



TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 17
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 was held at the District office located at 3812 Eck Lane on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was scheduled and conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Director Steed called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

Directors Steed, Roberts, Moran and Ward were present. Director Tuerff was out of town and not able to attend. General Manager Deborah Gernes, General Counsel Lauren Kalisek and David Klein, and District Engineers Pat Lackey and John Muras were also present.

III. MANAGER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Director Steed read and presented to former Director Mickey Decker a Resolution of Appreciation for her eight years of service on the Board. Ms. Decker was also presented with a plaque.

The meeting was recessed at 6:10pm for a short reception to honor Ms. Decker. Director Steed reconvened the meeting at 6:15pm.

In addition to the written report, the General Manager gave the following updates:

- There is one raw water pump out of service, but the parts for repairs just arrived and will be repaired as soon as possible.
- The water treatment plant is currently pumping 9.5 million gallons per day, which indicates that a majority of the customers are complying with the watering schedule. Although there have been 30 days of 90° to 100° weather and no rain, the plant is keeping up with the demand and it is capable of pumping out a lot of water quickly, if needed.
- The next planned expansion at the water plant will require the procurement of two additional module racks this fall. Since there is a long lead time on delivery of the product, a proposal will be submitted next month for approval to begin the process.
- The Murfin Road Waterline Project was bid last week, with JC Evans presenting the lowest bid. Because of the complexity of the project, there are many contingencies that are being reviewed. A recommendation for contract award will be ready next month.
- A review of the water rate structuring is underway. The general manager is considering offering a rebate or "life-line" rate structure to further reward those customers using 3,000 gallons or less each month. Director Steed asked for a chart detailing the different options she is considering. This item will be placed on the July meeting's agenda.
- A letter has been sent to LCRA inquiring about the potential sale of any water systems within the West Travis County System.
- The general manager is still working with LCRA to obtain an easement for a second water treatment plant for the District on the north side of Mansfield Dam. The project has been reassigned to Janet Stevenson in their Utility Department.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATES/CHANGE ORDERS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT:

1. **2004 WTP Improvements – Phase Two Clearwell and High Service Pump Station, Pay Estimate #14, Payton Construction, Inc.**
2. **Steiner Ranch Pump Station Expansion -2006, Pay Estimate #10 & #11-Retainage Reduction, Excel Construction.**
3. **2004 WTP Improvements – Phase Two High Service Pump Station Electrical Equipment Purchase, Pay Estimate #3 – Final, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.**

B. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT INVOICES.

C. APPROVE MINUTES.

The Minutes from the April 17, 2008 meeting were pulled to allow for further review.

Motion: Director Roberts to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding the Minutes, as presented.

Second: Director Moran.

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Unanimous.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT, 6:30P.M.

Director Steed opened Public Comment at 6:55 p.m. It was held open in case anyone arrived and wished to address the Board.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/ACT ON DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

After discussion of areas of interest, the following subcommittee were formed:

Budget/Finance – Director Steed, Director Moran
Communication – Director Tuerff, Director Ward
Conservation/Parks – Director Tuerff, Director Roberts
Legal – Director Steed, Director Ward
Planning – Director Steed, Director Moran
Policy – Director Roberts, Director Moran

Motion: Director Roberts to adopt the Committee assignments as listed.

Second: Director Ward.

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Unanimous.

B. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/ACT ON RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT'S WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

Ms. Gernes stated the Amendments are an update to the 2005 Plan, which includes updates to all of the information included in the Plan, as well as incorporating the new water schedules into the Plan.

Motion: Director Moran to approve the Resolution as presented.

Second: Director Roberts.

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Unanimous.

C. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/ACT ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR FUNDING OF THE DISTRICT'S TREATED WASTEWATER EFFLUENT DISPOSAL PROJECT.

Mr. Lackey reviewed with the Board the deep-well injection option for disposal of treated wastewater effluent in the Hudson Bend area. He stated that he had talked with TWDB staff regarding the availability of funding for the this project and was told there was some grant money available, but that the application needed to be submitted now in order to meet their fiscal year deadline. TWDB will review the project further before committing any funding. The application will require two other government type entities to join in on the application in order to qualify the application as a regional project. This could be any of the neighboring water utilities. The grant, if approved, would provide a 50/50 matching funds scheme.

Director Moran stated that he viewed this speculative project as a big money pit. He would like the review further other options available for disposal of effluent. Director Roberts questioned the amount of connection fees required for a customer to tie into this type of system. Mr. Lackey stated that it would be \$15,000 to \$20,000 per connection.

Ms. Gernes stated that there is approximately 4000 LUEs of potential service within the Hudson Bend and Apache Shores areas that would be considered for connection to this system.

Director Roberts stated that he agreed with Director Moran in that there could be another means of disposal, like making available the treated effluent for irrigation purposes. Mr. Lackey stated that in making a wastewater permit application with TCEQ, all options for disposal must be included in the application. Deep well injection gives an alternate option for disposal and it is intended to be used as a last means of disposal. Other options normally available are storage in a pond for later use in drip irrigation and direct discharge. However, direct discharge into Lake Travis is currently not allowed. Any irrigation would require a large

area, which there is not any single area available in the Hudson Bend area. Easements would be required from a large number of property owners, which may be difficult to obtain.

Director Steed stated that by authorizing the preparation and filing of an application, it would not commit the District to spending any money or doing the project, but if looking at options around the no discharge rule, the District needs to consider this option as an alternate to trying to find a sufficient amount of land to purchase for irrigation disposal. If the grant money is approved, the District doesn't have to spend it. Director Steed recommended to proceed with the application process and to enlist at least two partnering entities to join in this project.

Motion: Director Roberts to approve the Resolution as presented.

Second: Director Steed.

Ayes: 3

Noes: 1, Director Moran.

D. DISCUSS/ACT ON MINOR REVISION TO THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR WHOLESALE WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE FOR THE COMANCHE CANYON RANCH EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

Ms. Kalisek stated that the City wanted to clarify in the Amendment that wastewater being sent to the City is pretreated. This wording was added after the Board approved the last amendment, even though this requirement was already understood by all parties. There were no other significant changes.

Motion: Director Roberts to approve the adjustment to the wording as presented.

Second: Director Ward.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Unanimous.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Director Ward to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Directors Moran and Tureff.

Amended Motion: Director Ward to close Public Comment and adjourn the meeting.

Second: Director Moran.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Unanimous.

Director Steed adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2008, with a motion

By Director _____ and a Second by

Director _____.

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstained _____

Presiding Officer

Secretary