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**Subject:** Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting on November 20, 2024, are in summary only and, not a transcript of the recorded Meeting.

**Attendees:** Board - Dennis Kliza, Billy Malady, John Daugherty, Dan Christy and Sam Kier. Paul Williams, Stella Clements, and Kara Bathurst were absent.  
Staff - Bruce Sorenson, Stacy Ellis, Susan Isenburg, Chris Mick, Michael Lentz, and JoAnne Welden.  
Guests – Richard Moza

**1. Called to Order and Establish Quorum – 6:00 pm**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Honor to the Texas Flag.**

**3. Open Session:**

**Richard:** Thank you for the time to speak to you all, first I'd like to recognize the field personnel at Kempner Water for their outstanding performance while undertaking the monumental task of maintaining the infrastructure of this water supply corp. This is truly an exceptional feat to say the least. I attended my first open session board meeting recently and learned two valuable lessons regarding the ongoing issues that Kempner water has been dealing with. The first thing I learned was of the extensive areas this water Corp is servicing and the challenges that come with such a task. After reviewing the service maps shown, the age and complexity of this infrastructure, and the poor decisions previous management made, it is a wonder that Kempner water has not succumbed to a complete and total shutdown of this water corp, leaving this community without any water at all. It definitely was an eye opener for me to see this. I would like to bring a concern; I'm going to backdate it to June the 10<sup>th</sup> that the GM put out in a memo stating how the water was safe to drink at that time. However, TCEQ was called out during that period and there were some severe issues identified from that report. I find this normalization of deviance in regard to the continued boil water notice is really an unacceptable strategy, to say the least. If the board members are truly interested in the health and safety of the community the board would recognize that these members do not have the training and education, or experience needed to take on such a debacle and provide a path forward to accomplish an operating water supply corp in a safe and efficient manner. I will retire at this time with one request to this board. Beginning tomorrow morning I would request each of you to be contacting every state and federal organization you are aware of and request another entity to come and take over this water supply corporation with the skills, capital, and leadership background needed as soon as possible so the residents of this community are provided with what they are paying a premium price for. Any actions by this board less than this request would certainly be an injustice to the members and this community. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Discussion and possible action to approve October 23, 2024, Monthly Board of Director's Meeting Minutes.**

Billy Malady made a motion to approve October 23, 2024, Monthly Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. John Daugherty seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

### **5. Discussion and possible action to approve October 2024 Financial Statements.**

Stacy explained with the meeting being moved to the third week, the financials were not complete and would be presented at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. No action taken.

### **6. Discussion and possible action to approve Committee Meeting Minutes.**

#### **a) Election/Credentials Committee Meeting – November 14, 2024**

Billy went over the Committee meeting minutes and explained the only changes to the Election/Credentials Policy that were made, was to the dates for the upcoming election.

Sam Kier made the motion to accept the dates and the committee meeting minutes. John Daugherty seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

### **7. Discussion and possible action to approve Old Business.**

No updates, no action taken.

### **8. Manager's Report:**

Water loss is up this month due to the main line break. We lost almost 4 million gallons. The cost of the leak looks like it is going to be around \$60,000. The new splitter is being built for the plant and the decant pumps have been rebuilt. The work on the generator installation is moving along. It needs to be mounted on springs and then the electrical work will begin. The chlorine injection at Ivy mounting is running well in auto. The field has been locating and testing concrete line valves. There are 32 in total and 12 of them do not work. I attended the most recent Alliance meeting and was volunteered to help edit the draft, so we will know what we are getting into. We have been working with the engineer and Lampasas regarding the valve installation at the 190-connection point. They are not going to allow us to install the Cla-val, so we have compromised to install a butterfly valve instead. Lampasas will not cost share in this expense, but I will bring it up in the true-up in the spring. I am working on the Long-Range Plan. My goal is to complete it based on what KWSC needs. We had a meeting with Spiller. He said he has been receiving a lot of complaints from people so he is trying to figure out how he can help, but he was no help in finding money.

**9. Board of Directors' Announcements:**

Sam Kier – Went of the presentation about growth and the need for a regional alliance. We are in the Texas triangle, which is the fastest growing area in the nation. We need to be thinking about this to plan for the future, because the growth is coming.

John Daugherty – I would like to point out that the Board of Directors Guidelines state that Directors shall not be critical of one another inside or outside of a meeting.

Billy Malady – Nothing.

Dan Christy – Nothing.

**10. President's Comments:**

I would like to remind everyone that our next real meeting will be in January. The December meeting is the Christmas party on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Adjourn:**

Sam Kier made the motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Dan Christy seconded the motion.  
5 in favor, 0 opposed.

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**Daniel Christy, Secretary/Treasurer**