

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF TRAVIS COUNTY WCID NO. 19

September 28, 2017

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The Board of Directors of the District met in regular meeting, open to the public, at the Oak Hill Fire Department, 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78735, on the 28th day of September, 2017 at 12:00 p.m., with the Directors present being Elmer Dangerfield, Dick Walker, Pres Sheppard, Dave Risser and Blake Mosher.

Also present were Herb Edmonson of Gray Engineering, Inc., Brett Lanham and Laura Whittington of AWR Services, Inc., Bill Flickinger and Allison Nix of Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC, and Rebecca Jones and Lorie Inman-Shaw of RealManage.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Elmer Dangerfield called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Director Dangerfield took the roll call of Directors. All Directors were present.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2017 BOARD MEETING

Allison Nix presented the proposed minutes of the August 24, 2017 regular meeting, as included in the agenda package. Motion was made by Dave Risser to approve the minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Blake Mosher. The motion carried unanimously.

5. STATE LEGISLATION IN CONNECTION WITH MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION REFORM; S.B. 6, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2017

Bill Flickinger stated that the National Guard 71st Troop Command is owned by the federal government, so it does qualify as a military base under the municipal annexation provision. This complicates the annexation procedure since the base is within a five-mile radius of the District. Mr. Flickinger explained he will have more details later. Dick Walker asked if that negates any of the annexation process, and Mr. Flickinger said it should not, but he will continue to review it.

6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Herb Edmonson presented the Engineer's Report. There is nothing new to report from the Travis County MUD No. 4 meeting.

Mr. Edmonson stated that St. Michael's Academy fire lines have been capped, and there is no impact on the District. He is waiting on an update to the revised connections to stay in the know.

Mr. Edmonson said there are no new updates to the capital improvements project list, but the subcommittee may want to get together to look at changes for 2018 regarding overlays, street repairs, etc. The Foothills is at the top of the list. Pres Sheppard and Dick Walker agreed to meet with Mr. Edmonson on November 11th to go over the CIP list.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Brett Lanham presented the Manager's Report as included in the agenda package. 198 customers were billed in August, and there are no new deed restriction violations to report.

Mr. Lanham reported the components to convert St. Michael's compound water meter to read remotely have been ordered and will be installed when received.

AWR responded to four electronic water meter notifications for high consumption. One was for a leak in a home, and water service was temporarily disconnected while repairs were made. The remaining three were due to increased irrigation, and those customers were advised to contact licensed irrigators for repairs.

Mr. Lanham stated AWR will be implementing the 2017-2018 budget on October 1st which was approved by the Board at the last meeting. The Annual Tax Notice has been submitted for publication.

AWR is currently working with the District's engineer and Texas Gas Service to permanently patch the asphalt at two locations on Mendocino and Maravillas Loop in The Woods I subdivision. Dave Risser has additionally submitted a list of needed road repairs, and Herb Edmonson is working with a contractor to obtain a cost estimate.

Mr. Lanham reported AWR worked with ten customers as required by the TCEQ for lead and copper sampling. On the triangle program with the TCEQ, the customers take the samples, AWR picks them up and delivers them to an independent lab for analysis. Pres Sheppard commented that his sample was within one percent of the acceptable level, which is good.

Brett Lanham said a 3,000-Kelvin LED bulb was installed at 7726 Sandia Loop. Elmer Dangerfield commented that the light is dimmer and reduces the lit area considerably. He does not see a reason to change it. Mr. Lanham stated he can review individual meter reports to determine if there is a savings difference between the LEDs and the current bulbs.

AWR received two customer calls for service in August. One was on Sandia Loop regarding a possible water leak. It was determined an irrigation line was damaged by a landscaping contractor, and the customer was advised to contact a contractor to have it repaired. The other call was for a damaged trash cart, and AWR coordinated with Waste Connections for replacement of the cart.

Elmer Dangerfield asked about the status of hazardous waste pickup. Mr. Lanham reported they are coordinating with Lakeway MUD and have requested to be included in the annual pickup in Lakeway. Mr. Dangerfield added that Austin Resource Recovery Center accepts household hazardous material drop-offs for free for Austin and Travis County residents. He also said Taylor has a free pickup for Williamson County residents. Mr. Dangerfield asked Brett Lanham to obtain a list of accepted items from Lakeway's pickup.

8. ORDER AMENDING BUDGET FOR 2017 – 2018

Bill Flickinger stated the budget described as Option B was approved at the last Board meeting. If the proposed tax rate is changed, the budget will need to be amended. He added that property taxes are currently deductible on income tax filings but not water payments. After discussion, the Board decided not to amend the budget.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

Elmer Dangerfield opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate. Hearing no public comments, Elmer Dangerfield closed the public hearing on the proposed tax rate.

10. ORDER APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S APPRAISAL ROLL AND SETTING THE DISTRICT'S TAX RATE FOR 2017

Bill Flickinger discussed the Order Approving the District's Appraisal Roll and Setting the District's Tax Rate for 2017. Motion was made by Dick Walker and seconded by Dave Risser to approve the Order Approving the District's Appraisal Roll and Setting the District's Tax Rate for 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

11. RATE ORDER; PROPOSED RATE STUDY BY MARVIN B. MORGAN

Bill Flickinger stated that since the Board approved the higher tax rate, a rate study by Marvin Morgan may not be needed. There was no further discussion on this item.

12. REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS


Laura Whittington explained the District expenses for August. Motion was made by Blake Mosher and seconded by Pres Sheppard to authorize payment of the invoices as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

13. ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE WOODS AT BARTON CREEK COMMUNITY, INC.; MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF BRIDGE; MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Bill Flickinger reported that the District's engineer was able to locate a restrictive covenant showing the developer is responsible for maintaining the drainage facilities near the Navidad bridge, but that was in 1993. Mr. Flickinger will do more research to find out if that responsibility was ever conveyed to the HOA.

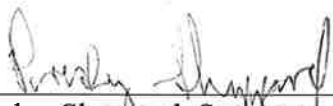
14. ADJOURN

President Elmer Dangerfield adjourned the meeting.



Elmer Dangerfield, President
Travis County WCID No. 19

ATTEST:



Presley Sheppard, Secretary
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