

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2018 WORK SESSION
OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attending the meeting were Vice Chairman Richard McMullen, Directors Lester “Brent” Henderson, Michael Gonzalez, and Clark Clement. Chairman Joseph Mainello attended via teleconference. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McMullen at approximately 6:00 pm.

Saluting of the flags was accomplished.

Approval of Agenda: Director Gonzalez made a “Point of Order”. He stated that the current revised agenda was not valid because it was not posted on the website before the seventy-two-hour deadline and that the previous agenda should be the one to follow. He read a section of the Open Meetings Act concerning agendas. There was much discussion. Director Gonzalez moved to approve the agenda posted on October 11th and Director Henderson seconded. Directors Mainello, Henderson, Gonzalez, and Clement voted aye. The motion passed.

Old Business.

General Manager’s Report. The General Manager, Ronald Wyatt, will give his report on Saturday as he was not present.

Treasurer’s Report. Director Henderson will give his report on Saturday.

Committee Reports.

Budget Committee. Director Henderson will have Quarterly Budget Reports on Saturday.

By-Laws Committee. None.

Water Rules Committee. None.

Safety Committee. John Weaver stated that there was not a meeting; it was postponed until next week. He will have a report next month.

New Business.

Approval of the October 1, 2018 Special Meeting minutes. Director Clement moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director Mainello seconded. Directors Mainello, Henderson, Gonzalez, and Clement voted aye, and the motion passed.

Discuss/approve Chairman to liaise with attorney. Director Mainello moved to approve the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman to liaise with the attorney. Director Clement seconded. Director Mainello explained that he wanted approval of the board for this so that there would be no question of unilateral action on the Chairman's part. This approval had been given by previous boards and Director Mainello wanted the current board's approval. Director Mainello stated that any pertinent information will be brought to the board's attention. Directors Mainello, Henderson, Gonzalez, and Clement voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss suspense binder. The Secretary explained that she had created a suspense binder as discussed in last month's regular meeting. Vice Chairman McMullen stated that he would check the binder before the monthly meetings.

Discuss/approve union negotiation results. Director Henderson explained the negotiation process, as he was a part of it along with Director Mainello. He said that it was just a wage reopener and that a raise was discussed as a flat rate and not a percentage which was fairer to the lower wage earners. This will be on the agenda for Saturday.

Discuss results of first meeting with DTI. Director Clement stated that he met with DTI on October 6th. Many items were discussed including rent, condition of the building, reimbursement for repairs made by DTI, and septic system. He suggests getting an inspector to inspect the building and get an idea of what the costs would be for repairs. He also stated that any volunteer work that is done has to meet state specifications. Vice Chairman McMullen suggested that Director Clement head a committee with DTI for negotiations. This will be on the agenda for Saturday.

Discuss how to collect money owed TWSD at a faster rate than present and where that money could be used. Director Clement stated that there must be a way to collect past due fees. There was much discussion concerning rules for disposing of property, use of credit cards, collection agency, and anti-donation laws. This will be an agenda item for Saturday.

Approve Quarterly Budget Reports. This was previously discussed and will be on the agenda for Saturday.

Appoint Secretary of the Board. Director Gonzalez had a problem with delegating this to the GM. He read the statutes which say that the board is responsible for appointing the secretary. There was some discussion. Director Gonzalez moved to amend previous motion to delegate the GM to select the secretary and now have the board review secretary applicants and elect a secretary. Director Henderson seconded. There was more discussion. Vice Chairman McMullen, Directors Mainello, Henderson, Gonzalez, and Clement voted aye and the motion passed.

Set agenda for Saturday. The secretary read the agenda items for Saturday. Items added were:

Concerns of Board member conduct and behavior by Mary Gonzales.

Discuss directing the GM to have employee policy meetings.

Presentation by Noreen Gonzalez concerning use of annex kitchen.

Directors' Remarks.

Director Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming. He stated that we need to work toward getting leaks repaired.

Director Clement stated that he and the GM are working on the leak problems and they will bring their recommendations to the board when they are finalized.

Director Henderson stated that he would like to get input at the budget committee meetings.

Vice Chairman McMullen thanked everyone for attending.

Director Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Clement seconded. Vice Chairman McMullen, Directors Henderson, Gonzalez, and Clement voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Approved October 20, 2018:

Secretary Linda Martin _____

Chairman Joseph Mainello _____