#### PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2017 @ 3:00pm...... 5500 West-Oak Highway, Westminster, SC

### **Board members**

Present: Barry Stevenson, Eddie Grant, Mark Holbrooks, Ronnie Williams and Jerry Barlow.

Others: Terry Pruitt, Heather Bryant, Paula Oliver, Ryan Honea, Dick Mangrum with WGOG, and Donald Philips with Design South.

Quorum: Yes

# **Proceedings**

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman, Barry Stevenson at 3:00 pm.

Concerns of the District: Ryan Honea addressed the Board commending them for standing firm during the lawsuit that was filed by Oconee County Council, Oconee Regional Sewer Authority and the cities of Westminster and Seneca. Mr. Honea stated that building the Water Treatment Plant is the best option for all of Pioneer customers opposed to entering into long term contracts with both the cities and being at the mercy of possible changing council representatives.

Approval of Minutes: Eddie Grant made a motion to accept the minutes from September 8, September 19 and September 26, Board meetings as written. Mark Holbrooks seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report / System Report: Discuss at next meeting.

Water Treatment Plant Update: Donald Philips with Design South provided the Board with an updated progress report. Followed with a detailed discussion.

Election of Officers: Eddie Grant made a motion to open the floor for election of officers. Mark Holbrooks seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Eddie Grant nominated Barry Stevenson to continue as Chairman of the Board. Mark Holbrooks seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Barry Stevenson nominated Eddie Grant as Vice Chairman for the Board. Mark Holbrooks seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Barry Stevenson nominated Mark Holbrooks to continue as Secretary of the Board. Eddie Grant seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Barry Stevenson nominated Jerry Barlow as Treasurer for the Board. Eddie Grant seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Old Business: Terry Pruitt read to the Board the order information from the judgment in the Pioneer's civil case.

Plaintiff's equitable action for an injunction is denied, defendant's attorney shall prepare a formal order incorporating this court's post-trial oral rulings and defendant's memoranda, arguments, evidence presented at trial, as well as its post-trial memorandum.

Terry Pruitt continued to explain to the Board that once our legal counsel is finished with the formal order for the Judge's signature it will be submitted to Judge R. Lawton McIntosh for approval. Once the order is signed, Plaintiff's will have a thirty day period to appeal the order.

New Business: The Board officially welcomes Ronnie Williams onto Pioneer's Board.

The Board had a brief discussion about adding a few water filling stations to the District and the possible locations.

Eddie Grant made a motion to adjourn. Mark Holbrooks seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Barry Stevenson, Chairman

Mark Holbrooks, Secretary