

Tualatin Valley Water District



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1850 SW 170th AVENUE

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

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

Management

Staff: Greg DiLoreto, Patty Rupp, Clark Balfour, Todd Heidgerken, Mark Knudson, Bernice Bagnall, Brenda Lennox, Dale Fishback

Public: Jack Edin

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the words “Motion carried” mean the action of the Board of Commissioners was unanimous.

President Dick Schmidt called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

REPORTS BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MANAGEMENT STAFF

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Greg DiLoreto, indicated that a book recently released by AWWA, “Let’s Talk Safety” had been reviewed by the Tualatin Valley Water District’s (TVWD) Safety Coordinator, Mike Jacobs. He also played a role in the creation of the book and serves as the Chair of the American Water Works Association’s Health, Safety and Environment Committee.

Water injection into the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well is underway. 100 million gallons will be injected. The process should be complete in about six weeks.

CEO, DiLoreto provided an update to the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project (TBWSP). The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has selected a consultant review board with the first meeting scheduled for April. They are looking to hold the meeting in Oregon. The consultant review board will look at the value planning report, with a technical report to follow. The decision document is to be completed in May. The results of the Correction Action Study are scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. The cost piece should be completed by the end September 2011.

The TVWD employee of the year for 2010 was Mike Britch. CEO, DiLoreto explained that Mr. Britch received the award for his leadership role in the successful completion of the District’s Financial Conversion Project, which was brought in on time, and within budget.

There will not be a work session in March.

Manager of Operations, Dale Fishback provided the department report.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED AND COMMISSIONER TOPICS

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

Commissioner Topic:

Commissioner Burke suggested a future Board work session to discuss Board meeting rules of order. CEO, DiLoreto indicated that staff would follow the Board process for Commissioner Topics as described in the Board Policy Handbook.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jack Edin – 6132 SW 161st Place, Aloha

Mr. Edin described himself to the Board as “chronically unemployed”. He indicated that he had recently failed to pay his water bill again, and as a result, he said he was penalized with a reconnection fee of \$60.00. He said he thought this fee is “severe” and “highway robbery”. He indicated that in the past on several occasions he was fortunate to have the fee waived. Mr. Edin stressed that due to his situation and a bad economy the fee is too high and asked the Board to consider lowering the amount. He explained that he had been told that if he called Customer Service the fee could be avoided, however he indicated that he was not sure when and how he could pay his next bill, so if he were to call to make arrangements he would be lying, and he refused to lie. Mr. Edin thanked the Board for their time.

Commissioner Burke pointed out that the Board had been briefed earlier on Mr. Edin’s situation. He said he would review the information a second time. He added that there might not be a solution to Mr. Edin’s situation, however, he wanted Mr. Edin to know that the Board took his comments seriously. Commissioner Burke suggested that Mr. Edin call the District when a bill is coming due and let the customer service representative know of his situation.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Burke to approve the consent agenda (Work Session Minutes of January 4, and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2011). Commissioner Doane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner McWilliams and seconded by Commissioner Doane to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried.

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

Date Approved: March 16, 2011