

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

Attending the meeting were Chairman Joseph Mainello, Directors Arden Schug, Edward “Mike” Bovey, Marilyn Hatfield, and Richard McMullen. 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 Hatfield 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 gave his report.

Thanks to Arden for the good job he did at the county level convincing them to restore our money for Trash Removal.

There is no answer yet from the State Engineer on how long our well will last at the current production rate.

Water loss for the first quarter is down to 65.5%, but we still have a long way to go.

The road grader should be repaired this week.

Construction update: 2-3 more fire hydrants will be installed shortly. 100-125 more remote meters will be installed in 90 days. The golf course well disinfection is complete.

The #6 water tank is in service.

There is no word yet on when we will get fish.

Moore Collection Service has collected over \$50,000.00 in past due fees.

Chairman Mainello asked about the filtration plant. The GM stated that SCADA training is to take place November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Present is making some changes and the system should be up and running by the end of November.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Director Bovey stated that he attended a Department of Finance conference for Local Budget Management System. It is a web based program and we will have to make changes in the way we report to them. He read the bank balances. He briefly gave comparisons between budget versus actual expenditures for the last month.

Audience member Michael Gonzalez asked why so much was spend in attorney fees. Chairman Mainello explained the previous lawsuits. There was some discussion about old debt.

### **Committee Reports.**

Budget Committee. Director Bovey stated that there will be a budget meeting in December. He will post it on the website when the date is firm.

### **Unfinished Business.**

Discuss remote meter readers. Director Schug moved to leave the old meter for now and Director Hatfield seconded. There was some discussion. The GM will write a letter to the owner explaining the situation. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Moore contract. Director Bovey moved to renew the contract with Moore Services and Director Hatfield seconded. There was some discussion. Audience member Suzie Sims stated that Marty should have done that when he worked here. Director Schug explained that we are the first board to ever file foreclosures and that is why we are getting more payments now. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss water operator classification levels. Director Schug explained for Tuesday's meeting that we are trying to get the population number down. He stated that we can put in a petition to change it. There was much discussion about water operators and levels. The Chairman directed the GM to straighten this out.

Discuss Safety Officer as an additional duty. Chairman Mainello stated that safety should be paramount and that he would like to see a safety program implemented. Audience member Terrie Weaver agreed to volunteer to help set up a program.

Discuss Chain of Command. The GM explained that when he is not here Joe Shields is in charge.

Discuss Policy and Procedures. Chairman Mainello said he had reviewed the Policy and Procedures and they need to be updated. Director Bovey stated that the Policy and Procedures should co-exist with the Water Rules. Director Bovey moved to create a Policy and Procedures committee to review the current Policy and Procedures and make recommendations to the board. Director Hatfield seconded. Chairman Mainello volunteered to be on the committee. The GM will be on the committee also. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield, and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

## **New Business.**

Approval of the November 14, 2017 Work Session Minutes. Director Bovey moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director Hatfield seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield,

Discuss/Approve Election Resolution. The secretary read the resolution. Director Bovey moved to approve the resolution and Director Hatfield seconded. Directors Schug, Bovey, Hatfield and McMullen voted aye and the motion passed.

National Incident Management System. Director Schug stated that it is usually referred to as NIMS. He asked about an emergency plan....it just seems to have faded away. There was much discussion. He stated that NIMS was still in effect and that we should have an emergency plan.

Chairman Mainello opened the meeting to the audience.

Audience member Harvey English asked about the spring line flow rate. The GM replied that some maintenance needed to be done on the spring line.

There was discussion on various subjects to include health hazard of new meters, whether safety meetings should be conducted weekly or monthly, and where to put radio antennas. Harvey English also stated that we needed a PA system because it was difficult to hear Director Bovey.

Audience member Michael Gonzalez asked about the electrical at the maintenance shop. The GM gave an update and stated that we were waiting for a grant. Michael Gonzalez stated that the TWSD By-Laws show that a board member can be removed from the board by a quorum of the board. However, NM statues 73-21-12 show that only a court can remove a board member. He stated that there is a contradiction.

Audience member Noreen Gonzalez stated that she had talked to Ralph Murphy (575-973-1735) concerning installing recycling bins in Timberon. He does this for Otero County. She said that he can put a bin in Timberon. There was some discussion. Chairman Mainello thanked Noreen for doing the research and getting us a recycling bin.

Audience member Ashli Koetting read a statement concerning her husband's termination of employment from TWSD.

Audience member Jhairo Ajtun stated that in the last work session he had asked about a budget item concerning the expenditure of over \$2,300.00 for tires and also about employee hours. Director Bovey booted his computer, but it was taking too long, so Chairman Mainello invited Mr. Ajtun to come by the offices to look at the invoices. Jhairo Ajtun then stated that he was

retired from the Army after twenty years of service with an honorable discharge and that he took integrity very seriously. He stated that the GM and the Board of Directors had no integrity and that he had been lied to. Chairman Mainello stated that he had thirty-two years of honorable service and also took integrity very seriously. Director McMullen stated that he had twenty-two years of honorable service plus nineteen years as a civil servant and he, too, took integrity very seriously. There was more said.

Audience member Terry Shilling asked what the criteria was for replacing meters. The GM replied that they were only replacing active meters.

Audience member Noreen Gonzalez asked if the repairs on the maintenance shop were needed. There was some discussion. The GM stated that some repairs were needed. The discussion included putting out a bid for an electrician for just the OSHA upgrades.

**Directors' remarks.**

Director Hatfield stated that she was glad to have a good group of people and that the research was beneficial. She said we live in a small community and we should work together.

Director McMullen thanked all for attending.

Director Schug stated the he was glad everyone came to the meeting.

Director Bovey stated, "what more can be said."

Audience member Harvey English thanked the board for their service. He said people shouldn't point fingers. He said that he appreciated the board.

Chairman Mainello said it was gratifying; with good, solid advice from the community. He was glad to see the public is involved.

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

**Minutes Approved December 12, 2017:**

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

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