

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 WORK SESSION
OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attending the meeting was Director Peter Jankiewicz. Chairman Joseph Mainello and Marilyn Hatfield attended via conference call. Vice Chairman Sally Watkins and Director Edward “Mike” Bovey were absent. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Director Jankiewicz at 6:00 pm.

Saluting of the flags was accomplished.

Approval of Agenda: Director Hatfield moved to approve the agenda and Chairman Mainello seconded. There being no discussion, Chairman Mainello, Directors Hatfield and Jankiewicz voted aye. The motion passed.

General Manager’s Report. The General Manager, Ronnie Wyatt, gave his report. He is working on getting reverse 911 to alert customers of water outages; working with Dell Telephone and the Sheriff’s Department. There was some discussion. Engineers, Inc. completed the electric upgrades and the paperwork is now at the environment department. Rural Water will be sending an operator to help find leaks. There is a USDA presentation on rural development this month in Tularosa. Applications for capital outlay will be due in October. He is working with Otero Electric on the power drop-offs; they’ve have upgraded but it’s still not working. Otero Electric took some data readings and will be analyzing the data in the next few days. He is working on costs for the dedicated line from the plant to the new tank. There was some discussion. The GC well will be converted to a drinking water well.

Treasurer’s Report. Director Bovey was not here. He will give his report on Saturday.

Committee Reports.

None.

Old Business.

Discuss/Approve letter to auditor (tabled from last meeting). This will be discussed on Saturday.

New Business.

Approval of the August 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Director Hatfield moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with reading. Director Jankiewicz seconded. Chairman Mainello, Directors Hatfield and Jankiewicz voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Discuss changing “By Laws” to “Policies” (per auditor). There was some discussion. The secretary explained that the auditor made the recommendation because, according to her, only corporations, etc. use the term “by laws” and government entities use the term “policies”. The secretary will look into this and try to have an answer by Saturday.

Discuss merging grant activity with operations (per auditor). Director Hatfield explained that the auditor wanted the grant monies to show on the regular Quickbooks reports. Budget committee member Dick Dysart stated that grant funds are not part of the regular operating funds and should not be included with regular funds. There was some discussion.

Audience member Arden Schug stated he had some questions; the same ones as last time. The GM said he would get with him. He asked again about the Ad Hoc committee and, also about the possible water supervisor from Tucson. The Chairman and GM said that they had seen his resume and the GM will call him. There was some discussion.

Director Bovey arrived.

Audience member Arden Schug asked about the master plan. The GM responded that Engineers, Inc. was working on the master plan. There was some discussion.

Audience member Harvey English had a few topics for discussion: grant money and engineering; we’re not getting anything out of it, frequent water outages; the GM shop needs cleaning up; the pipe is not being used. There was much discussion.

Directors’ remarks.

Director Hatfield stated that it was a very interesting meeting. We need to work as a team and stick together as a community. The GM deserves accolades for the job he is doing. We need to keep frustrations down.

Chairman Mainello wanted to remind the audience that it’s been barely two years since we were a community “at risk”. We are no longer “at risk”, we’re out of receivership, and we have an approved budget. He stated that everyone was doing a fantastic job.

Director Bovey apologized for being late. He reminded everyone that we are not the only community who is losing more water than they are billing for. The infrastructure is broken. He also stated that nothing happens overnight. He said he appreciated the GM’s efforts.

Director Jankiewicz said he appreciated the community showing up at meetings. He also stated that he knew it was hard to work with the bureaucracy of government, but we need to pull together. He thanked all for coming.

Employee William Morley stated that we need a generator for the water plant.

There was more discussion.

Director Jankiewicz entertained a motion to adjourn. Chairman Mainello moved to adjourn and Director Hatfield seconded. Chairman Mainello, Directors Bovey, Hatfield, and Jankiewicz voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Approved September 19, 2015:

Secretary Linda Martin_____

Director Edward Bovey_____