

Tualatin Valley Water District



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1850 SW 170th AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2012

Present: Commissioners: President Dick Schmidt, Richard Burke, Jim Doane, and Jim Duggan (Marilyn McWilliams was absent)

Management

Staff: Todd Heidgerken, Patty Rupp, Mark Knudson, Brenda Lennox, and Paul Matthews

Legal Counsel: Clark Balfour

Staff: Jim Ure

Public: Joe Healy – HDR, Charlie White, RosAnna Noval

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

Todd Heidgerken, Manager of the Office of Community and Intergovernmental Relations, and acting in capacity for Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Greg DiLoreto provided the following updates.

The District received a routine phone call from Standard and Poors (S&P) with questions regarding the Tualatin Valley Water District’s (TVWD) current rating. After the call, S&P presented the District’s information to its rating committee and confirmed the continuation of the District’s AA+ rating, with a stable outlook. Mr. Heidgerken thanked the Board, the Finance Staff and Chief Engineer, Mark Knudson, for their leadership roles in adopting policies that allow the District to achieve a rating like this.

Mr. Heidgerken reported that CEO DiLoreto recently spoke to the US Conference of Mayors Water Committee on the underfunding of Americas water and wastewater infrastructure. CEO, DiLoreto has been involved in considerable work in helping to create a better understanding of the infrastructure needs. He uses TVWD as an example of how a utility can prepare to meet these needs.

The next Board Work Session is scheduled for May 8 at 6:00 PM.

Chief Financial Officer, Paul Matthews, and IT Director, Jim Ure, provided the staff report for the Finance Department.

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 AGENDA

Charlie White – 11965 NW Kearney St., Portland, OR

Ms. White presented five articles on the subject of fluoride. She asked the Board to research the history of fluoride and mentioned an article by Edward Bernays.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Duggan to divide the question. The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Duggan and seconded by Commissioner Burke to adopt the Work Session minutes of March 13, 2012. The motion passed with three votes in favor. Commissioner Doane abstained. It was moved by Commissioner Duggan and seconded by Commissioner Doane to adopt the Regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2012. The motion carried.

WATER RATE STUDY UPDATE, PRESENTATION OF DRAFT REPORT

To date, District and HDR staff had participated in two Board Work Sessions on the topic where preliminary results of the Water Rate Study update, alternative rate design scenarios, and findings were presented. Chief Financial Officer, Paul Matthews introduced Joe Healy with HDR. A PowerPoint presentation was provided which covered the following:

Key Elements:

- Revenue Requirements (Financial Plan)
- Rate Design
- Customer Impacts

Review of Rate Design Alternatives:

- Rate Design Goals and Issues Addressed
- Alternatives Analysis
- Cost and Revenue Comparison by Scenario
- Board Requested Alternatives

Next Steps:

- Present Rate Study Final Report in May
- Present Rate Resolution in July
- Rates and charges effective October 1

Mr. Matthews and the Board participated in a discussion where Mr. Matthews delivered clarifying points of the Rate Study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Duggan and seconded by Commissioner Burke to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried.

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

Date Approved: May 16, 2012