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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

March 3, 2022

1. The meeting was held at the District Building at 6:00 PM on March 3, 2022. Present were Commissioners David Dall, Randy Hathcock, Michael Hunter, Thomas Kicklighter, Gayle Lundy, and William Rich, and Board Attorney J.D. Durant. Commissioner Michael Lynn was absent. TCWSD Staff present was Lynette Senter.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Commissioner Hathcock led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. There were three guests, JJ Messick, Lori Messick and Glenn Senter.
4. Cedar Island Neighborhood Meter Installation Discussion –Commissioner Rich. Commissioner Hunter stated that both our Licensed Water Operator and DEP have both confirmed that the installation process was done correctly and that there were no health issues to our community. **Commissioner Hunter made a motion that this matter does not receive any further consideration. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion. Chairman Dall asked for discussion on the motion.** Commissioner Rich explained that he did not think this was a good idea. He stated he did not bring this up to try and make trouble for anyone, he brought it up because he has 34 years in the trade, and he was concerned that the proper disinfection procedures were not followed. He spoke with Ms. Senter at the end of the last board meeting and asked that this be investigated. Commissioner Hathcock wanted it noted that Commissioner Rich did not attend the last board meeting but arrived just as the motion was being made to adjourn. Commissioner Kicklighter reminded the Chairman that there was a motion and a second on the floor. Both Commissioner Rich and Chairman Dall stated that this was a discussion of the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter explained that the discussion should pertain specifically to the motion that we do not entertain any discussion regarding the neighborhood meter installation, not whether it was done correctly. Commissioner Hathcock asked Chairman Dall to call for the vote. **Chairman Dall asked if there was any further discussion. Commissioners Hathcock, Hunter, Kicklighter and Lundy voted aye, Commissioner Rich voted nay. By a vote of 4 to 1 the motion was approved.**
5. Commissioner Code of Conduct - Commissioner Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock explained that the Board is trying to get a handle on fixing things, but it seems like we move two steps forward and then three or four back. We cannot seem to get the momentum to do the things we need to do. Commissioner Hathcock explained that he felt that this whole meeting did not need to happen. If Commissioner Rich had come to the meeting a few weeks ago, and handled the request correctly, everything could have been discussed at that time. The display after the meeting was unacceptable. The damage has been caused with Ms. Senter and the employees, and I am not sure that this will be able to be fixed. I will ask the attorney to speak on the breaking of the Sunshine Laws after this. I would like to discuss the absenteeism issue that has been a real problem. It is my understanding that we could ask the County Commissioners to remove you for that reason. I recommend that we allow

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you to take a leave of absence or resign your position. If not, then we should send a letter to the County asking them to remove you because I do not believe we will be able to rectify the problems.

Commissioner Rich responded that the first three meetings he was in New York and was not notified that he was a Board Member, and then missed two more meetings after that. Commissioner Rich explained that he was never even notified and the only reason he thought he was on the Board was because he started receiving communications from Ms. Senter. Commissioner Rich also stated that he and Chairman Dall do not email back and forth. Commissioner Hathcock provided an email from Chairman Dall to Commissioner Rich. Commissioner Rich stated that it was an email to everyone, but it was noted that it was from Chairman Dall to Commissioner Rich with a copy to Ms. Senter.

Commissioner Hunter discussed an email that Chairman Dall wrote to Ms. Dyana Stewart at Florida Rural Water concerning District Business and used the phrase "In the midst of draining the swamp a few alligators have showed up". Commissioner Hunter asked for an explanation of the phrase, but Chairman Dall did not respond. Chairman Dall then explained that Commissioner Rich and Mr. VanBlargan had expressed concern over the sanitation procedure of the neighborhood meter installation. Commissioner Hathcock asked if Chairman Dall was meeting with Commissioner Rich. Chairman Dall said it wasn't a meeting, but Commissioner Rich brought up the subject to me and I said send an email to Ms. Senter. Chairman Dall then explained that he sent an email to Ms. Senter notifying her of the concern and sent a copy to Commissioner Rich and Mr. VanBlargan. Chairman Dall explained that also sent an email to Ms. Senter requesting a meeting between Chairman Dall, Commissioner Rich, Field Supervisor Ron Bennett, and Ms. Senter. Ms. Senter explained to the Board that that she could not set up such a meeting as it would be a violation of the Sunshine Laws. Commissioner Hathcock explained that we have tried to work on the Sunshine Law violations in the past. Chairman Dall said we sent the email to Ms. Senter and copied everyone on the Board to let the Board know that a serious health concern issue had been raised. Commissioner Hunter stated that our Water Operator and Ms. Senter confirmed with DEP that our installation process was correct. Chairman Dall indicated that if Ms. Senter couldn't meet with the residents, three owners of properties within the District, two of them on the Board, that have a concern with health safety issues that was a concern. Commissioner Hunter explained that there is a problem with having meetings with other members of the Board.

Board Attorney Mr. Durant asked the Chairman if he could be given an opportunity chance to give his thoughts on the issue. Mr. Durant explained that because everybody on this board has a background in the private sector, you handle your business in a different way. These days email is critical and makes thing much more efficient. For better or worse when doing the people's business, it has to be done a different way. Any communication between two or more members of this board is considered a meeting under the Sunshine Act. That means that it must be noticed to the public with a certain amount of time in advance so that the public can be present at the meeting. Applying that principle in the context of emails just does not square with the private sector experience that most of us have because we do not see emails as meetings. Your lawyer's advice is that the law deems emails, and it does not matter whether it is an email to Ms. Senter copying another Commissioner, it doesn't matter if everybody is on the email. Once you get to two, you are now covered under the Sunshine Act. My advice is do not copy anyone on the Board on any email that concerns Board Business, or concerns matters that might come before the Board. Each of you individually can certainly communicate with Ms. Senter or others on staff and that is the proper way

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to do it. If its' something we would like added to the agenda for the next meeting or to request a special or emergency meeting that can be done by email. I do not want to get into these specific emails as I might have to defend the Board against allegations that they violated the Sunshine Act. The principles don't get into the gray areas of the public records and Sunshine Act. We've talked a little bit about if you are having workshops and educational training, and what could be done there. But emails about implementation or modifications to this District's policies are not in the gray area. I recommend that you follow a hard black and white rule which is don't email each other. If it's not about board business, like making plans for a barbeque or a church luncheon, or whatever, then that is not public business, and you are not under the Sunshine Act. The discussion I am hearing now doesn't make me think that anyone believes the subject matter of these emails was outside of public business. I hope that this is helpful in whether it is a meeting or not.

Chairman Dall asked if you have multiple people which is what happened in the case, expressed a health safety concern with water and sewer, should proper procedure have been to send a separate email from myself to Ms. Senter, a separate email from myself to Bill, and a separate email from myself to Bill, because he was in the conversation? Mr. Durant stated that if by Bill you are referring to Commissioner Rich, then no, you cannot email him directly. The Sunshine Law is not implemented on how many non-commissioners are on an email and adding Ms. Senter or anyone on staff does not change the equation. When you get to Commissioner Rich, any email you send to Commissioner Rich, any conversation you have with Commissioner Rich over your fence, if it is about public business it has to be discussed at a publicly noticed meeting. This will require some restraint if you live next to each other and see each other a lot in the ordinary course of the day. If this is something you are doing together, there is no neighbor exception to the Sunshine Law. Chairman Dall then asked if the email is to an employee of the District does the same restriction apply? Mr. Durant replied no but another Commissioner cannot be copied.

Commissioner Hunter stated that this has all been explained to us months ago, and we are having to go over it yet again and several Commissioners voiced the same frustration. Commissioner Lundy stated that you could have emailed Ms. Senter, asked that it be put on the agenda and dropped it until the meeting. Don't email anyone else, discuss it at the meeting., and take care of it at the meeting. You moved on with your own agenda and I think that's where we're dropping the ball. If someone expressed concern to me, I would call Ms. Senter and ask to be put on the agenda. Chairman Dall explained that it wasn't something we wanted to wait until the next board meeting. It was a serious issue regarding sanitation of the water system. Commissioner Lundy said she understood the concern, but the Board has to discuss this. You can't just go in there and run Ms. Senter. Chairman Dall said that he wasn't running Ms. Senter. Commissioner Lundy said you were trying to run the water system. Chairman Dall said no, he was advising her. Commissioner Hunter stated that this had all been put to rest. Commissioner Lundy said she wasn't drinking bad water down here; they check the water every day and she appreciates it.

Mr. Durant stated that he had lost track of what the question was, and Commissioner Hathcock said the question was about board communication. Mr. Durant stated there are a couple of issues in play. There is the Sunshine Act, and the policies of this board regarding how individual board members bring up matters with staff. That is something for the Board to decide on, but in terms of the Staff, it is not a violation for you to receive a concern question or complaint and then send it to Ms. Senter to be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting. How any individual commissioner goes about

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that falls under the policies that the Board applies to each Commissioner. Chairman Dall said he thought we followed the policy. We told her about the health safety concern and asked her to advise the board regarding those concerns. Ms. Senter responded back with Ron's information for us to review. Chairman Dall did not see that as a violation of the sunshine law because the person it was sent to was Ms. Senter. The people that were copied were the people that had brought me the concerns. Mr. Durant said he hoped that after this discussion you understood that copying other Commissioners does violate the Sunshine Act.

Commissioner Hathcock stated that we were getting a little bit off track here, the focus is on the Commissioner Code of Conduct. Commissioner Hathcock explained that he believes we are at the point where the damage has been done and he made a recommendation that Commissioner Rich resign from the Board. Commissioner Hathcock stated that we will leave that up to him to make that decision if he wants to walk away or not. **Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to ask Commissioner Rich to resign. Commissioner Hunter seconded the motion. Chairman Dall asked for discussion.** Chairman Dall stated that Commissioner Rich has provided an invaluable service to this board on the capacity problems we have had. Chairman Dall addressed Commissioner Rich and said if I were in your shoes, I would require the County Commissioner to remove you. I would not run from the fight. Commissioner Rich replied he didn't intend to. Chairman Dall said I didn't think so, it's good to be a man.

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion that we send a letter to the County Commissioners asking that Commissioner Rich be removed. Mr. Senter pointed out that we already had that motion on the table. Chairman Dall asked if there was any more discussion. Commissioner Rich said since I'm the person you all are attacking here, I missed that meeting because I had to take my wife to the doctor in Tallahassee. When I spoke with Commissioner Hunter at the end of the meeting, he said you will have to bring it up at the next meeting. Commissioner Hathcock asked if it was such an emergency, why wasn't this already added to the agenda the last meeting? Commissioner Rich said the meeting was coming up right after we did the install and he thought they could discuss it then. Commissioner Hunter asked about scheduling special meeting and Mr. Durant explained that the proper procedure is to inform Ms. Senter of the situation and make a request for a special meeting. Ms. Senter can then review the situation, inform the rest of the board, and call a special meeting. Chairman Dall said we did not know if it was an emergency or not. Commissioner Hunter reminded Chairman Dall that there was a motion and second on the floor. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion that we send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting that Commissioner Rich be removed. **Chairman Dall asked if there was any further discussion. Commissioners Hathcock, Hunter, Kicklighter and Lundy voted aye, Commissioner Rich voted nay. By a vote of 4 to 1 the motion was approved.**

6. Board Attendance Discussion - Commissioner Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock stated that we have an attendance list available. We volunteered for this board and when we asked for compensation, people laughed about it. We have some big issues facing us. At the last meeting which Chairman Dall and Commissioner Rich missed, Ms. Stewart from FRWA explained that if we don't get some things corrected, we are not going to be a board or business within the next 10 years. It would be easier to get things corrected if we had everyone participating. We had to vote to sign the Agreement with Fish Creek Cover at the January meeting and both Chairman Dall and

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Commissioner Rich were absent. If we can't move forward with everyone, things will start to stack up. Chairman Dall commented that we had Covid in my family and that's tough. Commissioner Hunter stated that the Chairman should attend all meetings, even if he has to by phone. Ms. Senter explained that he could call in but would not be marked as attending. Mr. Durant said that the Chairman can call in as a member of the public but cannot participate by phone. Chairman Dall explained that no board meeting that will take precedence over his wife's health. Commissioner Hunter explained that was not the discussion, he was wondering why Chairman Dall did not call in to listen to the meeting. Chairman Dall stated that there will be people who will miss meetings for football games, or whatever reasons, but the the intent is to make a contribution even from citizens that help develop things. Chairman Dall stated that he can guarantee there are people who are involved in the work of the board disproportionate to the number of meetings they attend or make. If you are concerned, I suggest that you contact the County Commissioners. They are aware of most of the concerns. They can see the type of politics that are going on, so they have been alerted. I expect them to respond, and I think they will be able to handle this promptly at a meeting. Once that is over, we need to get down to the business of the Board and address the issues at hand.

Commissioner Hathcock stated that it's hard to do that because we feel that every time, we move forward you move us backward. You have been really aggressive with Ms. Senter, the water department is in shambles and people are ready to start suing, quitting, and leaving. Things are out of control. and we have got to figure out a way to get them back into control. A lot of that is you, Chairman Dall, and Commissioner Rich. When we were appointed to this board it was not to reinvent the wheel, we were just going to move it forward differently. It was running really well, we just needed to tweak a few things. We have had problems with Chairman Dall's treatment of Ms. Senter, and I don't blame her for not meeting with either of you. You have intimidated her way past where we should have allowed, and we should have put an end to that when I asked you for your resignation a few months ago. We should have gone ahead and followed that through and removed you. If I can do it tonight, I would, at least remove you from being Chairperson. Chairman Dall stated to take your best shot if you feel that constructive action, take your best shot. The issue with Ms. Senter was raised with her when the old Board was fired. Ms. Senter stayed on, and I specifically talked to her because before the board was fired, there was a serious issue, between Ms. Senter and myself involving one of my properties.

Commissioner Hathcock then asked Chairman Dall to explain what he meant by a phrase he used in an email to FRWA, in the midst of draining the swamp, I ran into a few alligators. Commissioner Hathcock asked how do you think that makes Commissioner Kicklighter feel, or any of the other Commissioners or employees? Commissioner Hathcock said there is another email where you were asking Mr. VanBlargan to get prepared to come onto the Board. We have discussed this in the past about bringing in outside people and involving them in Board matters. Appointing Board Members is the County Commissioner's job. Chairman Dall explained that County Commissioner Michael Newman is aware that we need to have a bank of potential board members. When the last board was fired, they were caught flat footed, so it is with the express desire of the County Commission to have a base to draw on.

Commissioner Hunter asked Chairman Dall to explain his email to FRWA. Chairman Dall explained that this was a communication with Ms. Stewart from FRWA and a reply to an earlier email. As Ms. Stewart's presentation could not be changed, he was trying to set up a meeting.

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Chairman Dall explained the use of the colloquialism was referring to being in the middle of business and couldn't get away. Commissioner Hunter said we know what it means in politics. Commissioner Hunter asked what is the swamp, and Chairman Dall stated that he knows what it means in Texas and the low country of Florida. Commissioner Hunter stated that he thought the term was offensive. Commissioner Lundy asked why Chairman Dall was trying to meet with Ms. Stewart. Chairman Dall explained that there was a change in priorities and trying to get the refinancing done to get out from under the restrictions is important. Chairman Dall stated that board received the AMP and that it needed to be implemented and the board used the excuse that they were doing other things. The AMP needed to be implemented in the budget immediately. Ms. Stewart's group is very helpful to this organization. Everyone needs to review the information and make sure you understand how to implement this and how it relates to what we approve in the budget.

Commissioner Hathcock explained that he felt we could not move forward because the anchors kept getting thrown out the back of the boat. I feel like we have to make some changes to correct the damage that we have done, the damage you've done, the way we have treated the others around us. I do not feel that we can continue with you on the Board and continue to make this a successful endeavor, we will continue to drag and drag and drag. We've got people coming in that tell us that they've met with you and they shouldn't have paid for their pump and need a refund. Where is this going to stop. I don't know what the answer is but I'm afraid we won't end up in a good place.

Chairman Dall said there a lot of issues that need to be addressed face to face, man to man, woman to man, whatever for the good of the Community. The only reason I am on the Board to begin with is this group of people who abused the heck out of my wife and out property we owned down to a point where I said they can't do this. They screwed up my water, they screwed up my electricity. Commissioner Hunter asked are you are on the board to be vindictive? Chairman Dall said you are not going to make that accusation. Commissioner Hunter said he was going to make a motion. Chairman Dall said you are not going to make an accusation. You can make a motion, but you cannot call me vindictive. Commissioner Hunter said you just stated that they abused your wife. Chairman Dall said it is not vindictive to try and correct a situation. Commissioner Lundy stated that they are not the previous Board. Chairman Dall said that there is a ton of work that needs to be done. Look at these operating plans, we have none. We have tried and tried to have committees, and we don't have an operating plan. When we decided we didn't like the mission statement on the website because it didn't match our deed restrictions, we took it down. Commissioner Hathcock stated that you have already said enough for me when you said that you were here because your wife got abused. I am done with that conversation, and if you want to continue with this, go ahead, but I'm done. I don't think we are going to be able to move forward and get anything done on this board that will be productive. If you want to take that to a vote you might get your feelings hurt tonight. Chairman Dall said it was impossible to do. There is hard work to get done. **Commissioner Hathcock made a motion that we write a letter to the Taylor County Commissioners asking that Chairman Dall be removed from the Board. Commissioner Hunter seconded the motion. Chairman Dall asked if there was any further discussion. Commissioners Hathcock, Hunter, and Lundy voted aye, Commissioner Rich voted nay. Commissioner Kicklighter abstained and then asked for a minute to consider his vote. Commissioner Kicklighter then abstained. By a vote of 3 to 1 the motion was approved.**

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Chairman Dall commented to the Board, just so you understand, the commissioners are expecting this. We had this discussion with the County Commission. Commissioner Hunter asked who was "we". Chairman Dall said myself and a County Commissioner. The politics of the board and the management of the board is not conducive to building a strong community. That's why we went through the removal and firing of the last board. Commissioner Hunter asked why we are having this discussion when we have voted. Please move onto the next agenda item. Chairman Dall said it was because he had something he wanted to express. Commissioner Hunter said that it can be done in the closing remarks and Chairman Dall replied that he could do it anywhere he wanted.

Closing Remarks - Commissioner Rich asked if we were going to have old or new business and Ms. Senter explained that this was a special called meeting for specific items and old and new business was discussed at our regular monthly meeting. Commissioner Rich said he had another concern that he wanted to discuss. Chairman Dall stated that he should talk about it but also bring it to Ms. Senter. Commissioner Rich discussed a sewage leak on Osprey Circle. Commissioner Rich stated that the sewage was pumped out into someone's yard for months. Commissioner Rich asked if the homeowner was notified of the leak. Ms. Senter responded that the day after she was notified of the leak, Mr. Bennett and the field staff went out and investigated it. After the visit Mr. Bennett explained that they found an unconnected sewer line that needed to be connected to the next part of the line. The repair required special fittings which had to be ordered, so the Field Staff temporarily closed off the line until the repairs could be made. There was going into the ground, but it was not apparent until the lot adjacent to the valve's location was developed and a water and sewer service installed. Once the parts were received, the unconnected line was exposed, appropriate connections were made and the service line was connected the way it should have been connected during Phase I. Mr. Bennett did not mention that the leak occurred in a homeowner's yard, so no, the homeowner was not notified. The valve was located near two vacant lots. Commissioner Rich explained that the reason he brought this up was they had their grandchild running around and they were there planting trees. Commissioner Hunter said that is serious and Ms. Senter agreed. Commissioner Hunter said that when he spills something in his business he has to dig up. Ms. Senter said that if there was a lot of affected soil sometimes it was removed, but that it was usually treated with lime. Commissioner Rich had already mentioned to me that the crew had left a valve cover they had removed during the repair, and I asked the crew to pick it up the next morning. Commissioner Hunter asked what month this was, and Ms. Senter said she thought it was in December, but would have to look up the file. Commissioner Rich stated that the places were developed last year, it wasn't like they went online yesterday. Commissioner Hunter asked that an explanation be given at the next meeting including if any soil was removed and what was done with it. Commissioner Lundy asked if this line was put in in the beginning and Ms. Senter confirmed that it was done in 2005. Commissioner Lundy pointed out that it had been going on for a while and Commissioner Rich said he noticed a nice green spot when he was out walking. Chairman Dall asked if all of this was outlined in our manuals, and Ms. Senter said confirmed that it was, and the manuals are on the shelf in the office. Once the District is made aware of a problem, if the leak is under 1,000 gallons, we are not required to report it to DEP, we just remediate it where possible. I will work with the Field Staff to outline the work that was done. Commissioner Hunter asked if we could ask the field staff to keep an eye out for areas like this with green grass and Ms. Senter explained there was no way to know about this leak until the line received active service. Commissioner Rich said this came up out of the ground and was flowing across people's yards. Commissioner Hunter asked Ms. Senter to talk to the field manager and set up a process to check on this.

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Chairman Dall said along the same lines there is an ongoing problem as he still has the trash that was left on his lot when his broken meter box was removed. Ms. Senter asked if the broken meter box was still on your property and Chairman Dall said yes. Ms. Senter explained that she does not drive around the field at this time but may ask Mr. Smith our newest employee to start a review program. Ms. Senter asked that if anyone sees a problem, to please notify her as soon as possible and she will ask the field staff to take care of it. Ms. Senter said that if she does not know about it, she cannot fix the problem. When your meter box was removed, I asked to be sure everything was removed. I was told yes, but the branches they cut to access the box may have been left there. Chairman Dall also mentioned that old water pipes from Mr. VanBlargan's installation ended up in his yard. They were left on Mr. VanBlargan's lot and when we had the flood, they came onto my property. Ms. Senter asked if they were District water line pipes, and Commissioner Rich said they were black sewer line pipe. Ms. Senter said she will find out why this pipe was left and would talk to the field staff about making sure things were cleaned up, but they run one hundred miles per hour and things get left behind. Commissioner Hunter indicated that if things washed up on his lot, he would just pick them up and take care of them, but that's just him. Chairman Dall said that the person who cleaned up the mess was me, and the person in charge needs to clean it up. I asked Mr. VanBlargan if they were his and he said yes, they were his water pipes. The respect for the property is just not there. When they the field staff come in and trim out around a meter, they leave the trash on the easement. either the County comes out and cleans it up or I do. Chairman Dall wanted to discuss another matter regarding the documentation of the neighborhood meter project. He stated that the appropriate chlorine tests were not done. Ms. Senter indicated that she would contact DEP once again as they had confirmed with her that everything had been done according to the policy. Commissioner Hathcock stated that they are only looking for one thing, and Ms. Senter confirmed that they are looking for bacterial contamination. Chairman Dall stated that a test for chlorine must be done at the same time, and multiple times.

Commissioner Kicklighter spoke regarding the verbiage in the email to Florida Rural Water sent by Chairman Dall. He explained that he wanted to remind Chairman Dall that words are important. You are sitting on a public board like this and slang or even emojis should not be used, as each of us are going to read that and interpret it differently. My message is, words are important, and we have to be careful with how we use them. This is the struggle we all have, and I am not sure if you or Commissioner Rich appear to recognize that we are here to do public entity business, not here to drive a personal vendetta. I think you are confusing the agenda of a private citizen with that of running district business. In fact, I think that is the whole issue of what we have been talking about tonight. If you are coming in here as a private citizen to voice concerns and issues with Ms. Senter that's great, that is what you do as a private citizen, but not as a board member. If there are issues that need to be addressed as a board member, there is an appropriate way to go about that. That is simply to ask for it to be put on the next agenda. If it is a matter of urgency, it can be a special meeting. Commissioner Kicklighter said that you have said a lot about things being a mess and concerns from citizens. If that is the case, I would question why we only have two or three people at the most that show up at our meetings. I would think that if something were a true concern of a private citizen, I would think that they would take the time to come to a meeting and have the opportunity to speak to the Board. I would like to ask you that if a private citizen approaches you, you would invite them to share their concerns with the Board. Chairman Dall said that when Mr. VanBlargan came up to him and expressed his concerns with his billing to myself and Bill and we

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told him exactly that. Take it to the Board at the next meeting. I mean that is standard operating procedure. Commissioner Kicklighter said that it is not. I do not think you are listening to what I am saying. I think you are listening to respond only. What has happened is that they have brought problems to you, and you have taken it on as your problem to solve but I am suggesting that you not take this on when it is actually the Board's problem to solve. They should bring it to the District Office. It should not immediately initiate a call to Ms. Senter so that she is not running after every problem that you call her about that was voiced to you. These problems need to be brought to the Board. Chairman Dall said that what we discussed earlier that when a resident has an issue that falls under the purview of the District Manager, Ms. Senter has asked to be advised. Ms. Senter explained that a citizen with a concern or question is supposed to be referred directly to the District Office and if we cannot solve the problem, then we bring it to the Board. Commissioner Kicklighter said that was exactly what he was trying to say. Ms. Senter agreed and explained that the District Office is being short circuited, and not given a chance to help people before problems escalate. Chairman Dall stated that Mr. VanBlargan came to this office. Ms. Senter said he did not. We were not made aware of any concerns he had until you sent me emails saying I'm concerned about this; he is asking this. You were asking me to respond to you instead of having me respond directly to Mr. VanBlargan. I finally just telephoned him and told him that if I could not help him any more to please come to the Board meeting. Chairman Dall said he would have him come to the next Board meeting. He is the one that said he came to the District Office. Ms. Senter stated that Mr. VanBlargan came to the Office to get his service, yes, he did, but after that if he had any concerns or problems, he never contacted this office. Chairman Dall said what you are telling me is the standard operating procedure is to refer complaints to the District Office. If it is something that I consider to be a health issue I will get involved. That is exactly what I did on this one as there was there was a health issue, and we immediately involved Ms. Senter. Why wait until the next scheduled board meeting when she has a person qualified on board to address this?

Chairman Dall stated that this will not always be pleasant. We knew when we started this process that there was a lot of heavy lifting that had to be done. Everybody has to pitch in and really do some heavy lifting to get this District in decent shape. I think we are going to get there once we get the big lie taken care of. Once we refinance and get rid of those restrictions on development. That frees up a lot of the serious financial issues with this district. And that is what the Commissioners were concerned about is getting development on track down here. So, their Board, Michael, knows after every meeting where we are standing and what the issue is and what I think we need to do as a board to help address the concerns that the County Commissioners have. Commissioner Hathcock said Chairman Dall, what Commissioner Kicklighter said would probably have been answered by "yes sir, I understand what you are saying" and left it at that. It was very good Commissioner Kicklighter, and I appreciate hearing that from you and it made me feel better. Chairman Dall keeps working it and working it and never lets up. Commissioner Hathcock asked for a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Hunter reminded that the Chairman needed to request that.

Commissioner Hunter asked Ms. Senter if she still had the email where you brought a concern to us and a few days later you received an email from Chairman Dall threatening to have you removed from your position. Ms. Senter answered that she did. Ms. Senter then explained that the County Manager called and expressed concern with the way the Attorney RFP was handled. We discussed this and I emailed each commissioner separately to express our concern and offered a solution. The response I received from Chairman Dall was that I would be fired. Commissioner Hunter asked Mr.

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Durant if Chairman Dall could do that, could he fire Ms. Senter. Mr. Durant said that it would require action by the full Board and maybe the County. Chairman Dall stated that was pretty clear the County Commissioners have the ultimate authority. Commissioner Hunter said that you should not threaten our District Manager with being fired. Chairman Dall said that how it came about was convoluted. When we did the budget, we were missing several hundred thousand dollars to accomplish what we wanted to accomplish. At the next working meeting on the budget, Ms. Senter had found that couple hundred thousand by reassigning funds. I raised my hand and said that in private business you wouldn't tolerate that. If you are going through a budget and someone wants money and we don't have it and they go back and redo the numbers and bring it back, they obviously knew the numbers were bad when they brought it to us. So, you just can't go back and find money in an audited financial statement. Ms. Senter explained that this was a budget, not an audited financial statement. It was with Commissioner Kicklighter's assistance that we found the error in the budget line item. Chairman Dall stated that all of that should have been found before the budget. After the budget is a serious matter. Commissioner Kicklighter confirmed that all of this was before we voted on the budget, and it had not been approved. Chairman Dall said he stated that I would have been fired for that. Ms. Senter said no, sir, that was not the situation. I have been quiet long enough. The email you sent to me had nothing to do with anything, but the concern brought forth by the County's manager about the RFP process. It had nothing to do with budgeting. That was not part of the email and was not part of the situation. I just needed to make clear it only concerned the RFP for the attorney and that I had proposed a possible solution. That was it, the Board decided to re-do the RFP, which was not a problem, but the threat from you was done because of that RFP process. Chairman Dall asked if Ms. Senter would provide him a copy of the email and she agreed. Chairman Dall said I don't remember that as a threat. Any more comments? Are we all having fun?

Commissioner Lundy stated that she could not work under the stress that Ms. Senter works under, with all these threats and accusations, and to keep up with all the stuff she keeps up with, I appreciate everything she does. Chairman Dall said that is exactly why he called Ms. Senter and told her that there was a lot of junk we were going to have to go through and you need to make up your mind. Commissioner Lundy stated that Ms. Senter was not on that Board and was not being removed. Ms. Senter said no, sir, you did not have that conversation with me. Commissioner Lundy said you had no control over Ms. Senter, she was already here and District Manager. Ms. Senter stated that the only person who questioned whether she was going to stay if the Board was removed was Mr. Robert Lynn. He came into this office after requesting financial reports, reviewed them, and told me they looked really good, and he was surprised. He then asked me if I was going to stay if the Board was removed. That is the only conversation I had with anyone concerning whether I would stay or not if the board were removed. He is the only person. Chairman Dall, said the issue wasn't whether if you were going to stay or be removed, the issue was that you had an opportunity with the new board to make your best effort. We were not going to hold the problems we had in the past against you. What we were doing would be counter to what the old board had done. Ms. Senter said I have turned 180 degrees and followed the new board. The rest of us know there is a lot of work to be done. There is no reason to sugar coat, hide it, or do anything but your best effort. Commissioner Hathcock said that I think as a group of commissioners we can do that without badgering and making everyone here shake in their boots when they hear your name. That's the problem and it may be just me and I'll say it, I don't care. You have pissed everyone here off and I'm done playing with you. You are a chain around our neck, and I can't take it anymore. We can take our best shot at it even if you have a Pam Feagle sign in your yard, so I can roll with the

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punches. You have made this environment toxic; you've done that with Ms. Senter and the other Commissioners and on and on and on. We have tried to rein you in but here we are right back at it again. Commissioner Kicklighter talked to you a minute ago about the email wording about draining the swamp and dealing with alligators. I'm a Taylor County boy, and I feel like you have talked enough. Chairman Dall said I am not a Taylor county boy. Commissioner Hathcock said that was not the point. Commissioner Rich addressed Commissioner Hathcock and said he would really appreciate if he would stop with all the personal attacks. You take up a lot of the board's time going on and on and on about who does what and whose feelings got hurt. If you are on a board, feelings are going to be hurt. Commissioner Hathcock replied point taken.

Chairman Dall asked for more comments. There were none. Chairman Dall asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion. the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Board Actions:

1. The Board approved a motion that the Neighborhood Meter matter not receive any further consideration.
2. The Board approved a motion that a letter be sent to the Taylor County Board of Commissioners requesting the removal of Commissioner William Rich from the Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District Board.
3. The Board approved a motion that a letter be sent to the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners requesting the removal of Chairman David Dall from the Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District Board.



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