

**Thunderbird Water & Sanitation District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022**

Call to Order:

7:00 P.M.

TWSD Board Members Present:

Larry Morris, Bruce Boydston, Duff Comstock and Gary Cammarata
(Barry Gager unable to attend)

Other TWSD Present:

Edd Berchem (TWSD accounting services)

Residents Present:

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

Resident Discussion:

No concerns.
Mike thanked the Board for their administration of the Water District.

Minutes:

The Board minutes (DRAFT II) for the 9-8-2022 Monthly TWSD Board of Directors meeting was approved by the Board (4-0).

Financial:

Accounts payable was reviewed by the Board. Independent Bank checks dated 10-12-2022 and 10-13-2022 were issued, signed and reconciled to checks issued 9-8-2022. The check sequence was #9556 - #9571.

All Independent Bank check payments were unanimously (4-0) approved for issue by the Board.

Independent Bank Register - Cash Reserve Report – Reconciliation

The beginning cash balance / (10-13-2022 Report) does reconcile to the ending cash balance / (9-8-2022 Report).

Chase Bank Register - Cash Reserve Report – Reconciliation. The 10-13-2022 Report beginning cash balance reconciles to the 9-8-2022 Report ending cash balances. (The last eleven checks issued on Chase Bank are #1088 4-10-2020 through #1098 7-18-2022).

UBS Register - Cash Reserve Report – Reconciliation. The 10-13-2022 Report beginning cash balances reconciled to the 9-8-2022 Report ending cash balances.

TWSD Financial Statements for September 30, 2022 - The Financial Statements were reviewed and accepted by the Board (4-0), subject to correction for a material understatement of the amount of water sales. The corrected statements will be emailed to Board members.

No Flash Drives Exchanged – Accounting system back-up flash drives were **not** exchanged between the Treasurer and Accounting Services (10-13-2022). Treasurer was absent.

Billing Register – The Billing Register for period ending 9-30-2022 was examined by the Board. High users were noted for follow-up.

Budget – The budget for 2023 will be adopted by resolution in the December 2022 Board meeting. Board members should be ready to offer suggestions for the budget at the November 2022 Board meeting.

Storage Shed – The District’s Storage shed needs extensive repairs and paint. Repair was considered but replacement may be the best solution. Duff Comstock will research the costs and availability of new storage sheds.

Old Business:

System Operation – We still have a problem with well #3 flow meter and well #1 down hole sensor. Larry Morris will examine the flow meter. Chlorine is adequate. SKADA is working properly.

Sensus Water meters –The Vendor still has no Sensus Water meters and they don’t know when they will get them. Still on back order. They gave us a new quote for meters, radios and computer. With the new quote Larry Morris ordered \$75,000 worth of meters, radios and computer.

CEOS – CEOS has given TWSD the initial approval of a \$800,000 loan for a new well to replace well 1R.

Well # 1R – The pump is running full but will do only 16gpm. The pump is weak. Do we want to pull it out and have it cleaned (refurbished). Courtney initially said that we should put a new well in the area of well 1R. He now indicates we should not do a new well in the area of #1R and just go to Lambert and develop a well there. Courtney has not been available to document the reason why he now prefers Lambert over the area near Well 1R for a new well.

Lambert Ranch & Drilling well to replace #1R – Larry Morris reports that we still do not have the authorization of the loan for the replacement of well #1R. In addition, there seems to be a concern from Courtney Hemenway (Groundwater Engineer) concerning obtaining more water and how much deeper we can go as compared to the present well #1R. Courtney asked how our easement purchase on Lambert Ranch was going. The reply from Larry Morris was that ‘it is a done deal’.

Courtney now suggests that we forget about the replacement of well #1R. Instead, we should go to Lambert Ranch put in a well and construct the extensive pipelines and electrical infrastructure.

Courtney was the first to suggest the feasibility of producing more water by drilling a deeper well near well #1R. The Board has spent months to obtain a loan. That loan is near finalization.

The Board also discussed getting bids from other groundwater engineers and well construction companies.

New Business:

Contacting New Ground Water Engineers - Gary Cammarata will contact a new ground water engineer in order to get a second opinion on the feasibility of getting well water in the area of well 1R.

Water System Infrastructure on Lambert Ranch - There will be a meeting with an infrastructure engineer in order to get an engineered plan for water pipeline infrastructure on Lambert Ranch. The meeting will be at the Club House, 10-17-2022, 2:00 PM.

Flushing – Flushing will be on October 22 and 23.

Adjourn:

9:08 PM

Submitted by:

Gary D. Cammarata
TWSD Board Secretary