

PORTER SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2024

The Board of Directors (the Board or Directors) of Porter Special Utility District (the District) met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., at 22162 Water Well Road, Porter, Texas 77365, on Monday, June 24, 2024, 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**

Doug Pillow	President
Jodi Ruonavar	Vice-President
Caroline Denham	Secretary
Danny Bridges	Treasurer
Jason Ashy	Director
Donald Bell	Director
Charlie Lyons	Director

Director Denham took the roll, all Directors were present in the District Board Room, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending for the District were: Jon Polley (Attorney) and Gerald Ruiz, both with Polley Garza PLLC, Mike Kelly (Engineer) with Bleyl Engineering, Chris Wright (Operations Manager), and Jonathon Smith (General Manager).

b. **Invocation**

Invocation led by Director Bell.

c. Pledges of Allegiance

Pledges of Allegiance led by Director Ashy.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review and Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 20, 2024

Upon motion by Director Ruonavar, seconded by Director Bell after full discussion with all Directors present voting aye, the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 20, 2024 were approved. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding emergency with Well #7 failure

We had a catastrophic failure of the pump downhole. Entergy deenergized the Well on Thursday. Pulling through top special, more damage further downhole. Pulled existing pump out. Entergy gave us until Monday morning. We have a rental pump and motor, temporarily. It ran for four hours, and they took a sample. If good, we will start using tomorrow. If the sample comes back bad, we will have to do a repeat sample. We may have to disinfect the well.

With Well #7 going down, while we still had pressure, we back fed water to fill up the storage tanks for peak demand and overnight. We ran Well #1 for over a day.

We topped off Well #9 EST and even overflowed it a bit. We cannot push enough water than a 6" will allow to the other side of US 59. By backfilling Well #7, we had a one-time opportunity because we cannot boost the chlorine residual. The point of chlorination is the well itself before the GST. So, we monitored SCADA very carefully. Peak demand is 7:30 – 9:30 ish. We kicked on the boosters at 7 and let run until it hit low level lockout at 6 – 7'. 23' is the top. Set point is a foot below the overflow. Throughout the day we are only running Wells #1 and #9. No other wells are running at this time. We are just watching pressures on the west side. We have to get water in the EST at Briar Tree. Early morning we did all we could do. On Friday, we decided if we have to issue a boil water notice to have water to boil and then empty lines. The sample was good, good to go. Repeat was good, another yesterday, then bad this morning. If good tomorrow, then we are in the clear. If bad, boil water notice. We lost system pressure below 20 psi, flush lines, no water in lines. Bad situation. Raw water well sample is what failed. Passed once and failed twice. Not E.coli. Chlorinate to get rid of and we have not been able to do so. No raw water into the system. We signed a quote for the rental pump and motor on Saturday/Sunday. Alsay took a second sample, Water Utilities and second sample. Alsay's was bad. Saturday night called, emailed, and texted TCEQ and Sunday morning, the repeat sample came back negative. Because they were licensed and Alsay was not. Tomorrow waiting on two samples. Repeat for Well #5 negative is good, and we will be great. Well #7 is about the same time, if good we can put well in service, if bad we will repeat and possibly disinfect the well. We will need one of the two and issue a boil water notice. We have been juggling a ton of things. The contractor wants to connect a 12". We are in Stage 3 Water Restrictions. Monday or Thursday if even/odd, etc. We notified the Wholesale Customers of the Water Restrictions as well. They have to issue a minimum of Stage 3. MUD 24 is not using. MUD 84 is not using and opened the interconnect. MUD 56 wanted to do work on their automatic transfer switch and they could not at this time. With Wholesale under Stage 3, they have to lessen to 70% of usage and breach of contract if not. HOA at Oakhurst splash pad can be used for recreational use on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday when there is no other water use. Actual work from Alsay for Board's review. There are several things highlighted. Green is the current cost. Orange is the monthly rental amount. When we demobilize it, the cost will be around \$23K ish. Director Bell asking if we are going all the way back to when the motor had catastrophic failure. What happened? The