

**Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

7:09 P.M.

**TWSD Board Members Present:**

Larry Morris, Barry Gager, and Gary Cammarata

**Other TWSD Present:**

Edd Berchem (TWSD accounting services)

**Residents Present:**

Dan Soo (lot #153) & Mike Owen (lot #100)

**Public Hearing – TWSD Budget:**

**Open TWSD Public Budget Hearing**     7:09 P.M.

The major portion of the TWSD budget hearing will be held on January 3, 2024. The late changes by the Special Session Legislature concerning the property tax calculations require the TWSD attorney to delay his critical input into the TWSD budget. Barry Gager (TWSD Treasurer) presented a rough draft of budgets for: The General Operating Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund and the Debt Service fund for the year ending 2024.

Discussion concerned the high amount of interest (at 4%+) that will be initially received by TWSD on the \$3.5 million bond funding and which of the three budgets the revenue should impact. There were several budget line items that were suggested to be removed because they were no longer pertinent. In addition, the budget amount for Repairs and Maintenance was determined to need to be over doubled when compared to past years.

**Close TWSD Public Budget Hearing**     7:55 P.M. Vote (3-0)

**Open Regular Board Meeting:**

7:55 P.M.

**Minutes:**

The Board minutes (DRAFT) for the 11-9-2023 Monthly TWSD Board of Directors meeting was reviewed and approved as presented (3-0).

**Financial:**

Accounts payable was reviewed by the Board. Independent Bank checks were issued and signed. All Independent Bank check payments were unanimously (3-0) approved for issue by the Board.

**Independent Bank Register - Cash Reserve Report – Reconciliation**

The current balance was reconciled to the prior month balance. Current checks issue on 12-6-2023 and 12-7-2023 were Check # 9770- #9785. Check #9770 - #9773 were voided.

**Chase Bank Register - Cash Reserve escrow account - Reconciliation**

The current beginning (12-14-2023) balance was reconciled to the prior month (11-9-2023). The last 18 checks issued from Chase Bank are #1088 on 4-10-2020 through #1106 on 11-16-2023. (Note: check #1101 was erroneously issued, out of sequence, in 2019)

**UBS Register – Investments Financial Services Inc. – Reconciliation.**

The current beginning balance (12-14-2023 Register) was reconciled to the prior month’s ending balance (11-9-2023 Register)

**TWSD Financial Statements for the period ending October 31, 2023.**

The Financial Statements were reviewed and accepted by the Board (3-0).

**Meter Readings** – The Board discussed the current problems with drive-by meter readings.

**Swap Backup Thumb Drives** – Thumb Drives were **not** exchanged between Treasurer and Accountant. (12-14-2023)

**Old Business:**

**System Operation** – SCADA system and Chlorine are OK. System operation is OK.

**Rural Water Authority of Douglas County** – RWADC has ask Douglas County to give the Authority funding to hire the USGS to continue the meter readings and read them more often and on more wells then in the past. The Authority has asked for \$60,000 in order to do well meter readings for three years. It has been pointed out that budgets are for one year but it’s really for planning purposes. The Authority will see what happens.

**New Business:**

**January Board Special Budget Meeting** - January Regular Board meeting will be combined with the Special meeting held on 1-3-2024. Approved by TWSD Board (3-0) vote

**Engineering Well #4** – Test drilling has been scheduled.

**Adjourn:**

10:25 PM

**Submitted by:**

Gary D. Cammarata TWSD Board Secretary