



TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 17
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A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 was held at the Vintage Villas at 4209 Eck Lane on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m. He stated that this meeting was being held in a more workshop format in order to allow for a more discussion amongst the board members.

II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

Director Steed, Roberts, Moran, Tuerff and Ward were present. District consultants also in attendance were Lauren Kalisek, Garry Kimball and Pat Lackey. District supervisors Leslie Terrell and Henry Marley were in attendance.

III. DISCUSS/CONSIDER UPDATE ON ETHICS & OPEN GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECTORS.

Ms. Kalisek reviewed with the Directors the ethic policies and open government statutes as they pertain to them.

IV. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/REVIEW DISTRICT'S CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION AND FUTURE FINANCING OPTIONS.

Garry Kimball gave the Board a brief review of the financial condition of the District. He stated that the District is in a very strong position and is in good standing with the bond market by qualifying for "AAA" insurance on the Steiner Ranch Defined Area bonds.

V. DISCUSS/CONSIDER WATER SUPPLY PLANNING OPTIONS TO MEET THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT.

Ms. Gernes stated that the current demand production levels of the water treatment plant are at 8.3 million gallons per day. With the all of the treatment equipment that is in place, the plant is capable of putting out 12 million gallons per day. There will be one last expansion this next year that will add two additional modules, bringing the total production to 16 million gallons per day.

Based on projected water demands, the District could exceed its raw water contract with LCRA in the year 2016 on an annual basis. The actual contract expires in the 2050. The Board discussed future water plant expansions, which includes a possible second treatment plant on the north side of Mansfield Dam. This plant is projected to provide 10 million gallons per day of water once fully constructed, but it will take several years to get this accomplish. The location of the plant is important for the service to Steiner Ranch. Currently, this area is served through a water main that is suspended across the low-water crossing bridge just below the dam. A secondary feed into Steiner will be accomplished once the waterline down Murfin Rd and under Lake Austin is installed. This will help with the supply of water to Steiner, but it will not solve all of the needs should there be a problem with the existing main. An emergency interconnect with the City of Austin could be installed, but it wouldn't be available until the City's new plant is constructed. The costs to connect to the City are not known at this time.

VI. DISCUSS/CONSIDER PLANNING AND FINANCING OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING WASTEWATER SERVICE TO EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES.

A centralized wastewater system to the Hudson Bend area was discussed, including the type of system to be constructed and the cost for customers to connect. Options for financing these connection fees were also discussed.

VII. DISCUSS/CONSIDER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA PLANNING ALTERNATIVES.

Discussion was held on whether the District should extend service to areas that are not being served by a public entity now, or possibly purchase and operate service areas that are currently owned by LCRA in the West Travis County area. These areas would only be purchased if there was a benefit to the District and no burden placed on the current customers of the District. Financing options were also discussed.

VIII. DISCUSS/CONSIDER EXPANSION OF BENEFICIAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT.

Ms. Gernes stated that there are other services that the District is providing to its customers, which include free water audits and the annual household hazardous waste collection program (HHW). Ms. Gernes stated she has been meeting with other local entities, trying to locate a suitable permanent location to operate a full-time collection system that all customers of the participating entities could utilize on a regular basis. Other services discussed were curbside recycling and solid waste service, and rebates for low-flow toilets or rain barrels. Ms. Gernes stated that the funds to construct a composting facility have been previously authorized by the Board. She is seeking bids for the project now. This will eventually provide a large source of mulch that could be sold to the customers of the District for landscaping purposes.

IX. DISCUSS/CONSIDER LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW/WATER POLICY FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Ms. Kalisek reviewed all of the pending legislation that pertains to the District, which will be followed through the course of the legislative session, with updates to be presented to the Board as necessary.

X. THE BOARD MAY MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AND/OR TO CONDUCT A DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY AS EITHER OR BOTH MAY PERTAIN TO AGENDA ITEMS III THROUGH IX, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.072, RESPECTIVELY.

There was no Executive Session held.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Director Ward to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Director Moran.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Unanimous.

Director Steed adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2008, with a motion

By Director _____ and a Second by

Director _____.

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstained _____

Presiding Officer

Secretary