

Tualatin Valley Water District



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1850 SW 170th AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2011

Present: Commissioners: President Dick Schmidt, Richard Burke, Jim Doane, Jim Duggan, and Marilyn McWilliams

Management

Staff: Greg DiLoreto, Todd Heidgerken, Patty Rupp, Brenda Lennox, Paul Matthews, Amy Heinlen, and Dale Fishback

Legal Counsel: Clark Balfour

Staff: Bob Shields, Justin Carlton

Public: Bill Osmunson, Charlie White

Note: Unless otherwise indicated the term “Motion carried” means the action of the Board of Commissioners was unanimous.

President Schmidt called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MANAGEMENT STAFF

CEO, DiLoreto addressed the Board and explained that the past president of the Oregon Finance Officers Association (OMFOA) and the former Tualatin Valley Water District’s Chief Financial Officer, Bernice Bagnall, would present the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award to the Tualatin Valley Water District for their Excellence in Financial Reporting.

On behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association, Ms. Bagnall said that she was pleased to present the GFOA Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting for year ended June 2011, and indicated that this would be the 21st time TVWD had received the award. She then presented the award to Bob Shields, Accounting Supervisor.

CEO, DiLoreto announced that Clark Public Utilities, the organization that provides utility billing service for the District, has lowered their rate to TVWD.

Registration for the AWWA National Conference, June 10-14 in Dallas, Texas, is now open. CEO, DiLoreto asked the Board members to contact Patty Rupp if they are interested in attending.

There will not be a work session in January.

Departmental Report:

Todd Heidgerken, Manager of the Office of Community and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR), provided the department report. He provided information in terms of the Regional Water Providers Consortium and the Tualatin River Watershed Council of which the District is involved.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED AND COMMISSIONER TOPICS

A report was given by each Board member of meetings they attended for the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDABill Osmunson, DDS MPH – 25977 Canyon Creek, Wilsonville, OR

Dr. Osmunson came before the Board to express his concern regarding fluoridated water. As a dentist, Dr. Osmunson said he is advising his patients not to drink TVWD water. He held up two enlarged photos of babies and a homemade graph. He expressed concern with nursing mothers drinking fluoridate water and breast feeding their babies.

Commissioner Doane explained that he had been reading the book by Dr. Connett, “Fluoride, A Statement of Concern” that had been given to the Board a few months earlier. He asked Dr. Osmunson to help him to determine references to the many studies listed in the book. He also asked Dr. Osmunson for references to the graphs that he had presented. He clarified by asking Dr. Osmunson where he should look for the references so that he could better understand the book.

Commissioner Burke added that the information presented by Dr. Osmunson provokes an emotional response and does not provide any pertinent information. He indicated that if Dr. Osmunson, as an opponent of fluoride, were to present the information to the public, the pro fluoride folks would not find the information useful. Commissioner Burke suggested that Dr. Osmunson strip his information of emotion and present the information in layman’s terms so that anyone would be able to understand his message.

Commissioner McWilliams asked Dr. Osmunson why he continued to testify at Board meetings, when the correct thing to do is confer with the experts. If there is a bone to pick with the experts, then Dr. Osmunson should be presenting the information to them.

Dr. Osmunson indicated that TVWD is adding a drug to the water, and added that TVWD is relying on an industry that is making a profit.

President Schmidt explained that the decision to fluoridate or not is up the public. Commissioner Burke pointed out that the Board has made it clear that in order to change fluoridation an initiative would need to be presented on a ballot for a vote of the ratepayers.

Charlie White – 11965 NW Kearney St, Portland, OR

Mrs. White came before the Board to express her concern with fluoride and her concerns with the effects on the thyroid system. She explained how she believed the thyroid system works and how fluoride affects the gland negatively.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Schmidt removed item 5.2 from the consent agenda for further discussion.

It was moved by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Doane to approve consent agenda item 5.1, Regular Meeting minutes of November 16, 2011. The motion carried.

President Schmidt then opened item 5.2 for further discussion. No further discussion took place. It was moved by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Duggan to approve item 5.2, Resolution 11-11 Establishing Regular Meeting dates for the year 2012, on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Paul Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Julie Desimone, CPA & Partner with the auditing firm of Moss Adams LLP.

Ms. Desimone provided the highlights of the audit report. The District should receive a “clean” audit after all of the final interviews have take place. She indicated that TVWD does a very good job in meeting all financial requirements.

In closing, she explained that TVWD had once again earned the Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the previous year’s CAFR, as presented earlier in the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner McWilliams and seconded by Commissioner Duggan to accept the CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2011, and accept the GFOA Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the previous year’s CAFR.

MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to define the support, usage, and responsibilities for communication devices used for District business and to comply with the Oregon Ethics, Public Records, and Wage and Hour Laws. This policy allows an employee, whose position requires the use of a mobile communication device, the choice of a District issued device or for the employee to receive a stipend for the business use of his/her personal device. The policy is written so that an employee does not need to carry two separate phones. The policy makes clear that the manager determines the business need as well as criteria for eligibility.

It was moved by Commissioner Doane and seconded by Commissioner Burke to adopt the Mobile Electronic Devices Policy. The motion carried.

MODIFICATION OF BOARD POLICY HANDBOOK, BOARD PROCESS (FIRST READING)

Mr. Heidgerken provided the staff report. Seeing no conflicts with the language of the amendment, staff will bring this agenda item to the January 18, 2012 meeting for the final reading and adoption.

RESOLUTION 12-11, LEASE OF METZGER OFFICE SPACE

Manager of Customer and Support Services, Brenda Lennox, provided the staff report. The Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association has requested to lease space at the District’s Metzger office on SW Taylors Ferry Road. The space is vacant and the District has no need for the space at this time. The agreement allows the District to terminate the contract with thirty days notice.

It was moved by Commissioner Doane and seconded by Commissioner Duggan to adopt Resolution 12-11, In the Matter of the Resolution Approving a Lease for Storage at the Metzger Premises. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Duggan and seconded by Commissioner McWilliams to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUALATIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BY _____ BY _____
President, Dick Schmidt Secretary, James Duggan

Date Approved: January 18, 2012