CAPE ROYALE UTILITY DISTRICT



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## **Public Meeting Minutes**

The board of directors (The Board of Cape Royale Utility District of San Jacinto County, Texas) held a board meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the district conference room, 1330 Cape Royale Drive, Coldspring, San Jacinto County, Texas.

Present from the Board: Dale Toronjo, Richard Masterson, Alex Onjanow, Lynn Watkins, and Douglas Pulgini.

Present from the District: Larry Clark

1. Call to order at 3:00 pm

2. Visitors were from the Cape Royale Volunteer Fire Department including Randy Hall, Mark Shield, and Elgean Shield.

3. There were no customer comments except a compliment for the field team helping a customer with a problem sewer tap. They were very grateful and appreciative of the work.

4. The minutes of the previous board meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

5. Randy Hall from the CAVFD presented a discussion on the need for the community to increase donations to Cape Area's volunteer fire department. Mr. Hall outlined the various and most critical, first responder-type services the CAVFD provides the community. He also included a brief history of the VFD, details on staffing, training requirements, and current budget constraints. CRUD is currently the billing and collection mechanism for the CAVFD and is currently billing \$1.00/month to water service customers as an optional donation. Randy Hall closed the discussion by requesting the CRUD Board to consider raising the optional donation to \$3.00 or possibly \$5.00/month.

Afterward, the Board agreed that Randy Hall and VFD need to craft their letter for this donation request that CRUD will then consider including in an upcoming billing packet for customers' responses. The outcome of this decision will be further discussed at the August CRUD Board meeting.

6. Doug Pulgini presented a discussion from the Cape Royale Roads Committee concerning pending road repairs relative to CRUD's water pipeline leaks and the resulting reconstruction preparation. There was a mutual agreement regarding the responsibilities of both parties and each has a better understanding of the collaborative effort in making these repairs.

7. Larry Clark presented the General Manager's Report for June, the last month of the 2021 fiscal year. Larry explained that the year ended in good standing with all scheduled projects completed. The 2022 Budget has been finalized and approved by the Board. And the 2022 CAPEX Scheduling is complete. There were no other pending issues.



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8. The Operators Report was presented with no particular issues.

9. Larry Clark presented June 2022 Tax Assessor's/Collector Report with a 2021 collection rate of 99%. Net deposits \$979,101.05

10. Larry Clark presented the June 2022 Bookkeeper's Report with no particular issues.

\*Motion to accept all reports as written was as presented by Alex Onjanow. Lynn Watkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. No other pending business

12. Meeting was adjourned by Dale Toronjo at 4:02 pm

13. Next meeting will be held on August 18th, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by: Douglas Pulgini