

**Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023**

Call to Order:

7:21 P.M.

TWSD Board Members Present:

Larry Morris, Barry Gager, Bruce Boydstun, Duff Comstock and Gary Cammarata

Other TWSD Present:

Edd Berchem (TWSD accounting services)

Residents Present:

Mike Owen (lot #100)
Dan Soo (lot #153)
David Shelton (lot #86)

Minutes:

The Board minutes (DRAFT) for the 1-12-2023 Monthly TWSD Board of Directors meeting was reviewed and approved by the Board (5-0).

The Board minutes (DRAFT) for the 2-9-2023 Monthly TWSD Board of Directors meeting was reviewed and approved by the Board (3 voted for passage, 2 abstained because they did not attend the 2-9-2023 meeting).

Financial:

Accounts payable was reviewed by the Board. Independent Bank checks dated 3-8-2023 and 3-9-2023 were issued and signed. The checks were reconciled to the prior month's checks issued 2-8 & 9-2023. Check # 9632 was missing. Check #9632 had already been issued on 1-12-2023.

All Independent Bank check payments were unanimously (5-0) approved for issue by the Board.

Independent Bank Register - Cash Reserve Report – Reconciliation

The current balance was reconciled to the prior month.

Chase Bank Register - Cash Reserve escrow account - Reconciliation

The 3-9-2023 Report beginning cash balance reconciles to the 2-9-2023 Report ending cash balances. The last 13 checks issued from Chase Bank are #1088 4-10-2020 through #1100 11-6-2022.

UBS Register – Investments Financial Services Inc. – Reconciliation.

The 3-9-2023 Report beginning cash balances does reconcile to the 2-9-2023 Report ending cash balances.

TWSD Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2022 - The Financial Statements were reviewed and accepted by the Board (5-0).

Back-up Thumb Drives - Thumb Drives were switched between the Treasurer and accounting services. (3-9-2023)

WATER LINE PROBLEMS

1 Resident's Fourth Quarter (2022) Water Line Leak /- A resident's water line leak started during the third quarter (2022). The resident did not notice that he had a very high bill and paid the bill.

During the fourth quarter (2022) the leak continued and his bill at the end of the fourth quarter was again very high. The leak was recognized by the home owner and reported to the Board. The Board agreed to use the Board's Leak Policy formula to decrease his fourth quarter bill from \$800 to \$617. The resident indicated that he wanted the Board to reduce the bill from \$800 to \$400 because he said that the Board should have detected the leak and informed him of the leak early in the fourth quarter. He did not explain why he did not notice that he must have had a leak in the third quarter because of the very large size of his third quarter bill which he paid.

The Board voted 3 to 2 to **not** grant a reduction of the resident's bill from to \$800 to \$400. The **bill will be \$617** as calculated by the Leak Policy. The Board will also grant an extended payment policy to be determined.

2 Resident's January (2023) Water Line Break (approx. 186,000gal). - The Board will apply the Leak Policy and make an extended payment agreement for a resident that experienced a very large break in January 2023.

3 Lot 14 Leak – Leak between meter pit and house. Opening water valve at the meter pit the closing with a T handle when water not needed. The constant use of the T handle has loosened the joint near the valve at the meter. The entire meter pit had to be repaired (C&L). Another contractor is coming to repair leak between meter and house.

Old Business:

System Operation – SCADA system, Chlorine and pumps are OK. Well #3 work done. Hit power line. Broke phone lines to neighbor resident. Locates were not good. CORE was there. Century Link also at location. Conducted a pressure test. Now waiting for a special injector.

Rural Water Authority of Douglas County - Barry Gager indicates the RWADC has about \$200 in the bank and Rural Water Foundation has about \$2,700 in the bank. The USGS was notified about the funds

available and asked about the funds needed to take readings in March and September. The USGS indicated that they could take those readings with an additional \$800 above the \$2900 currently available. RWADC has not yet replied to the USGS.

Storage Shed – Duff Comstock was given Board approval (5-0) to initiate the purchase of a storage shed for TWSD at a cost of up to \$8,000.

New Well at 1R location – The Board discussed the March 1, 2023 DRAFT report from LRE Water. The report evaluates the regulatory, the geologic and hydrologic aspects of placing a well in the limited area of our current well 1R. The types of permitting were addressed and the possible water output for each were discussed in the report and by the Board. Barry Gager agreed to contact LRE as soon as possible to schedule an exit conference to discuss the report.

Lambert Well # 4 Engineers for the well on Lambert have submitted bids.

Loan vs Bonds – Obtaining funding for the replacement of well 1R and Lambert wells and infrastructure were discussed. State loans vs Bond issues were reviewed and dollar costs were compared by the Board.

The Board voted (4 to 1) to start the process of obtaining bonds as the source of funding in the amount of \$3.5 million.

New Business:

Douglas County Water Commission - DCWC has been created by the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners. TWSD is not sure of what the function of the Water Commission will be.

Resident wants to put in a fence near well 1R – Well 1R is on the property of an Indian Creek resident he would like to place a removable fence near the well. The board would like to get more detailed information before approval.

Adjourn:

9:35 PM

Submitted by:

Gary D. Cammarata
TWSD Board Secretary