

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with amended agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on January 3, 2022 at 11:15 p.m.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham (absent)

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Kelcie Hartley-Wolfe, Logan Moser

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Brett Russell, Donnie Phipps, Samantha Aispuro, Paul Rinkel, Max McKinsey, Julie Burden Caldwell, Billy Goodwin, Don Miller, Dakota Denison, Tyler Wolfe, Tracy Yoder, Doris Scarlett and others.

Dakota Denison, First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Don Miller, Post Commander. American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 21, 2021
- B. Consider Claims

Motion was made by Trustee McComas and seconded by Trustee Villanueva that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Retention of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP as Special Counsel in Connection with Audit Relative to the Clinton Public Works Authority Utility System and Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 and Authorizing the Execution of Documents Related to the Retention of said Firm.

City Manager Johnston reported that the PWA had recently received a letter from the IRS asking for information for an examination (audit) of our records. The letter has been reviewed by the City Attorney, our financial consultant Russ Meacham, as well as the Bond Counsel, Allan Brooks and Financial Advisor, Rick Smith on the transaction. All recommended that the PWA engage a special tax counsel who is an expert with this kind of IRS inquiry. Hawkins, Delafield & Wood will need a power of attorney to interact with the IRS on the PWA's behalf and will require a retainer agreement to proceed on the response to the IRS.

The motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Villanueva to approve the retention of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP as Special Counsel in Connection with Audit Relative to the Clinton Public Works Authority Utility System and Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 and Authorizing the Execution of Documents Related to the Retention of said Firm.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Lloyd to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman