**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of**

**EAST CRAWFORD WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**

**September 13, 2017**

**Meeting Room at Plant 1 at FM 185 & Cattle Drive**

Officers and Directors present were Clay Plemons, Chuck Raley and Shorty Miller

Staff present was Don Brandon and Melinda Bruce

Guest attending was Gayle Golding

Clay Plemons called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

Ms Golding was asking for her fence to be put back up. The fence had been taken down last year so a water leak could be fixed and had never been put back up. After some discussion, an agreement was made for a gate or water gap to be placed on the fence line so in the future when there is a water leak, the persons fixing it will have easy access to the property. It was also decided that a combination lock needs to be added for security for the property owner and an easier way for water system to access property instead of passing a key around.

A motion was made to approve the 8/9/17 Board meeting minutes. It passed.

The only work left on the line improvements on Compton Rd & McLennan Crossing is some clean up.

A plan has been submitted to TCEQ by Johnny Tabor concerning the repair of storage tanks and well house piping at Plant 1. TCEQ has a projected review by Oct 17. Tabor left prints to be reviewed and suggested the plant needs a variable frequency drive pump. Since there is not enough room on the plant ground to run the new pipes above ground, the plans will include a trench that has a liner so that if the buried lines develop a leak the water will not go undetected down into the ground.

Clay has talked to Mark Breton about the water line being replaced on Cattle Dr between 185 & Covered Wagon. Mark is at Tommy Birkes property now. Mark and Tommy have agreed on Mark boring through the yard and under the driveway. Mark will case it so no damage will be done to the property. Mark has recently hit a phone line twice but it was miss-marked by the phone contractors, water system will not be responsible for repairs.

Also, Clay let the board know that he received a check on 9/1/17 for $42,545 from Steve Veselka for a water meter and system upgrades. Mr. Veselka has requested the water meter be placed first so water will be available as needed at the construction site. Charlie Kasparian was awarded the job.

Clay has also asked Kasparian to bring more sand to be used at line repairs.

Mr Tabor talked to the board about a problem Spring Valley WSC is having with PUC. It is a concern for ALL rural water systems and encouraged anyone that could, to come to a meeting on 9/19/17 at Lorena High School performing arts building. PUC is basically saying everyone should pay the same price for water at a reasonable charge. PUC wants water systems to only sell a meter to the new customer and any improvements and work to be done to get that meter in place, needs to be paid by the water system-not the new customer. PUC is challenging the tariffs that all water systems have in place. Rural water systems need the support of TRWA to make sure this does not pass.

Inactive meters on Wolf Ln, Cupp Rd & Speegleville Rd need some more research done on them before anything is done. Clay tabled these meters till next month.

It was decided to kill Wilson’s meter at the main & there is also an empty meter box on Anderson Ln. that needs to be pulled. Mark Breton will do this work.

Virginia Jantz requested that the board apply the leak formula to her bill of $453. Shorty moved to accept the request, 2nd and passed. Aleshia Calvary requested to waive the disconnect & reconnect fee from her bill. There was discussion of her payment history. It was decided to waive the disconnect & reconnect fee of $50 this ONE time. Shorty moved, it was 2nd and passed.

There was discussion to add to the tariff:

 1) every board member must sign each new contract

 2) each new contract needs to have a specific ending date; preferably no more than 2 yrs. Clay asked to table this so more research can be done on how to change the tariff and who to send paper work to in order to get it changed.

The next meeting will be held on Oct 11 @ 6 pm

Chuck motioned to adjourn, Shorty 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Bruce