

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TABERNASH MEADOWS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

TMWSD Water Plant, 729 County Road 5141, Tabernash, Colorado
November 15, 2010
6:30 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**
 - Irene Cooke, President
 - Molly Lipke, Secretary/Treasurer, Excused
 - Susan Koeneke, Director
 - Marilyn Hajicek, Director, via tele-conference
 - Dick Sprague, Director

2. **PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:**
 - Whitney Kemper
 - Sid Logemann

3. **STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:**
 - Lauralee Kourse, Manager/Operator
 - Cindy Greiner, Administrative Staff
 - Donette Schmiedbauer, District Accountant
 - Bob Frachetti, Frachetti Engineering
 - Thom Yoder, Lead Operator

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

4. **DISCLOSURES:** There were no disclosures presented at this meeting.

5. **MINUTES APPROVED:** Upon a motion by Dick Sprague, seconded by Susan Koeneke, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010, and August 2, 2010, meetings, as presented.

6. **BIO-SOLIDS PROJECT UPDATE:**

Bob Frachetti, with Frachetti Engineering, presented the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the dewatering biosolids project. Mr. Frachetti reviewed the various funding options; USDA loans and a Colorado Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan (CWPCRF) and a Planning Design Assistance Grant. DOLA may have grants but not this year due to the state budget situation. The best option is the State Revolving Fund. We have been told by the CDPHE financial unit specialist that we are likely going to get the \$10,000 planning design grant but we will not know for certain until January

2011. The project qualifies as a green project which will make it more likely to get the CWPCRF loan.

Bob Frchetti left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

7. WELL DRILLING PROJECT REPORT:

Thom Yoder provided an update on the new well project. The new well was tested and flowed approximately 70 gallons per minute. The water quality is very good and the engineer (Jim Pearce) will make a recommendation for the appropriate pump. The District will be completing the piping so that we can bring the well on line as quickly as possible.

8. OPERATIONS REPORT:

Thom presented the Operations Report for review. The BOD says less than 10 ppm. Thanksgiving day and Christmas day are expected to have 50,000 – 60,000 gallons run through the plant which is twice our normal flows. The Chlorine residual will be bumped up slightly for the winter months.

Each month the meters are read and a water audit is completed to track the Districts' water usage. We are able to account for all the water.

Thom Yoder left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Donette Schmiedbauer presented the financial statements for October, 2010. LL explained the meeting notice in the paper. Disbursements were reviewed. See Action Item 11a.

The Budget for 2011 was discussed. LL shared that she heard back from Lurline Underbrink-Curran and Scott Berger, with Grand County, that they believe the Commissioners will approve the waste treatment budget which the District presented to the County.

Whitney Kemper, Pole Creek Valley resident, addressed the Board regarding the budget and his costs to have water and sewer service with the District. He reviewed his records and figured his costs to be \$1,128.00 in service fees and \$2,245.00 paid on his taxes totaling \$3,373.00 per year using an average of 40,000 gallons. After talking with the EPA, his question is why is he paying 40 times the average and what are we going to do with the budget since we are in this recession?

The costs for water and sewer service in Pole Creek Valley are based on what the real costs to operate the facilities are. The District is paying down bonds

that have been refinanced to spread the payments out over a longer period of time, for the capital improvements to build the plants.

The mills being paid in property taxes were explained. Sid Logemann asked why the mill levy went up. Details and history of the bonds and developer were explained. The Board hopes the mill levy will be at 30 – 36 mills for the next 5 years.

A website for the District was discussed. It could be kept simple containing the budget, minutes, and agendas. Putting the website back in place is one of LL's goals.

Sid asked for the bottom line for next year. The goal of the Board is for the quarterly rates and tax rate/mill levy to stay the same.

The Coyote creek settlement and its impact on the budget was discussed.

Another suggestion made was for the District to set up to receive online/automatic payments where customers would not have to write checks. EFT could be a possibility and the Board will look into it.

Sid Logemann and Whitney Kemper left the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Donette explained the bond payment change in the budget for 2011. The mill levy will stay at 30 mills on the bond and 6.325 mills on operations. Devil's Thumb Ranch will increase their monthly payment to \$2,900.00 per month.

The Board directed Donette to prepare the resolutions for the mill levy, the 2011 budget, and the supplemental budget for 2010 for signatures at the December, 2010, meeting.

Donette left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon a motion by Susan Koenke, seconded by Dick Sprague, the Board unanimously approved moving into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing water rights issues. The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.
11. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Upon a motion by Dick Sprague, seconded by Susan Koenke, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October, 2010, financials as presented.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, upon a motion by Dick Sprague, seconded by Susan Koenke, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the TMWSD Water Plant.

Mally Dupke
Secretary

13 Dec 2010
Date