

**Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District
Special Ballot Proposal Meeting
Board of Directors
October 21, 2021**

Thunderbird Water and Sanitation District is requesting ballot approval to increase District Debt by \$3,000,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition and construction of water supply and distribution improvements and facilities. The election will be conducted by the Douglas County Elections Division. Ballots must be returned to the Election Division by 7:00 PM November 2, 2021.

The ballot approval request was discussed with District residents at the District's Regular monthly Board meeting on October 14, 2021.

Due to resident requests, this October 21, 2021 Special meeting was scheduled in order to provide additional information to residents.

Call to Order:

7:07 P.M.

TWSD Board Members Present:

Barry Gager, Gary Cammarata, Bruce Boydston, and Duff Comstock
(Larry Morris was not able to attend the Special Meeting)

TWSD Residents Present:

Every Elam-Lot #124, Ron Reny-Lot #94, Stacey Melito-Lot #97, Marc Algozzino-Lot #88, Cindy Milazo-Lot #157, David Gaige-Lot #191, Mike Owen-Lot #100, Eric Daudt-Lot #28. There were several more residents present whose names and Lot numbers were not recorded in the minutes.

Residents – District - Discussion:

What is the current amount of indebtedness for the Water District? The District estimates one year /\$24,000 on well #1R and about \$300,000/ purchase of Lambert Water Rights. Will be paying about \$24,000/year on Lambert Water Rights.

The District is contemplating drilling a well near well #1R within this next year. This well will be financed by a previously approved ballot request. It will not be financed by the current \$3,000,000 election ballot approval request.

Is it possible to get an annual District debt statement? The District will put the amortization tables on the WEB Site and Residents can examine those tables at any time and get the current debt status.

The Thunderbird WEB Site has a large amount of information on it.

Can the water system be made a loop system and get constant pressure and eliminate the twice a year hydrant flushing? To lay new water mains would cost the District millions of dollars.

What is the status of the Lambert Easements? The easements are now in the early stages of court guided condemnation and reimbursement. Could the District keep the residents apprised of the court condemnation status of the easements? The District will keep residents informed/ WEB Site.

Some budget and financials are not on the WEB Site and do you put your money into savings. We will put budget and financials on the updated WEB Site. We do put money into approved savings.

What is the life span of our water system? It's already been fifty years. There is continuous replacement of meters, fire hydrants and problem pipe lines.

Why can't we drill well #1R further down and get into the Arapahoe Aquifer? The district considered drilling further down but the consulting hydrologist indicated that was not feasible.

Why can't we determine the problem areas in the waterlines and just replace them rather than replacing the entire system? The District is not aware of any particular section that is visibly a potential problem area.

There has been a lack of communication of this ballot proposal. If the ballot doesn't pass what will the District do? The District will find a way to drill the replacement for well 1R.

Can't the District go into the rates and change them to discourage high water usage? The District does have a progressive rate structure so that people using high amounts of water get into progressively higher costs / gallon used.

Discussion concerning encouragement for District residents to consider volunteering to become Thunderbird water Board members.

In 2010 there were two ballot issues that were passed by the District. One to buy water rights from Lambert. The second for \$500,000 for well infrastructure. This ballot loan approval has not been used and will be used for the new well to replace well #1R.

Adjourn 8:27 PM

Submitted by Gary Cammarata

TWSD Board Secretary