

MINUTES OF TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT HEARING SPECIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 15, 2009

Present were Chairman Arden Schug, Vice Chairman Burt Rubinowitz, Treasurer Joe Mainello and General Manager Dr. Martin Moore. Absent were Virgil Beagles and Pete Bowidowicz.

Introduction: Chairman Schug explained this hearing would present the proposed water adjustments being proposed by the board. He asked that everyone wait until they asked for comments to present questions or opposition points of view.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Burt Rubinowitz. "Approve the Agenda".

Second: Joe Mainello. There was no discussion and all members voted aye.

Water Rate Adjustment Hearing

1. **Sign-in:** Performed by Secretary Charlie Ross.
2. **Reading of HB 0337 section on Rate Adjustment procedure:** Presented by Vice Chairman Burt Rubinowitz using the power point presentation supplement to these minutes. He explained that this hearing is the official record which would be used by the district court should any challenge be brought against the proposed adjustment.
3. **Reading of Water & Sanitation District Act on board responsibility to set rates and budget:** Presented by Vice Chairman Burt Rubinowitz using the power point presentation supplement to these minutes.
4. **Presentation of procedure for determining rates:** Presented by Chairman Arden Schug using the power point presentation supplement to these minutes.
5. **Presentation of proposed new rates:** Presented by Chairman Arden Schug using the power point presentation supplement to these minutes.
6. **Audience questions / statements:**

BF Adams asked a question about collection of past due standby fees which was addressed by General Manager Dr. Martin Moore and is not reported in detail because it is unrelated to the water rate adjustment.

Barbara Troublefield asked a question for her mother about the availability of funds for extending water service to property owners who pay standby charges. Chairman Schug addressed this issue but it is not reported in detail because it is unrelated to the water rate adjustment.

Lynn Foster asked if lots adjoining each other would be treated as one lot if owned by the same person. Chairman Schug addressed this issue but it is not reported in detail because it is unrelated to the water rate adjustment.

BF Adams stated he understood standby fees and water charges were two separate entities which cannot be used interchangeably and are not one lump sum but several lump sums. Chairman Schug said to some extent that is true. Standby charges are a discretionary fund we choose to use those mainly for water system capital improvements and when they were established they were intended for maintenance on the water system as well as capital improvements and that's what we are using them for. He also explained that grant money will not be available for the next four years or so and highlights the need to build up our reserve funds. He also ad-

dressed how attorney fees had been reallocated between funds to more accurately reflect which fund was used and how budgeting for them is very difficult to do.

Treasurer Joe Mainello said the lag on collecting the increased funds from this rate adjustment will not be available for quite awhile and means we will still have shortfalls for the 09/10 budget.

7. **Protest presentations:** None.

8. **Discussion for compromise:** None.

9. **Adopt, amend and/or reject the resolution:**

Resolution 09/10-005 read by Chairman Schug.

Motion: Burt Rubinowitz. "Adopt Resolution 09/10-005".

Second: Joe Mainello.

Chairman Schug voted aye.

Vice Chairman Rubinowitz voted aye.

Treasurer Joe Mainello voted aye.

Discussion: None.

Motion at 7:07pm: Burt Rubinowitz. "Close the hearing".

Second: Joe Mainello. Unanimously approved.

Supplements: Water Rate Adjustment Power Point Presentation

Minutes submitted by Secretary Charlie Ross _____
Date

Approved by Chairman Arden Schug _____
Date