Barr seconded, Director Denham, and Director Ashy voting aye; Director Pillow and Director Bridges voting nay, the Board approved Donald Bell to fill the Vacant Position on the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Polley stated he would prepare for Mr. Bell to be sworn-in at the next Regular Meeting. Mr. Smith will notify both Mr. Bell and Mr. Gathright of the Boards decision.

## **4. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding disconnecting and reconnecting water service for Porter MUD customers who are not in compliance with their Rate Order, including drafting an agreement between Porter SUD and Porter MUD**

Mr. Smith presented a letter received from Porter MUD requesting the District to disconnect and reconnect water service when Porter MUD customers fail to pay their bill. Mr. Polley stated the District performed disconnects and reconnects for Porter MUD in the past. Mr. Smith stated the District is doing the same service currently for Crystal Springs when their customers do not pay their sewer bill. Mr. Polley stated that an agreement will be presented at an upcoming Board Meeting for approval.

## 5. Adjournment

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551), the Porter Special Utility Board of Directors may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (551.071); deliberation regarding real property (551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts (551.073); personnel matters (551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (551.076). No action may be taken during executive session, therefore, following executive session, the Board of Directors will reconvene to an open meeting and take action as necessary.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Director Ashy, seconded by Director Ruonavar after full discussion and all Directors present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this the 28th day of March 2022.

  
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President, Board of Directors

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors

