

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2013 MEETING**  
**OF THE TWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Attending the meeting were Chairman Joseph Mainello, Directors Arden Schug, Sally Watkins, and Richard "Dick" Dysart. Director Edward "Mike" Bovey attended via Skype. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mainello at 10:05 am.

Saluting of the flags was accomplished.

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

**General Manager's Report.** Ron Wyatt, General Manager, gave his report (copy attached to these minutes). FY13 audit is complete. Work on filtration system should be complete in three or four weeks. The grant applications are complete; twelve projects in the works. Road grading continues. Pro Shop is open. The fishing pond has been stocked. Work on the Golf Course continues.

Chairman Mainello opened the meeting to audience participation.

Audience member Michael Gonzalez asked the GM about water rights at the springs. The GM replied that TWSD and BLM have the only water rights.

Audience member Anthony Olivieri asked when the audit would be posted. The GM replied that it would be posted after approval of the State Auditor. Mr. Olivieri asked about the pump and the GM replied. Mr. Olivieri asked about the filtration system. Director Schug replied that because we were planning on using the springs, it required that kind of system.

Jan Olivieri complained that his water has too much chlorine on weekend mornings. He was told to report that when it happens.

Director Schug continued discussion of how the filtration system works now and how the new system will work. He also explained how the frequency converter will fix surge problems.

Jan Olivieri asked how long until the new system is in place. The GM replied that it would be a few more weeks and it should solve the problem of high chlorine in the water.

Audience member B.F. Adams stated that people are complaining about things that happened in the past. He said that the past is the past. We now have the best board, during the past year, and the best manager.

Chairman Mainello explained why it took so long to get the new filtration system on line (delays due to being put in a receivership, etc.).

**Treasurer's Report.** Director Schug read bank statement balances as of May 31, 2013. He spoke about the P&L and some changes that need to be made. He explained that TWSD has put the F&S and Standby funds into reserve accounts and that this is the first time since 2003 we have had reserves.

Director Bovey's connection keeps going in and out.

### **Committee Reports.**

Jan Olivieri questioned whether people are paying the F&S fees. Director Schug explained that most people are paying. There was some discussion about liens and foreclosures.

Budget Committee. Director Dysart stated that the committee will meet on a regular basis and may start meeting more often to tweak some bookkeeping procedures. Chairman Mainello asked if the FY2014 budget has gone forward. Director Dysart stated that we would meet the requirements.

Water Rules Committee. No report.

Golf Course Committee. Director Schug stated that someone had been riding a four-wheeler on the course. It would be nice if people would stay on the cart paths and not tear up the course. The GM stated that he would be getting input on leasing the course in the next 3 or 4 months.

Swimming Pool Committee. No committee person was present. Director Schug stated that the pool was being used and it is beautiful. Director Schug made a motion to disband Swimming Pool Committee as it was formed to get the pool renovated and opened; and that has been accomplished. Director Watkins seconded. Chairman Mainello called for a vote and Directors Schug, Watkins, and Dysart voted aye. The motion passed.

### **Old Business.**

Discuss ICIP. Director Schug stated that it was due pretty quick. He then explained to the audience what an ICIP was. There was some discussion. Audience member Anthony Olivieri offered to take a look at last year's ICIP and offer recommendations. Chairman Mainello stated that elections were coming up in January. There was some discussion. Director Schug stated that someone needed to spearhead the ICIP. Chairman Mainello said that he would do it if nobody else would. The GM spoke about some grants to replace old water pipe. Director Schug stated that, when original system was designed, no thought was put into fire protection; the whole system needs to be redesigned. **Action item for Chairman Mainello (ICIP).**

Director Bovey disconnected at this time because he was only hearing every third word.

The GM stated that we will be using the old water tank for fire protection storage once the new tank is installed.

### **New Business.**

Approval of June 11, 2013 work session meeting minutes. Director Schug moved to approve the minutes as written. Director Dysart seconded. Directors Schug, Watkins, and Dysart voted aye and the minutes were approved.

Discuss well permits at Carissa Springs. The GM spoke about citizens putting in wells and if it would disrupt TWSD's water supply. Director Schug stated that, years ago, a well was going to be drilled near the springs and that TWSD was advised by the state engineer that the springs might collapse. Audience member B.F. Adams stated that there were two or three well heads up there right now and that if you go through one aquifer to another aquifer, the springs will drop.

Audience member Mike Gonzalez stated that anyone can petition the state for a well. He stated that his permit was approved. There was some discussion. Director Schug spoke about plans for the future. Chairman Mainello said that he would look into what the state rules are. The GM stated that he would find out. **Action item for GM.**

Audience member Anthony Olivieri said we need to follow the law on wells, etc., before spending money on an engineering study. Director Schug said that BLM has water rights. Audience member Jan Olivieri stated that Garry Starr had a well drilled and wanted to know if there were any others. Director Schug stated that Bill Merchant had a well. There was more discussion about Carissa Springs. An unidentified audience member stated that citizens who don't have water should be treated the same as citizens who do have water available. Chairman Mainello was willing to speak to her after the meeting. He was also willing to speak to Anthony Olivieri after the meeting. The GM stated that it would cost too much money to install a line extension. Director Schug stated that he had seen original plans for the water system, but they ran out of money, so they didn't complete the entire system. Audience member Walter Smith can't get water from the springs anymore. The GM will meet with him and Michael Gonzalez.

### **Directors' Remarks.**

Director Dysart thanked the audience for coming and stated that it had been a long time since so many people attended (approximately fourteen people in audience). He reminded everyone that the next hearing will be in TorC on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, but people could attend the teleconference in Alamogordo. He stated that he hoped this would be the final hearing and that the receivership will end.

Director Watkins stated that she was glad so many people attended the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Director Schug thanked the audience for coming and said he was glad to see people here.

Chairman Mainello stated that he opened the meeting to the audience at the beginning because it is important to get feedback as we go through the different topics.

Audience member Mrs. Olivieri stated that previous boards didn't want input. There was some discussion. An unidentified audience member asked if the agenda could also be posted outside of the post office. Chairman Mainello stated that it would not be a problem.

Chairman Mainello explained the receivership.

Audience member B.F. Adams stated that his wife, Gwen, would be posted at the entrances to Timberon during holiday weekends and that she could use some volunteers to help raise fire danger awareness.

Chairman Mainello thanked all for showing up. There will be one more meeting before the court hearing. We need people to attend the hearing.

Director Schug stated that the "at risk" designation hurt us for getting grants.

Chairman Mainello entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Watkins moved to adjourn and Director Schug seconded. Directors Schug, Dysart, and Watkins voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes Approved July 16, 2013:**      **Secretary Linda Martin**\_\_\_\_\_

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