# MINUTES HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 285

### December 18, 2023

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 285 (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 18th day of December, 2023, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas, outside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

Walter A. Knowles, Jr.

President/Investment Officer

Jerry L. Allen

Vice President

Rosario Garza

Secretary

Trina Francis

Assistant Vice President

John Jones

**Assistant Secretary** 

and all of the above were present except Director Knowles, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were: Darce' Ahlschlager of Wheeler & Associates, Inc.; Jackie Noyola of Myrtle Cruz, Inc.; Travis Veillon of LJA Engineering, Inc. ("LJA"); Arthur K. Marshall of the North Channel Water Authority ("NCWA"); Scott Gray of Champions Hydro-Lawn, Inc. ("Champions"); Calvin Browne of Municipal District Services L.L.C. ("MDS"); and Aaron Carpenter and Cheryl Panozzo of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR").

## STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no statements or questions received from the public.

#### **MINUTES**

The Board considered approving the minutes of the November 27, 2023 regular meeting. After review and discussion, Director Jones moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023 regular meeting, as submitted. Director Garza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES AND DIRECTOR EXPENSES FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS ("AWBD") WINTER CONFERENCE

Mr. Carpenter reviewed the District's Travel Reimbursement Guidelines applicable to any Board member's attendance at the AWBD winter conference in Dallas. Following review and discussion, the Board concurred to authorize up to three per diems and two hotel nights at the conference rate for Directors attending the AWBD winter

conference in Dallas to be submitted in accordance with the District's Travel Reimbursement Guidelines.

#### FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS

Ms. Noyola reviewed the bookkeeper's report, budget comparison, schedule of investments, and the District's bills for payment. A copy of the bookkeeper's report is attached. After review and discussion, Director Jones moved to approve the bookkeeper's report, the investment report, and payment of the bills. Director Garza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION MATTERS

Ms. Ahlschlager reviewed the tax report for the month of November, a copy of which is attached. She stated that the District's 2023 taxes are 3.23% collected as of November 30, 2023. The Board reviewed the delinquent tax report prepared by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP, a copy of which is attached. After review and discussion, Director Jones moved to (1) approve the tax report and payment of the tax bills; and (2) approve the delinquent tax report. Director Garza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### WEBSITE MATTERS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY ALERT/MESSAGING SERVICES

There was no discussion on this matter.

#### SECURITY SERVICES REPORT

The Board reviewed the security report from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, a copy of which is attached.

#### DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT

There was no discussion on this matter.

#### NCWA REPORT

Mr. Marshall reviewed a report on NCWA matters, a copy of which is attached. Following review and discussion, the Board requested that Mr. Marshall provide the water and sewer rates for all districts participating in the NCWA at a future Board meeting.

#### **DETENTION FACILITIES REPORT**

Mr. Gray reviewed the Detention and Drainage Facilities Report from Champions, a copy of which is attached.

#### GARBAGE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES MATTERS

Director Garza reviewed a report on garbage collection and recycling services from Best Trash, a copy of which is attached.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Veillon reviewed the engineer's report, a copy of which is attached, including the projects specifically addressed as follows:

# WATER PLANT NO. 1 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Veillon gave an update on design of the Water Plant No. 1 drainage improvements. He stated that LJA will update design plans for the project for resubmittal to Harris County for approval.

# WATER PLANT NO. 1, PHASE 3

Mr. Veillon gave an update on construction of the Water Plant No. 1, Phase 3 project and reported that the project is substantially complete.

#### REPORT ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Mr. Veillon gave an update on preparation of the report on the District's electricity consumption and energy efficiency measures.

# DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ("GIS")

Mr. Veillon reported that LJA will present a proposal for development of GIS for the District after the scope of service has been confirmed with MDS.

### PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mr. Veillon reported that LJA is preparing a proposal for clearing of the tract located off Wallisville Road east of Carpenters Landing.

Following review and discussion, Director Jones moved to approve the engineer's report. Director Francis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

# HARRIS COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 51 WATER PLANT REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT

There was no discussion on this matter.

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Browne reviewed the monthly operations report, a copy of which is attached, and reviewed the maintenance and repair items included in the report.

Mr. Browne discussed and reviewed the attached recent photos of the reserve (the "Reserve") owned by Ley Wilson located in New Forest, Section 2, adjacent to the NRG property. Discussion ensued.

After review and discussion, Director Francis moved to (1) approve the operations report; and (2) authorize MDS to turn over three accounts in the total amount of \$606.86, deemed to be uncollectible, to a collection agency. Director Garza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **HEARING REGARDING TERMINATION OF SERVICE**

Mr. Browne presented a list of delinquent customers and reported the customers on the termination list were delinquent in payment of their water and sewer bills and were given written notification, in accordance with the District's Rate Order, prior to the meeting of the opportunity to appear before the Board of Directors to explain, contest, or correct their bills and to show why utility services should not be terminated for reason of non-payment. Following review and discussion, Director Francis moved to authorize termination of delinquent accounts in accordance with the District's Rate Order and direct that the delinquent customer list be filed appropriately and retained in the District's official records. The motion was seconded by Director Garza and passed by unanimous vote.

# REVIEW AND UPDATE EMINENT DOMAIN REPORT TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER

Mr. Carpenter reported that ABHR has filed the District's Eminent Domain Authority Annual Report with the Comptroller of the State of Texas pursuant to Senate Bill 1812, 84th Texas Legislature.

# DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

Following discussion, the Board concurred to hold its next regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at ABHR's offices.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by agreement.

(SEAL)



Secretary, Board of Directors

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