

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2013 MEETING**  
**OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

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

**Treasurer's Report.** The General Manager read the bank statement balances as of January 31, 2013.

**General Manager's Report.** Ronnie Wyatt gave his report (copy attached to these minutes). The PER must be done in phases. The Union contract was ratified. FY12 Audit – the current auditor is dragging his feet. Marilyn Hatfield has contacted the State Auditor and will begin termination process.

Chairman Mainello opened the meeting to the public.

**General Manager's Report cont'd.** The next court hearing is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> in Truth or Consequences and by video in Alamogordo at 10:00 am. The GM has been talking to the golf course manager at the University. We might be able to get students to help out on the golf course this summer. There have been 30 to 35 leaks that the employees are working on. There are good water levels in tank 2, but they have to truck water to tank 5. Director Bovey asked about getting a new auditor and if we will have to go out for RFP again. Marilyn Hatfield stated that she was working with the State Auditor; not sure if we will have to go out for RFP. The State Auditor gave her the steps to terminate current auditor.

There was much discussion and explanation of previous audits by Chairman Mainello.

Director Bovey moved to authorize the GM to clean up Marilyn Hatfield's draft termination letter to the current auditor and sign it today and send it certified on Tuesday. Director Watkins seconded. There was a long discussion. Chairman Mainello called for a vote and Directors Bovey and Watkins voted aye.

**Action item for GM.**

Chairman Mainello asked the status of the collections. The GM will check with the collection agency.

**Action item for GM.**

**Committee Reports.**

Budget Committee. Dick Dysart is still waiting for feedback from the board. He made some suggestions via e-mail, but hadn't heard back. The budget committee will meet on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. He will send out an e-mail announcing meeting. There was much discussion.

Water Rules Committee. Director Bovey explained that there were two sets of rules and he was waiting for clarification from the PRC on which rules we should be using. The PRC is still waiting for staff input. Chairman Mainello and Director Bovey will continue working on rules. **Action item for Chairman Mainello and Director Bovey.**

Golf Course Committee. The GM stated again that we needed volunteers. There was much discussion. The GM will make a plan of needs to be done on the Golf Course. **Action item for GM.**

#### **Old Business.**

Discuss Colonias Day at the Legislature. Chairman Mainello briefed on what the colonias day was about that he had attended. There was much discussion about how to get funds for various projects.

Set aside funds to reserve accounts. Dick Dysart suggested that we set aside reserve funds for long term emergencies, short term emergencies and heavy equipment. There was much discussion. Chairman Mainello stated that the recommendations should come from the budget committee.

#### **New Business.**

Discuss bank signature cards. There needn't be discussion as we have received the cards and all that is needed is the board members' signatures.

Sealed Proposal #13/201301 Beverage & Food Service Facility Lease. Director Bovey moved to approve DTI proposal for contract with small modifications to be negotiated with the GM and Director Bovey. Director Watkins seconded. Chairman Mainello, Directors Bovey and Watkins voted aye and the motion passed.

Approval of February 12, 2013 work session meeting minutes. Director Bovey moved to accept the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Director Watkins seconded. Chairman Mainello, Directors Bovey and Watkins voted aye and the motion passed.

Discuss board member resignation and vacancy. Director Watkins moved to accept resignation from Mike Knoll and Director Bovey seconded. There was some discussion to include having a special board meeting to appoint a new board member. Chairman Mainello, Directors Bovey and Watkins voted aye and the motion passed.

It was decided to have a special meeting on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, to appoint a new board member and to sign the DTI contract.

#### **Directors' Remarks.**

Director Bovey expressed his appreciation for the strong turn out, participation, and involvement of the community to the meeting.

Director Watkins was happy that many showed up for and took interest in the meeting.

Chairman Mainello was also appreciative that so many individuals attended the meeting.

Public invited to be heard. Rick Merrick wanted to let everyone know that TDC opened a new office and welcome center in the post office building. They are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. They have a busy schedule of upcoming events, such as, Farmer's Market, a band at the gallery, Blues Festival July 27th and 28<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion about airstrip funding and tree thinning. There will be a fly-in May 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Wauson wanted to thank the TWSD employees for the hard work they had done.

The GM stated that there may be some county funds to cover the cost of overtime for the recent leaks.

There was some discussion about the water situation and better ways to communicate.

Director Bovey stated that there were a lot of good ideas, but it nobody volunteers to implement the ideas, nothing would get done.

Director Bovey moved to go into executive session and Director Watkins seconded. Director Bovey voted aye, Director Watkins voted aye, and Chairman Mainello voted aye. The board went into executive session.

Director Bovey moved to come out of executive session and Director Watkins seconded. Director Bovey voted aye, Director Watkins voted aye, and Chairman Mainello voted aye. The board came out of executive session.

Chairman Mainello stated that no decisions or actions were taken during the executive session. Only the agenda items of Personnel and Legal issues were discussed.

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

**Minutes Approved February 26, 2013: Secretary Linda Martin\_\_\_\_\_**

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