

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Attending the meeting were Chairman Joseph Mainello, Directors Arden Schug, Edward “Mike” Bovey, and Richard McMullen. Director Marilyn Hatfield was absent. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mainello at approximately 10:00 am.

Saluting of the flags was accomplished.

Approval of Agenda: Director Bovey moved to approve the agenda. Director Schug seconded. There being no discussion, Directors Schug, Bovey, and McMullen voted aye. The motion passed.

General Manager’s Report. The General Manager, Ronald Wyatt read his report. The status of the USDA loan remains the same; shouldn’t be a problem getting an extension; will know next week. The water filtration will start on the 31st. He will set up a meeting for May on the Emergency Operations Plan. There are new Federal regulations on water testing; we’ll need a Level 3 operator. The fishing pond prep will start next week. We need volunteers for the Golf Course. We received an application for the swimming pool manager position; will try to get the fence repaired. Meter Reader is being chased by dogs; there was some discussion.

Director McMullen brought up the Emergency Operations Plan. There was much discussion.

Director Bovey asked if someone was ready to be the Level 3 operator. The GM replied that Bradley Koetting will be testing.

Director Bovey asked the status of the paperwork that is due at the end of the month. The GM replied that it is almost ready.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Bovey read the bank balances.

Director Schug stated that we should take money out of Standby and put it in the Otero credit union account for emergencies. Chairman Mainello stated that we should set up parameters for the restricted money. There was much discussion. Director Bovey stated that he would draft something generic for use of the restricted money for the board to approve.

Committee Reports.

Budget Committee. Director Bovey stated that the rate increase notices were mailed on March 15th and that he would send it to the PRC on May 15th. The rates should become effective on June 15th, but the first billing of the new rates would be in July.

The next budget meeting will be next Thursday.

Director Schug stated that the Asset Management Plan is required at the state level. Director Bovey said we are working on CUPSS. There was some discussion.

Unfinished Business.

None.

New Business.

Approval of the March 15, 2016 Work Session Minutes. Director Bovey moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director McMullen seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss/approve purchase and installation of third UV light for water plant. The GM explained why the third light was needed. Director Schug stated that the third light was needed to supply the system. Director McMullen stated that the light should pay for itself in saving on the electric bill over three to four months. Director Bovey moved to authorize the GM to spend up to \$12,000. Director Schug seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Audience member Harvey English wanted more information about the Emergency Operations Plan. There was some discussion.

Audience member Dick Dysart asked if the lights in the filtration plant would eliminate the use of chlorine. The GM and Director Schug both explained that a small amount of chlorination would still be required. There was a lot of discussion concerning the water system including water loss.

Audience member Richard Rodriguez stated that the road grading was not being done correctly. The secretary told him that at least three customers called to express their gratitude for their roads being done so well. There was much discussion.

Directors' remarks.

Director McMullen thanked the GM and anyone else involved in getting the large grant that took over three years to get.

Director Schug thanked all for coming. He said it was nice to see people from the community contributing.

Director Bovey appreciated people showing up. He stated that with the rate increase, maybe we can grow a nest egg.

Chairman Mainello stated we need volunteers. He also wanted to remind the audience that the board members are all volunteers and that they do more than just meet twice a month. There was lots of discussion about volunteers, the water system, and water operators.

Director McMullen moved to adjourn and Director Bovey seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, and McMullen voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Approved April 12, 2016:

Secretary Linda Martin_____

Chairman Joseph Mainello_____