## **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 286**

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting May 8, 2013

## **ACTIONS TAKEN**

1. The Board of Directors ("Board") voted to approve the contract with Marks Richardson PC as general legal and bond counsel for the District.

The Board of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 286 ("District") met in regular session at the Board's regular meeting place, 8015 FM 1960 West, Houston, Harris, County, Texas 77070 on May 8, 2013 in accordance with the duly posted notice of meeting, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said Board of Directors, as follows:

David Geaslen, President Paul D. Nicosia, Vice-President Michael Rhodes, Secretary Steve Garner, Assistant Secretary Rosalind Theriot, Assistant Secretary

All of said persons were present, except Director Theriot, therefore constituting a quorum.

Also present were Michael Cole, Attorney-at-Law; and Kara Richardson and David Marks of Marks Richardson PC ("MRPC").

President Geaslen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and declared same open for such business as might properly come before it.

# INTERVIEW LAW FIRMS / LAWYERS TO SERVE AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT

The Board then interviewed law firms / lawyers to serve as legal counsel for the District. In that regard, Michael Cole, attorney-at-law, introduced himself to the Board, presented his qualifications and advised the Board that he has 40 years of experience practicing law in the municipal utility district business. He further noted that he is an ex-mediator and is currently the attorney for four or five municipal utility districts. After further discussion and interview, Mr. Cole exited the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Board next interviewed Kara Richardson and David Marks of Marks Richardson PC. Ms. Richardson and Mr. Marks addressed the Board, presented the qualifications of Marks Richardson PC and advised the Board that the firm currently represents 13 active municipal utility districts along with other various special purpose districts and entities. Ms. Richardson next presented research regarding the authority of an employee of a state-funded community college to receive per diems for serving on the board of a municipal utility district. After further discussion and interview, Mr. Marks and Ms. Richardson exited the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Board next discussed the qualifications Michael Cole and Marks Richardson PC, and also discussed the option of remaining with Schwartz, Page & Harding, LLP. After further discussion, Director Nicosia moved that the Board engage Marks Richardson PC as its general legal and bond counsel, approve the attached Agreement for Legal Services between the District and MRPC, and authorize Director Geaslen to execute said Agreement. Director Rhodes seconded said motion, which carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

Citing no further business to come before the Board at this time, Director Nicosia made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m., duly seconded by Director Garner, which carried without dissent.

Michael I Rhody Secretary

## **LIST OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A. Agreement for Legal Services between the District and Marks Richardson PC