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LCRWD#17 Board of Directors Special Called Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

- Call to Order: Vicki Cearnal called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
- Vicki Cearnal led the meeting with a prayer.
- Roll Call: Vicki Cearnal, Chairman, present. Jean Conklin, Vice-Chairman, present. Deb Butler, Treasurer, present. Kendle Ortiz, Secretary, present. Doug Davis, member at large, present. Also present were John Butler, Water Operator, Brayden Wall with Wall Engineering, Mike Westmoland and Charlene Westmoland with UTS, Jeremy McBride, Rianna Workman, Jimmie Collins with Lone Hickory Cattle, Bill Scott, Dakota Wright, Tyler Godbey with BNG Services and Curtis Faulkenberry with RWD. Sign in sheet filed with meeting minutes.
- Vicki Cearnal passed the meeting over to Brayden Wall. Brayden Wall closed out bidding on the project. Brayden Wall began to open the sealed bids that had been entered.
 - BNG Utilities: Brayden Wall reviewed the documents submitted in a sealed envelope. Brayden Wall stated that the bid appeared to be complete. Brayden Wall stated their bid for the project was \$3,780,670.00.

- B&H Construction: Brayden Wall reviewed the documents submitted in a sealed envelope. Brayden Wall stated that we do not have a complete bid form. Brayden Wall stated there was no certificate of insurance and that the bid could not be read aloud.
- 413: Brayden Wall reviewed the documents submitted in a sealed envelope. Brayden Wall stated that the bid appears complete. He stated their bid was \$2,522,520.00.
- Lone Hickory Cattle, LLC: Brayden Wall reviewed the documents submitted in a sealed envelope. Brayden Wall stated that the bid appears complete. Brayden Wall stated their bid was \$2,497,800.00.
- Brayden Wall stated that Lone Hickory Cattle, LLC appear to be the low bidder. Vicki Cearnal asked Brayden Wall what happens next? Brayden Wall stated he would take the bids back to the office and they would be reviewed for completeness and they would verify the math on the bids. Brayden Wall stated a letter verifying the winner of the bid would be sent out and that would take about a week.
- Recess: Vicki Cearnal stated we would have a short recess before going into the special called agenda: Vicki Cearnal thanked everyone for coming and submitting their bids for our project and wished everyone a safe travel home.
- New Business: Working Meeting for DWSRF and Choctaw grant projects: Vicki Cearnal called the meeting back to order. Vicki Cearnal stated that we had approved having Allen Brooks as Bond Council but she wanted to review with the board that the Bond Council was \$30,000. Vicki stated that the DWSRF would not cover engineering or attorney fees. Vicki stated that \$20,000 of the funds would be covered by the Choctaw funds but that left \$10,000 that we would have to fund. Vicki stated that we could get the funds from Communities Unlimited in a low interest loan but continue to look for a grant to cover that. Mike Westmoland stated that the RIG grants

could be used to cover those costs and that the district might look into adding that cost into a project that could be funded and take advantage of that grant. Doug Davis asked if Dean Warren could be our Bond Council? Vicki Cearnal stated that she had discussed this with him but he informed her he could not do that. Vicki Cearnal stated we might be able to apply for a SEARCH grant to help fund this. Doug Davis asked how long grant funding might take? Vicki Cearnal stated that a RIG grant was usually about 60 days but we have some time as the money would not come due until the fall. There was a lengthy discussion regarding possible solutions to the cost of the Bond Council. Vicki Cearnal made a motion to for Allen Brooks to be our Bond Council with acknowledgement of the fees for his services. Doug Davis seconded the motion. Vicki Cearnal voted aye. Jean Conklin voted aye. Deborah Butler voted aye. Kendle Ortiz voted aye. Doug Davis voted aye. Motion carried.

- Adjournment: Vicki Cearnal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Davis seconded the motion. Vicki Cearnal voted aye. Jean Conklin voted aye. Deb Butler voted aye. Kendle Ortiz voted aye. Doug Davis voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM.

Signed: 

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