

# PORTER SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

November 2, 2020

The Board of Directors (the Board or Directors) of Porter Special Utility District (the District) met in special session and via Zoom Meeting - Conference Call, at 6:30 p.m., at 22162 Water Well Road, Porter, Texas 77365, on Monday, November 2, 2020, 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 6:30 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**

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

Director Denham took the roll, all Directors were present in the District Board Room except for Director Satterwhite, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending for the District were: Jonathon Smith (General Manager), Amanda Phillips (Executive Administrator),

Participants of the Board Meeting attending via Zoom:

Justin Rasor, with Raftelis

Angie Flores, with Raftelis

Jonathan Polley (Attorney) with Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC. (logged on after 6:30 p.m.)

Evelyn Satterwhite, Director (logged on at 6:59 p.m.)

### **Director Qualifications and Disclosures**

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

**b. Invocation**

Invocation led by Director Pillow.

**c. Pledges of Allegiance**

Pledges of Allegiance led by Director Ruonavar.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Presentation of Water Rate Study by Raftelis**

Mr. Rasor presented a powerpoint presentation via Zoom to the Board. Mr. Rasor stated the District's current rates are insufficient, this year is projected to have a deficit of approximately \$150,000.00. Contributing factors of the deficit are the increase cost of operations, the City of Conroe bill has increased, and increased debt service fee. Mr. Rasor stated that the District has not had a rate increase in over a decade. Mr. Rasor presented his suggestion of a rate increase over the next five years. Mr. Rasor explained the difference in rates for the retail and wholesale customers. Director Satterwhite logged on at 6:59 p.m. The Board requested information of how the rate increase would look over a two-year period verses a five-year period. Mr. Rasor was going to make the requested changes and submit them to Mr. Smith to forward to the Board. Mr. Rasor left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**4. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding preparation and filing of amicus brief for San Jacinto River Authority v. City of Conroe, Texas and City of Magnolia, Texas currently pending in the Court of Appeal for the ninth District of Texas**

Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:22 p.m. by Director Pillow.

Regular Session reconvened at 7:22 p.m. by Director Pillow.

No Action.

**5. Directors Comments**

Director Ruonavar informed the Board and Mr. Smith of an upcoming Community Health Conference presented by AgriLife scheduled November 12, 2020 in Conroe and online.

**6. 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 7:29 p.m.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this the 30th day of November 2020.

  
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President, Board of Directors

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors

