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## CAPE ROYALE UTILITY DISTRICT

### Public Meeting Minutes

The board of directors (The Board of Cape Royale Utility District of San Jacinto County, Texas) held a board meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 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, Lynn Watkins, Alex Onjanow, and Douglas Pulgini.

Present from the District: Larry Clark, Michael Jacobs, Heather McCann

1. Call to order at 3:00 pm by Dale Toronjo
2. Visitor(s) were from the Cape Royale Area Volunteer Fire Department, Elgean Shields.
3. The minutes of the previous board meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
4. There were no customer comments.
5. Heather McCann presented the Order Setting Tax Rate, Approving Tax Roll, and Levying Maintenance and Operation Tax for the Year 2023 statement for the Board to approve. The new rate within the District is an ad valorem tax for the year 2023 at a rate of \$0.38 per \$100 of assessed valuation for maintenance and operations. Alex Onjanow motioned to approve the new tax rate, Lynn Watkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous approval.
6. Heather McCann presented the Amendment to Statement of Directors Furnishing Information Required to Section 49.455(b), Texas Water Code. Whereas certain changes have recently been made. That being Section 3. The most recent tax levied by the District on property located within the District is that for the year 2023, and the rate is \$0.38 per \$100 assessed valuation. The documents were signed by the Board, filed, and uploaded to the CRUD website in accordance with Compliance Tax Code Section 26.18.
7. There was continued discussion concerning the adoption of a Professional Employer Organization (PEO) versus a Human Resources Outsourcing (HRO). It was decided to continue researching various service providers that can best suit CRUD's requirements.
8. Larry Clark presented the General Managers Report with concerns about growing pipeline breakages and the fact that CRUD is producing record-setting volumes of water due to the drought.
9. The Field Operations Report was presented by Michael Jacobs with no particular issues, with the exception of the increase in water line breaks and repairs due to the drought.
10. Heather McCann presented the August Tax Assessor's/Collector Report with a 2022 collection rate of 98.12% and net deposits of \$1,078,656.74.
11. Heather McCann presented the August 2023 Bookkeeper's Report with no particular issues.