

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2017 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Attending the meeting were Chairman Joseph Mainello and Directors Arden Schug, Edward “Mike” Bovey, and Richard McMullen. Director Marilyn Hatfield attended via teleconference. 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 McMullen seconded. There being no discussion, Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye. The motion passed.

**General Manager’s Report.** The General Manager, Ronald Wyatt read his report.

The GM stated that he was trying to get additional funding for the electrical upgrade of the maintenance shop. The price quote was high. There was some discussion in which board members inquired if the quote was beyond what OSHA required. It was. The GM will look into what the costs would be to just do the OSHA requirements.

Flow meters are being installed; the contractors are doing three per week. There is a total of seventeen that will be installed.

The electrician’s quote for a new generator is \$18,821.00.

The two grants for the dedicated water line and lead detection are on hold until we spend down two other grants.

The water leak at the bridge is a complicated situation. The county and the contractor should be here on Tuesday.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Director Bovey stated that the next reports to DFA are due at the end of April. He read the bank balances. Director Schug asked if monies were going into the restricted reserve account. The secretary replied that she had not yet been directed to transfer funds. Director Schug moved to have the GM transfer, on a month basis, the additional funds received from the water rate increase into the restricted reserve account. Director Hatfield seconded. It was discussed that removal of funds from the restricted reserve account would need board approval. There being no further discussion, Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMillen voted aye and the motion passed.

## **Committee Reports.**

Water Advisory Committee. Director Schug stated that the committee and the GM met to familiarize themselves with the equipment. They also had a chance to get more familiar with the metal detector.

The GM stated that TWSD does not have to pay up front for the Asset Management and Water Conservation Grants. Director Schug is working on these grants.

## **Unfinished Business.**

Discuss (Gary and Bonnie) Starr property. The GM explained that Bonnie Starr wanted to sell TWSD her property with a working well. There was much discussion. Director Schug moved to direct the GM to get a loan for \$25,000 - \$30,000 to purchase the Starr property. Marilyn seconded. There was more discussion. The GM is to check with USDA to see if we can get a loan. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Director Bovey moved to have the GM contact Bonnie Starr and tell her that we are working on getting a loan to purchase her property and that we may need 60 to 90 days. Director Hatfield seconded. Director Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve GM's letter to Smile4U. The GM explained that Smile4U wants roads built on the section of Timberon where they own property. The secretary read the letter drafted by the GM, to be signed by the board members, explaining to Smile4U that TWSD does not build roads. Director Bovey moved to have the board members sign the letter and Director McMullen seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss Mill Levy. Chairman Mainello and Director Schug explained the background of the Mill levy and why TWSD would like to raise it and maybe do away with the F&S fee. Chairman Mainello opened the meeting to the audience. An audience member asked how much was needed to run the general fund. Director Bovey stated \$350,000.00. Audience member Rick Merrick stated that the bill was not introduced this session, so the discussion was moot. There was much discussion anyway. Director Schug moved for the budget committee to come up with several proposals for how TWSD can support the general fund and take those proposals to the public. Director McMullen seconded. Audience member Rick Merrick stated that TWSD would need a strong presentation to the public about raising the Mill Levy. There was more discussion. Rick Merrick stated that the board members were politicians and he didn't trust them. There being no further discussion, Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Don Wiklund's proposal. The GM explained the background. There was some discussion. Director Schug moved to credit Don Wiklund up to \$4,000.00 towards his back Standby fees in exchange for his property adjacent to the water plant. Director Hatfield seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

#### **New Business.**

Approval of the February 14, 2017 Work Session Minutes. Director Hatfield moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director McMullen seconded. There being no discussion, Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Road Policy. Director Schug explained that there really wasn't a current policy. There was much discussion. The GM and Jesse Duckett will work on a road policy.

#### **Directors' remarks.**

Director Hatfield said that it was great that there was lots of audience participation. Great budget participation. Thanks everyone.

Director McMullen took offense at being called a politician. Thanks to everybody.

Director Schug thanked all for coming and the audience participation.

Director Bovey thanked all for coming. He explained that there was no rate increase in the past for a period of nineteen years.

Audience member Rick Merrick stated that you should get the road specifications from the county. Director Schug said we need to interface with the county road department.

Chairman Mainello thanked all for attending.

Director Schug complimented Jesse on the work he was doing on the road. Chairman Mainello and the GM also stated Jesse was doing a great job.

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

#### **Minutes Approved March 14, 2017:**

**Secretary Linda Martin**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman Joseph Mainello** \_\_\_\_\_