

**Beulah Utilities District**  
**Minutes of Special Board Meeting**  
**July 30, 2024**  
**5320 Lee Road 270, Valley, Alabama 36854**

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Special Meeting at 7:20 PM CST on July 30, 2024, at the Beulah Utilities office conference room.

1. Welcome  
Chairman Sims Welcomed those in attendance

2. Call to Order  
Chairman Sims called the meeting to order.

3. Roll Call

The following Board Members were present: Linda Holt, David Jackson, James Majors, Lamar Sims, and Andrew Bryan. Also in attendance were Chief Blake Simpkins, and Jeff Aston.

4. Declare Quorum  
After the roll was called, Chairman Sims declared that a quorum was present.

5. Adopt Agenda  
Chairman Sims presented the proposed agenda for adoption. Mr. Jackson motioned to adopt the agenda, The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. Approval of proposed Employee positions to be filled effective September 1, 2024.  
Mr. Jackson was recognized to make a motion to approve five positions for the field operations of the District, and Three Positions to Staff the Office operations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the proposal was unanimously adopted.  
Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Holt were instructed to contact each Applicant selected for these positions to offer employment with salaries within the previously approved ranges.

Chairman Sims informed the Board that the position of Water Manager had not been filled as no applications had been received. Mrs. Holt informed the Board that a retired certified water manager would be interested in the position for a short temporary time. Mr. Sims, Mr. Jackson, and Chief Simpkins were instructed to meet with this individual to determine specifics.

7. Auditor Approval

Chairman Sims informed the Board of the need to retain the Auditors to review the financials for September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. Mr. Majors made a motion to retain the Jackson Thornton Firm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Holt, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

8. Water Manager's Truck

Mr. Jackson was recognized to propose the purchase of a single cab, three quarter ton, four-wheel drive truck with utility body for the water manager. Mr. Jackson was directed to post notice of the intent to seek bids, and report back to the Board.

9. Assistant Chief Position

Chief Simpkins was recognized to discuss the position of Assistant Chief for the Fire Department as He had assumed additional Administrative responsibilities of the District.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the Assistant Chief Position at a salary of \$65,00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and unanimously adopted.

10. Clearwater Report

Mr. Jeff Aston was recognized to inform the Board on the status of the Crown Castle Tank, the continued use of Diamond Maps, the need for 3 computer tablets, and ERA issues as the District transitions from Clearwater management to self-management.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Majors motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM CST.

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