

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2021  
REGULAR MEEING OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attending the meeting were Chairman Richard McMullen, Vice Chairman Timothy Mahoney, Treasurer Kelly Clark, Secretary Linda Martin, and Director Lillian Devine.

Saluting of the flags was accomplished.

Approval of the Agenda. Director Devine moved to approve the agenda as written, and Director Martin seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the motion passed.

General Manager's Report. The General Manager gave his report.

1. In September we sold about 1 million gallons of water, pumped 4.5 million gallons into the system, so 3.5 million gallons of water is unaccounted for. That is an 80% water loss, the highest this year, the lowest was 58%. Water loss is defined as everything we put into the system minus what is sold. Faulty meters, flushing lines, taking samples, and of course leaks all figure in as part of the loss. Everything adds up. For example, that wet spot you see in the road could easily contribute 100,000 gallons a month to the loss total. The difference between our lowest loss for the year (58%) and the highest (80%) is only 10 wet spots. So please report any leaks you see, no matter how small, to the office.
2. Our filtration plant has been offline for over a week due to the air compressor seizing up. And everything on this lant is controlled by air valves. After this happened, and upon realization that the main well was losing ground on keeping the primary storage tank (tank 2) full, we started up the GC well set at a low psi to prevent the possible blowouts experienced in the past. Tank 2 is still dropping, but at a much slower rate. The problem we are facing is that the Atlas Copco Screw Compressor that came with the plant is very expensive and hard to find local service for. And this particular model has been discontinued. Everything we tried (from replacement to repair) involved ordering, and shipping was a 3 week to 2 month wait time. This situation was unacceptable. So we have purchased a more conventional compressor that was available locally, making sure parts and service are also locally available. This compressor will be installed Monday. We will look into having the other compressor repaired as a backup, but regardless, will never be put in this position again.
3. Currently our system has approximately 800 meters. There are about 35 meters paid for and waiting to be installed. We also have a backlog of about 10 line extensions to do.
4. We are still working on the roads. Our crew is really small considering the area to cover, projects to be completed, and emergencies that pop up. There are times when the "road crew" must be pulled in to help with water problems, but we will eventually get to your road. Call the office and put in a work order if your road has an especially bad or dangerous problem. On the subject of roads, there is a chance the grant for our grader may still be a possibility. Thanks to our State Senator Ron Griggs, Representative Jim Townsend, and Hubert Quintana, who is Executive Director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and sits as a Director of the Board of the NM Colonias Infrastructure Fund. We reached out to them explaining our situation and they are helping us.

5. Finally, the new amendment to BHI's engineering contract for the covered reservoir has been finalized and they will be moving forward with the Water Plant location.

Audience member Noreen Gonzalez asked about the facebook post on the TWSD site that had untrue information concerning the election. The GM stated that it had been removed. There was some discussion. She scolded the GM for allowing it to happen.

**Treasurer Report.** Director Clark read the bank balances.

F&S, \$241,431.71; Short Lived, \$157,090.35; Standby, \$30,427.37; Operations, \$68,194.09; Water Asset Management Restricted Reserves, \$76,598.98 (Transferred \$691.79 from Past due Standby); Reserve, \$7,587.20; USDA Loan, \$853.52.

### **Committee Reports.**

A Recreation Committee is currently being formed.

Budget committee. Chair of the committee, Noreen Gonzalez stated that the next meeting will be October 28th and 1 pm.

Water Advisory Committee. Chair of the committee Arden Schug stated that there was really nothing new. The lakes on the GC hold about 7 million gallons of water. He stated we don't need the reservoir. If the well goes out, we'll be in trouble.

### **Old Business.**

Discuss/Approve updating and revising the By-Laws, Office Policies and Procedures, and the Employee Handbook. Director Martin moved to table this item until the next meeting. Director Clark seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve DTI improvements/repairs. No DTI representatives were present. Director Martin moved to table this item until the next meeting and Director Mahoney seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the motion passed.

### **New Business.**

Approve Minutes of the October 5, 2021, Regular Meeting. Director Martin moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director Devine seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Quarterly Report to DFA. Director Martin moved to approve the report and Director Devine seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Quarterly Report to USDA. Director Martin moved to approve the report and Director Devine seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the motion passed.

Resignation/Removal of board member/members. Audience member Terri Borzoni accused Director Devine of some wrongdoing during the "Meet the Candidates" session and asked her to resign. Director Devine declined to resign. Ms. Borzoni then asked the board to remove Director Devine. Chairman McMullen explained that the board has no authority to remove a board member and that it would have to be taken up by a District Court and Ms. Borzoni was free to do that.

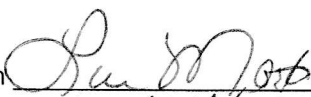
Set Agenda for November 2, 2021. Director Martin read the items.

**Directors Remarks.**

None.

Director Devine moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Mahoney seconded. Chairman McMullen, Directors Mahoney, Clark, Martin, and Devine voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved November 2, 2021.

Secretary Linda Martin   
Chairman Richard McMullen 