

# SPRINGS HILL NEWS

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**TUESDAY APRIL 5, 2005 !**

**This year the Annual Meeting will be held at  
the Seguin ISD Central Office  
Oak Park Mall Seguin, Texas**

### AGENDA

1. Call to order & determine a Quorum
2. Introduction of staff present
- 3.\* Approve Minutes of April 6, 2004 Meeting
- 4.\* Nominating Committee Report  
Jess Hoermann, William Old, & 2 Owner/Members
- 5.\* Election of Directors
- 6.\* Audit Report of 2004
7. System Report
- 8.\* Amendment of Articles of Incorporation to  
include all powers of a water supply  
corporation (allows Corporation to provide  
retail wastewater service)
9. Owner/Members to address meeting
10. Attendance Drawing

### NEW RATES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Springs Hill WSC Management and Board of Directors have made it a priority to review water rates every odd year. Just as most other items you purchase, the cost of water increases almost every year. In reviewing the rate structure for Springs Hill customers, the Board of Directors and Management can avoid large rate increases that may be more difficult on Owner/Member's budgets. It is important that Springs Hill WSC secure enough water for our community's future. The population in Guadalupe County is growing, which means that more water will be needed to serve additional customers.

### WHO DO I CALL ?

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| MAIN NUMBER             | 379-7683                     |
| Ronald Naumann          | General Manager x206         |
| Theresa Collins         | Assistant Manager x207       |
| Allen Lawson            | Field Service Manager x201   |
| Melva Hassell           | Billing questions/leaks x203 |
| Carol Ronshausen        | New Services/Transfers x211  |
| Tina Boyte              | Accounts Receivable x202     |
| Jacki Noyes             | Accounts Payable x205        |
| After Hours Emergencies | 379-7683                     |

### MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS !

**CYNTHIA THOMAS-JIMENEZ** obtained her BS in Education and Masters of Applied Geography from Southwest Texas State University. Mrs. Jimenez taught for 10 years in the Seguin ISD and has 13 years experience in environmental education focusing on water resource protection. On the board since 2001, Mrs. Jimenez currently serves as Board President.

**BERNIE MUELLER** obtained his BS and Masters in Business from Southwest Texas State University. Mr. Mueller has been a Loan Officer at State Bank & Trust of Seguin since 1982. Mr. Mueller has been on the board since 1996 and currently serves as our Board Treasurer and as a CRWA Board Member. Mr. Mueller has also served as CRWA Board President in the past.

**JESS HOERMANN** attended Texas A&M University and has experience as a county extension agent, Bank Vice President, realtor and rancher. Mr. Hoermann is currently a foreman for the Guadalupe County Road & Bridge Department. Mr. Hoermann has served as a board member since 1998 and currently serves as Board Vice President.

**CLARENCE LITTLE** served in the Army and graduated from Huston-Tillotson College receiving a BS in 1953. In 1966 he received his Masters of Science from Prairie View A&M. Mr. Little worked within the Seguin ISD for 35 years as both a teacher and principal. Mr. Little has been a board member since the beginning of 2002 and currently serves as Board Secretary.

**JAMES MARTIN** graduated from SHS in 1980 and worked many years for the Martin's Family Store and the Seguin ISD. In 1993 Mr. Martin started his own business - Tri County A/C & Heating. James Martin has been on our board since 2002 and currently serves as a CRWA Board Member.

**WILLIAM DONALD OLD III** obtained his BS in Finance from the University of Utah in 1982 and his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Texas in 1984. In 1987, Mr. Old obtained his Juris Prudence from Baylor University. Mr. Old has worked with the Texas State Senate and helped with the re-election of Lt. Governor Bill Hobby. Mr. Old has 16 years experience in law. Mr. Old has served as a board member since 2003.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 6, 2004**

- Meeting at:** Guadalupe County Coliseum, 810 South Guadalupe Street, Seguin, TX
- Board Members Present:** Cynthia Jimenez, Bernie Mueller, James Martin, Bill Old and Clarence Little.
- Others Present:** General Manager Ron Naumann, Assistant Manager Theresa Collins, Field Service Manager Allen Lawson, Virgil Crawford Auditor, Engineers Pat Lackey and Brian Kucinski, Carol Ronshausen, Claudia Jackoby, Linda Bannick and Melva Hassell. There were 48 Owner / Members present (see attached list).
- Call to Order:** Board President Cynthia Jimenez welcomed all of the Owner / Members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She introduced herself and all the other board members present. The management and employees that were present were introduced by Assistant Manager Theresa Collins.
- Approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2003 Meeting:** Clarence Little made a motion to approve the minutes of last year's meeting. Louis Magnier seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Nominating Committee Report & The Election of Directors:** The nominating committee was Bernie Mueller, Jess Hoermann, Marilyn McKee and Nancy Schreiwer. The nominating committee nominated Cynthia Jimenez and Bill Old. Ed Springs made a motion to cease nominations and to elect the nominees without a ballot. Norma Saenz seconded the motion and the motion passed. Cynthia Jimenez and Bill Old were re-elected for 3 more years.
- Audit Report of 2003:** Virgil Crawford, CPA presented the audit report to the Owner/Members. Virgil stated that the corporation was successful last year. He stated that the board was active and had a good year last year. Virgil Crawford reviewed some of the figures with the Owner/Members. Virgil Crawford stated that the company added 1.2 million in assets without taking on any new debt which was good. Roger Bading made a motion to accept the audit report. Larry Holling seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- System Report:** Ron Naumann introduced Pat Lackey and Brian Kucinski from River City Engineers. Brian Kucinski reviewed some of the projects they have been working on such as the CCN, IH 10 Rest area and future plant expansion. Ronald Johnson asked why the corporation would want to furnish water to this type of place when they are historically wasteful especially when there is a concern for water supplies for the next 50 years. Ron Naumann responded that the State paid for the line extension and water just as any other owner/member. He also indicated that Springs Hill is continuously working on sources of water and the cheapest source is through conservation. Ronald Johnson asked why the corporation could not turn this entity down. Ron Naumann responded that water suppliers cannot turn down customers. Ron also indicated that Springs Hill does have contracts with entities for water for the next 50 years and that the company has an opportunity to acquire more water from them. Any other water generated will be through conservation. Ron also mentioned that this rest area will have an estimated 5000 stops per day and that they are required to have potable water. Louis Magnier asked how long did Springs Hill promise water to this entity. Ron Naumann stated that water is promised to them just as it is to any other owner/member. Louis Magnier asked what would happen if there was a water shortage, would this entity be required to conserve so that the households could continue to have water? Ron Naumann responded that everyone would be treated equally. Brian Kucinsky reviewed with the owner/members the four sources of water Springs Hill currently has indicated that the company was well diversified. Brian also reviewed some statistics on the system's water production and growth. Ron Naumann stated that the corporation cannot stop serving people, and that any developers or subdivisions breaking ground this year would be required to contribute to the expansion of the system. Some of these developers would also be required to have fire protection. Ron Naumann stated that when the board and management consider the 50 year plan, they review projected populations and growth.
- Owner/Members to address the Meeting:** General Manager Ron Naumann stated that there was only one individual wishing to address the board. Diana Jones spoke to the board and members present regarding a \$500 water bill she incurred several years ago. She indicated that a refund was requested but never received. She feels that the corporation board and management are liars and are not following the Tariff/Bylaws. Diana Jones indicated that she has continuously requested resolution to this issue and that the rest of the owner/members can sit back until it happens to them.
- Attendance Drawing:** Assistant Manager Theresa Collins administered the attendance drawing. Theresa indicated that this year the winners would be given a certificate but that the adjustments to the accounts would be made the following day. The winners were: \$19.09 gift certificates – Albert Grimm, Cliff Hunt, George Baese, Helen Hamilton, Franklin Huebner, Betty Mandel, Diana Jones, Rachel Flores, Kenneth Grimm, William Hale, Betty Towers, Tex Saengerhausen and James Martin; \$38.18 gift certificates – Ida Kohl, Ann Nixon, Henry Huebner, Nancy McCarty, Bernie Mueller, Marilyn Hartman, Clarence Gillig; \$25.00 cash prizes – Ronald Johnson and Marion Chandler; \$50.00 cash prizes to Joan Van Beck and Van Ray, and \$150.00 cash prize to Jim Smith.
- Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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**Amendment to Articles of Incorporation**

The Board has recommended that the membership consider an amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation to broaden the purposes of the Corporation. This amendment will be considered at the Corporation's annual meeting. The proposed amendment would designate wastewater service and any other service state law allows water supply corporations to provide as purposes of the Corporation. This change will provide more flexibility in determining the types of services the Corporation may provide in its service area.

