

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2013 MEETING
OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attending the meeting were Vice Chairman Joseph Mainello, Directors Arden Schug, Mike Bovey, Mike Knoll, and Sally Watkins. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mainello at 10:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

Approval of Agenda: Director Bovey moved to approve the agenda and Director Schug seconded. There being no discussion, Vice Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Vice Chairman Mainello, Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Director Schug read the bank statement balances as of December 31, 2012.

General Manager's Report. Ronnie Wyatt gave his report (copy attached to these minutes). Marilyn Hatfield will get with Linda Martin to set up the reserve accounts. Stop signs – the county will look into it. The resolution is done. Frisbee Golf – no action. Booster tank – should have something by next week. Reminder billing – should start next week. Insurance claim – nothing yet. DTI lease – working. Still need to approve CWA contract. Director Bovey asked GM to clarify DTI lease. GM explained that an RFP was published in the Alamo Daily News and proposals were due to TWSD on February 8, 2013. Director Schug asked GM the status of plumbing at plant. GM explained that requests for price quotes have been sent out. Director Bovey asked GM what the status was for the hot water heater at the bar. GM explained that Jim Sims (Sierra Propane and Plumbing) was putting together a quote.

Committee Reports.

Budget Committee. Dick Dysart had no report and is still waiting to hear back from the DFA. There will be a budget meeting on Thursday.

Water Rules Committee. Vice Chairman Mainello and Director Bovey met on Thursday to review the old water rules. There is still some confusion with the PRC and what rules we are supposed to be using. Director Bovey is drafting an e-mail to the PRC for clarification. Director Schug stated that the PRC only has authority over rates. Our water rules cover other things besides rates. Discussion. Vice Chairman Mainello asked for help with the committee. **Action item Director Bovey.**

Golf Course Committee. Vice Chairman Mainello stated that we needed to form a committee. Director Schug moved to form an ad hoc committee for golf course and Director Bovey seconded. Discussion. Director Schug stated that Director Knoll was interested in improving condition of the Golf Course and Recreation Area, but that we also need input from the community. The GM asked for volunteers.

Vice Chairman Mainello opened the floor to the audience.

Audience member, Bobbi Brown asked what was needed to upgrade the Golf Course. The GM stated that we need more money, sponsorships, and volunteers. Director Knoll stated that the course needs lots of work, but has great potential. Discussion. Director Knoll would love to head up the Golf Course Committee. Vice Chairman Mainello stated it was an uphill road and that TWSD will have to spend some money. Director Bovey volunteered for labor. Vice Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye to form an ad hoc golf course committee and the motion passed. Director Knoll was appointed board member representative to the committee. **Action item for Director Knoll.**

Unfinished business.

Discuss Legal Settlement. Vice Chairman Mainello explained the history of the judgment. Some F&S funds will go toward this settlement. TWSD will pay \$30,000.00 on the first of February with annual increments starting on July 1, 2013, for \$12,000.00 each quarter. TWSD will pay this settlement to the 12th District Court because it's not clear who gets this settlement. Discussion. Vice Chairman Mainello stated that we just want to be out of debt. Director Bovey moved to sign settlement agreement and start paying. Director Watkins seconded. No further discussion. Vice Chairman Mainello, Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye and the motion passed.

Resolution to authorize GM to accept colonias funds and grant. The secretary read the resolution. Director Schug moved to adopt the resolution and Director Watkins seconded. Discussion. An audience member wanted to know what kind of oversight was in place to prevent the funds from being mismanaged. Director Schug explained the procedures and the required expenditure forms from the State. Vice Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Vice Chairman Mainello and Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye. The resolution was adopted.

New Business.

Election of TWSD Board Officers. Vice Chairman Mainello explained the ground rules. Positions available are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and possibly the Secretary. Director Bovey nominated Vice Chairman Mainello for Chairman of the Board at this critical time because of his experience and expertise. Vice Chairman Mainello accepted the nomination. Vice Chairman Mainello called for a show of hands. Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye. Director Schug nominated Director Watkins for Vice Chairman. Director Watkins accepted the nomination. Director Watkins nominated Director Knoll for Vice Chairman. Director Knoll declined the nomination. Chairman Mainello called for a show of hands. Chairman Mainello, Directors Schug, Bovey, and Knoll voted aye. Director Bovey nominated Director Schug for Treasurer because, he stated, Director Schug knows more about the budget than anyone. Director Schug accepted the nomination. Chairman Mainello called for a show of hands. Chairman Mainello, Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye. Director Schug moved to retain the current Secretary of the Board, Linda Martin, and Director Bovey seconded. Chairman Mainello called for a show of hands. Chairman Mainello, Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye.

Approval of January 15, 2013 work session meeting minutes. Director Bovey moved to approve the minutes as written and waive the reading. Director Knoll seconded. Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Discuss Colonias Day at Legislature. Chairman Mainello explained that there was a New Mexico Colonias Legislative Day in Santa Fe on Monday, January 21st. TWSD General Manager, Ronnie Wyatt, had asked Board members prior to the meeting who could attend the event and Director Mainello volunteered. Director Bovey moved that the Chairman attend and represent TWSD. Director Watkins seconded. There was some discussion. Chairman Mainello called for a vote. Directors Schug, Bovey, Knoll, and Watkins voted aye.

Directors Remarks.

Director Knoll stated that he was happy to be here and looking forward to the opportunity to get to know everyone. He would like to get input from the community for the vision of the community.

Director Watkins stated that she was happy to be here and glad to meet everyone.

Director Schug was glad that there were so many people at the meeting. He invited community members to attend a budget committee meeting on Thursday. He thanked the new board members for volunteering for a sometimes thankless job. He stated that the GM is working hard, trying to get grants that will help us. TWSD really needs improvements to our water system.

Director Bovey thanked the new members of the board and congratulated newly elected board members. He agreed with Director Schug about there being needed improvements and a need for the community to get involved.

Chairman Mainello stated that his pipes had been frozen during the cold spell and stated that most people have experienced water outages in the past. He thanked the new board members and Zester Hatfield for also running for the board. He thanked Marilyn Hatfield for her work with the books. We've had two good audits because of her. Thanked audience member, Virgil Beagles, for being on a previous board. Was pleased that so many individuals attended the meeting.

Audience invited to be heard.

Audience member, Virgil Beagles, stated that he got a letter from a collection agency for past due standby fees and demanded an apology from the board for giving his name to the agency instead of his company, South of I-40. The secretary told him that she had sent the list to the collection agency and his name was not on it, just South of I-40, and suggested that the collection agency looked up South of I-40 online and found out who the principals were. Chairman Mainello said that he would check with the collection agency and find out how they got his name.

An audience member said that the board members need to speak louder if they are not going to use microphones.

Director Schug stated that people need to let their water drip to prevent their lines from freezing especially if they've had problems in the past.

Audience member, Marilyn Hatfield, said it was wonderful to have a group work together to get things done.

Audience member, Fran Trendler, was representing Timberon Development Council. She said that Rick Merrick had set up a small historical museum and welcome center in the post office building. She asked that people donate or loan items that may have historical significance to Timberon. She reminded the audience that this is a small community and it might take longer to get things done. And that the same people volunteer; we need new volunteers. Rick Merrick was creating a list of projects for which he needed volunteers...Blues Festival, Farmers Market (planning meeting Friday at 9:00am), Labors of Love in conjunction with Puttin' On The Lips. She asked that people submit ideas to Rick Merrick for any other projects.

Audience member, B.F. Adams, requested that the new board members introduce themselves and give a brief history of their qualifications and background.

Director Watkins gave a history of her past residences, education, and job experience.

Director Knoll gave a history of his background, education, and job experience.

The audience gave a round of applause to welcome the new board members.

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

Minutes Approved February 12, 2013: Secretary Linda Martin_____

Chairman Joseph Mainello _____