

September 12, 2023

The Board of Directors of Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 pm, September 12, 2023, in the office of the District at 501 E. Baker, Brownwood, Texas. This meeting was called to order by Mr. Bert Massey; pledged led by Mr. Johnny Hays; and invocation by Mr. Bert Massey. Mr. Jimmy Jones, Mr. James McMillian and Mr. Brad Simpson were also present. General Counsel, Chris Munson, was present. Other District staff members present: Mr. John Allen, Mr. Dale Weaver, Mr. Cody Shannon, Ms. Kay Silva, Ms. Alveza Marin, Ms. Samantha Morell, and Mr. Marcus Lively.

MINUTES

Board considered minutes from the regular meeting held on August 8, 2023. After review, Mr. Hays requested District staff check Item 1 in the General Manager Report and the footage below spillway level Lake Brownwood was at on the date of the previous scheduled board meeting on August 8, 2023. The General Manager Report, Item 1, states that the lake level was 1418.61 feet msl or 6 feet 5 tenths below spillway level. He recalls the footage to be approximately eight (8) feet below spillway level leading the General Manager to declare Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan to be in effect. Mr. Hays moved that an amendment be made, if it is needed, to reflect the correct footage, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Jones then moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 8, 2023, contingent upon the assessment of the possible amendment as previously described, seconded by Mr. Hays. There being no further discussion, motion carried. Prior to the closing of this board meeting, District staff did review lake level records and determined that the information listed in the August 8, 2023, minutes were accurate; and that it was on August 23, 2023, that the General Manager declared Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan to be in effect as the lake level of Lake Brownwood was right at eight feet (8') below Spillway level of 1425 feet msl. No further action was taken.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

Claims, accounts & checks issued September 11, 2023, in a total amount of \$946,786.52 consisting of checks 31070 - 31167 were reviewed and approved as presented by motion by Mr. McMillian, seconded by Mr. Simpson. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Investment Report for August 2023 & Revenue and Expenditure Report for July 2023 were considered. After a brief discussion, Mr. McMillian moved to approve these reports as presented, seconded by Mr. Jones. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS: There were none.

DELINQUENT DOCKS: BOARD APPROVES REMOVAL OF DOCKS WITH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FROM LAKE BROWNWOOD

General Manager then requested permission from the Board to work with District's Legal Counsel on legal steps to remove docks from Lake Brownwood with severely delinquent accounts. After discussion, Mr. Jones moved to grant permission as requested, seconded by Mr. Hays. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

UPDATE: ZEBRA MUSSEL ABATEMENT PROJECT

General Manager informed that the zebra mussel abatement project contractors continue working. Concrete foundation is in place. Contractors are working on delivery of the building and delivery of chemical. A fence will be put up around the building once it is in place. General Manager informed that 72% of the project has been completed, 14% of the project budgeted amount has been spent, and the completion date is still expected to be on or about October 29, 2023.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Department supervisors then came forward and informed the Board of their recent and ongoing projects: Mr. Dale Weaver, Field Operations; and Cody Shannon, Water Treatment Plant. Mark Davis, Lake Patrol, was not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 4:32 pm, the Board convened into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to consult with its attorney regarding property matters; Section 551.071 regarding possible litigation; and Section 551.0726 regarding contract negotiations.

RECONVENE

At approximately 5:30 pm, the Board reconvened back into open session. There was nothing to consider from Executive Session.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT General Manager proceeded to inform the Board of the following:

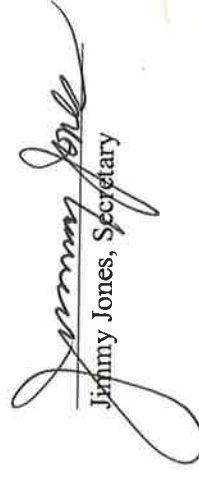
1. Current lake level: 1417.22 feet msl or 7 feet 9 tenths feet below Spillway level. Brown County returns to Stage 2 with mandatory restrictions.
 - *Stage 1 drought stage is reached at 1420 feet msl, 5 feet low.
 - *Stage 2 drought stage is reached at 1417 feet msl, 8 feet low.
2. *Lake level one month ago 8.8.2023 was 1418.61 feet msl or 6 feet 5 tenths below Spillway level. Brown County was in Stage 1 drought stage.
3. Lake Capacity: Current 62.7%. One (1) year ago, 66.8%. Last month 67.5%.
Current Drought Restrictions Recap:
 - *July 15, 2022-Lake Brownwood reached Stage 1 of the drought restrictions as it fell to 1419.10, below 1420msl due to no rainfall. In this first stage of drought restrictions in which the public is asked to voluntarily conserve water.
 - *November 8, 2022-Declare Stage 2 drought restrictions when Lake Brownwood reached 8 feet low or 1417 msl. Restrictions include mandatory time of day and day of week watering schedules.
 - *May 10, 2023-Declare return to Stage 1 voluntary restrictions.
 - *August 23, 2023-Declare return to Stage 2 mandatory restrictions as Lake Brownwood reached an approximate 8 feet low or 1417 msl.
 - *Media and customers continue to be updated weekly regarding lake levels.
 - *Average lake capacity percentage statewide: 67.1%
 - *Year to date totals: Precipitation information still not available.
4. Treatment Plant Totals-August 2023 Avg 8.895mgd/Min 8.168 mgd/Max 9.616 mgd.
5. New platform for fishing tournament weigh-ins near Dam parking lot- Project continues. Continue to request bids from dock builders for pile-ons. One (1) bid has been submitted.
6. Brownwood Historical Society Spoke at the August 2023 monthly meeting.
7. Treatment plant ACH supply- Work to resolve the Brenntag ACH chemical supply delivery issue of elevated amounts of aluminum oxide from May 8, 2023 continues. This leads to hardening of the chemical into lumps. District continues to wait to have the bad load pumped out of District's tank and replaced. Cleanup crew has not arrived.
8. Voltus energy saving program-dispatch request- The District was contacted and dispatched out to reduce pump usage at Lake Brownwood.
9. Year 2022/2023 Audit Preparations for the Year 2022/2023 fiscal year audit are underway. Auditors are expected here on September 27 and 28th.
10. Inland Fisheries General Manager has invited Texas Parks & Wildlife Inland Fisheries representatives requesting an update on vegetation growing in Lake Brownwood that lake residents have expressed concern about. A report will be given on the October 10, 2023, at the regular scheduled board meeting next month. They will visit Lake Brownwood this week to do a survey on which they will report.

ADJOURNMENT

Therefore, at approximately 5:36 p.m., Mr. Hays moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones. There being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned:


Bert V. Massey, President


Jimmy Jones, Secretary