

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2016 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Attending the meeting were Vice Chairman Arden Schug and Director Edward “Mike” Bovey. Director Joseph Mainello attended the meeting via conference call. Directors Marilyn Hatfield and Richard McMullen were absent. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Schug at approximately 10:00 am.

Saluting of the flags was accomplished.

Approval of Agenda: Vice Chairman Schug stated that we were not going to follow the posted agenda because of the fire. **NOTE: A huge fire started in Timberon on Wednesday, July 13th and destroyed approximately 70 structures and almost 300 acres.** Vice Chairman Schug stated that the Manager’s Report would be the last agenda item since it mostly dealt with the fire and that was the main topic of the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Bovey stated that approval of the budget and financial report will be postponed until the special meeting of July 30th. There will be a budget meeting on Thursday, July 28th.

New Business.

Approval of the July 12, 2016 Work Session Minutes. Director Bovey moved to approve the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director Mainello seconded. Vice Chairman Schug, Directors Mainello and Bovey voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss/Approve alternate signatures for USDA grant. Director Bovey moved to add Vice Chairman Arden Schug and Director Marilyn Hatfield as signatories for USDA grants/paperwork. Director Mainello seconded. There was some discussion. Vice Chairman Schug, Directors Mainello and Bovey voted aye and the motion passed.

General Manager’s Report. The plant filtration start-up has been postponed until after the fire. There is approximately eleven feed of water in the tank. The pool is being refilled (it was used for fighting the fire).

Director Hatfield joined the meeting via conference call.

Director Bovey stated that we need to keep good records of what TWSD resources were used for repairs to water lines due to the fire so that we could get reimbursed by FEMA or the State of New Mexico.

The GM stated that FEMA (Brian Williams) will be here next week.

Audience Member Dick Dysart stated that Otero Electric is donating \$1,000.00 each to homeowners who lost everything. Also, Baptist Disaster Relief will meet with homeowners.

The GM stated that a directive from the Drinking Water Bureau requires TWSD to have the water plant manned 24/7 during a fire.

There was much discussion about sprinkler and fire suppression systems. The GM stated that TWSD may have to cut some trees around the water plant.

Vice Chairman Schug suggested that for the customers who lost their homes, TWSD make them inactive in water and standby.

Director Bovey moved to make customers inactive who have meters to residences that were affected by the fire. Director Hatfield seconded. Directors Mainello, Bovey, and Hatfield voted aye and the motion passed.

Vice Chairman Schug stated that we need fire hydrants. There was much discussion. There was more discussion concerning slash pits and clearing lots.

Audience member Dick Dysart stated that property owners in the fire zone should not do anything to their property until after their insurance adjuster has assessed the property. There was more discussion.

Director Mainello stated that someone should compile an after action report/lessons learned from this tragedy.

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

Minutes Approved July 30, 2016:

Secretary Linda Martin_____

Vice-Chairman Arden Schug_____