

Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2019

Call to Order: 7:09 PM.

TWSD Board Members Present:

Larry Morris, Bruce Boydston, Barry Gager , Duff Comstock

Other TWSD Present:

Edd Berchem (TWSD accounting services)

Residents Present:

Shirley Pettit (lot 192)

Resident Discussion: Ms. Pettit expressed interest in the Boards current efforts of acquiring water from Dominion and our effort to establish new well(s) on the Lambert easements.

The Board explained the current engineering study involving long range plans to bring water into the development from soon to be established Dominion pipelines in an area North of Indian Creek residential area. It was noted in the conversation that the high costs of this proposal and certain unknown fee structures yet to be determined would require further investigation by the Board to determine the economic feasibility of the project.

Ms. Pettit was also brought up to date on our current project to finalize efforts of acquiring easement rights on the Lambert conservation easements so that water rights acquired by TWSD could be developed in the near future to sustain and improve water availability in the District.

Minutes:

The draft TWSD Board minutes as presented for the 7-11-2019 monthly Board of Directors meeting was approved by the Board (3-0). 1 abstention.

Financial:

Accounts payable was reviewed by the Board. All check payments issued thru 8-8-2019 were unanimously approved for issue (4-0) by the Board.

Checks Printed Guaranty Bank and Trust (Independent Bank) and issued (8-8-2019) Will be reconciled by Gary Cammarata upon his return and posted to September meeting minutes.

Register (Chase Bank) - Cash Reserve Report – Barry Gager Treasurer, transferred \$30,000 in funds to Independent Bank to cover payments for higher than expected repair costs due to water main breaks/repairs.

TWSD Financial Statements for January 1 – July , 2019.
The Financial Statements were reviewed. The Board unanimously accepted the Financial Statements (4-0).

Billing Register – The Board reviewed 13 water account billings that are past due. Second notices will be sent out.

Flash Drive Exchange – The Treasurer and Accounting Services did exchange accounting transaction back up flash drives.

Water Rate Increase – Open public Board meeting (8-8-2019) discussion of proposed water rate increase was finalized. Information concerning rate increase will be posted on the TWSD WEB Site. Target date for rate changes is October 1, 2019.

Old Business:

System operation – Chlorine pump failure was reported by Bruce Boydstun at injection point for well 3. A spare pump was installed minimum disruption of chlorine flow was noted. Pump will be returned to vendor for possible warranty repair. All other systems functioning normal.

Lambert Ranch Water –The final easement legal description has been provided to attorney Tim Flynn for his review and consolidation into his proposal to Lambert Ranch HOA for easement acquisition.

Dominion Water Feasibility Study – Board discussed information obtained at meeting held on Monday July 29, 2019 with representative of Dominion Water. Discussion involved potential costs, and time frames and infrastructure needs that could be required in obtaining renewable water from Dominion Water.
Further study is needed to determine viability of such a project, properly establish fee structures, water flow availability and overall costs and availability of long term financing. TWSD engineering study of feasible infrastructure placement and associated costs will be made available to State and Douglas County representatives involved with this project.

Rural Water Authority of Douglas County – Barry Gager, also a representative for Rural Water Authority states the funding for water well monitoring in rural Douglas County areas has been extended by funds provided by USGS, The Federal funds will be available for the monitoring program until June of 2020. For the past year the Authority has had, and continues to have, insufficient funds to contribute towards matching-funds grants from the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Water meters –The Board discussed possibility of adapting new technology to current water meters that would allow homeowners the ability to access, through an APP and their WIFI their meters readings to ascertain their current flow and usage, thus allowing them to be proactive in monitoring water usage for their properties. Homeowner interest, viability of WIFI connections and costs (\$200.00 plus/residence) would be some barriers that may inhibit plausibility of this technology.

Adjourn:

9:37

Submitted by:

Bruce Boydstun
TWSD Board V.P.