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MINUTES OF REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING October 17, 2000

- 1. The meeting was held at the Blue Creek Baptist Church 7:00 PM. Present were Travis Beach, Mike McKinney, Melvin Bowden, Bob Ballinger, Betty Towles, Jim Moody and Larry Murphy Directors and Floyd Ford, Sandra Bolton, David Morgan, Bob Meissner, Stella Meissner, Jim Gooding, Diana Harris, Robert Harris, Bill Hargesheimer, Georgette Toy, Jan Garner, George Stamos, Joe P. Burns, Bill Weathers, and Barbara Weathers. Upon motion by McKinney, second by Towles and unanimous vote, Joe Burns was selected to open the meeting and presided over the election of officers. A quorum was present.
- 2. Nominations for Chairman were held by Joe Burns. The only nomination was Travis Beach. The board voted unanimously for Travis Beach to be President.
- 3. Travis Beach presided over the remainder of the meeting. It was suggested by several people from the floor that we elect all the existing officers and staff of Taylor coastal Utilities, Inc. to serve in the same capacity for the District as they have been serving for TCU. Chairman put this to the group and the support was unanimous. The following positions were filled:

Vice President Mike McKinney Secretary/Treasurer **Betty Towles** General Manager & Engineer **Bob Meissner** Office Manager & Bookkeeper Sandra Bolton **Licensed System Operator** Jim Gooding Field Technician **David Morgan** Central Sewer System Project Manager Floyd Ford Mike Smith **Recording Secretary** Jo Ford

- 4. The commission discussed ways to generate funds for startup of the District. A suggestion was made to ask people to donate money to be placed in the bank and credited to their account. The District would then credit it to their first sewer bills. Motion by Towles second by Bowden, unanimous.
- 5. The District agreed to take assignment of the contract with Jones, Edmunds & Assoc, Inc. by Taylor Coastal Utilities, Inc. Approved by consensus.
- 6. Bill Weathers gave a presentation regarding the services that could be provided by Gardnyr Michael Capital, Inc. The Chairman asked that the necessary papers be prepared. Approved. Motion by Ballinger, second by Towles, unanimous.
- 7. The Board approved opening an account at the Citizens Bank as soon as possible.
- 8. Regular meetings will be every third Wednesday. The meetings will be at the Keaton Beach Hot Dog Stand at 7:00 PM until further notice.

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9. The meeting was adjourned. Motion by McKinney, second by Bowden, unanimous.

Robert W. Meissner

General Manager

Operating Funds for TCW&SD

It was motioned that donations by individuals will be accepted and that money could be applied to that persons future sewer bill, paid back in by check, or donated to the sewer cause. The choice is up to the donator. This motion was seconded, and carried by unanimous vote.

Transitional Needs

At a prior date, the bidding process was carried out and the engineers were selected. The results were announced in this 10-17-00 meeting as:

Jones Edmuns Associates.

The invited guests William W. Weathers and Barbara Weathers of Gardnyr Michael Capital inc. offered and explained their services.

They proposed that they will help us get our financial backing. They are experienced in obtaining grants and other financing for large scale projects, They feel they can obtain the maximum grants from Rural Development and keep our sewer bills at \$30.00 per month as well as a return of 10%.

Their firm will do all the paperwork, applications, and all 15 DCA letters. The firm will type the letters and give to our TCW&S District for our approval and signature. The Weathers stated that Taylor County Sewer project is at a high priority and the need is strong. Given the income level of Taylor County, should get us 4% interest rates.

The total fee of their services will be \$19,000.00 and payable only if we are approved and get all the money. The payment for their services will be due at the time we are ready to close on the loan/grants.

TCW&S voted and we decided unanimously that we will accept their assistance and fee contingent upon approval from our attorney, Mike Smith. Travis will run the written agreement through Mike Smith. Travis also has a list that has been prepared by William and Barbara's company as to what will need to be done on this project.

Travis announced that he met with Rural Development the week prior to this meeting. The Rural Development representative advised Travis that the paperwork for this project is "Mind Boggling".

Travis shared with the group that Floyd Ford had received a supportive E-mail response from Jeb Bush.

2 Separate Entities

Since cash assets cannot be transferred between the two entities,
Taylor County Utilities and Taylor County Water and Sewage must remain separate entities until
Rural Development and/or Mike Smith advises us otherwise.

Jan Garner said that she would like to help raise funds for our Sewer project. She feels that

visiting fishermen and tourists will be open to giving donations to help fund implementation of our sewer system. The group was in unanimous support of her collecting such donations.

Operating Account

TCS&W will open a checking account at Citizens Bank in Perry the during the week that follows this meeting.

Meeting Place / Sunshine Laws

According to the Sunshine Laws, our meetings must be regular posted meetings monthly. These notices should be posted at the courthouse.

We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

The place must be in a public place and open to the public. It was determined by unanimous vote that the meetings will be held at the Hot Dog Stand on Keaton Beach. The time will be 7:00pm. Recap:

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at the Hot Dog Stand on Keaton Beach.

Meeting was adjourned.

TAYLOR COASTAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT POST OFFICE BOX PERRY, FL 32348 (850)

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA November 15, 2000 Keaton Beach Hot Dog Stand

Opening comments, quorum

Approve minutes of last Board Meeting

Report from Sandra

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- 1. Bank account opened
- 2. Federal Employer Identification Number assigned
- 3. Phone line is being installed.
- 4. Report on money collected.

Report from Bob and New Business

- 1. JEA needs aurhorizaith to move shead with the Prelilminary Engineering Report and the Environmental Report.
- 2. The Disstrict needs assurance from SRWMD that they have the funding available for us to pay JEA.
- 3. The Commission will have the public hearing on the addition of Spring Warrior on November 21.
- 4. Bob Meissner requests permission to ask Ms Waters if we can extend out depreciation to 40 years on pipelines and tanks. This will make our Income Statement and Balance Sheet more realistic.
- 5. Report on Senator Mitchell's meeting
- 6. Important meeting on November 27.

Taylor Coastal Water & Sewer District MEETING MINUTES FOR November 15, 2000

Meeting held at "Hot Dog Stand" in Keaton Beach.

Meeting called to order by BettyTowles

Board Members Present: Betty Towles, Bob Ballinger, Larry Murphy, & Jim Moody

Quorum established.

Minutes of October 17th, 2000 meeting reviewed and discussed. Approval of October 17th minutes deferred until next meeting pending corrections.

Reports:

Bob Meissner:

Briefed the members on the Status of the Spring Warrior effort to be included in the TCW&SD. At the next County Commissioner's meeting, an ordinance will be presented to amend the TCW&SD boundaries to include Spring Warrior.

Sandra Bolton:

Reported that TCW&SD now has a bank account and checkbook. She also reported that various personnel have contributed money to cover administrative cost of TCW&SD. A total of \$1200 has been contributed. She indicated that approximately 40/50 dollars had been spent on misc. office supplies to date. A phone line has been added for TCW&SD.

Floyd Ford:

Reported on the funding activity efforts during the last month. Invitation letters have been mailed out to various state and federal officials to attend the "round table discussion" to be held at Blue Creek Baptist Church at 10 am Nov. 27th.

Correspondence with the Governor's Office requesting funding assistance resulted in an email response from the Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Struhs. The email indicated the administration was looking at ways to assist projects such as ours.

A group from SRWMD and the Gulf of Mexico Plan toured the coastline of the District by Boat. Group was interested in water clarity, marine life and types of grasses found along the coast.

A delegation from TCW&SD met with Senator Mitchell on November 6th to brief him and his staff of the District and the status of seeking funding support. Commissioner Ed Sadler was part of the delegation. Senator Mitchell encouraged us to continue our work and was very supportive in our work.

Future plans include the November 27th meeting and working on the application for the Rural Infrastructure Grant from the Office of Tourism and Development.

Other Business:

Bob Meissner explained the funding of Jones Edmonds & Associates by SRWMD for the USDA/RD application forms and environmental impact study being done. Motion made by Larry Murphy and second by Jim Moody to approve the transfer of the \$25,000 to Jones Edmonds & Associates. All Board members voter for approval.

Bob Meissner presented the Financial Consultant Agreement with Gardnyr Michael Capital, Inc. for approval. The agreement provides that no payment be made to Gardnyr Michael Capital, Inc until funding is approved by the USDA/RD. The agreement is for \$19,000. Motion made by Betty Towles and second by Larry Murphy to approve the agreement. All Board members voted for approval.

Sandra informed the board that David Morgan was attending a wastewater Treatment Course in Madison.

Larry Murphy made a motion to adjourn the TCW&SD meeting. Betty Towles seconded it. All members voted for adjournment.

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- 2. The approval of the minutes of the District meeting on October 17, 2000 was tabled for review at the next meeting. Motion by Murphy, second by Moody, unanimous.
- Sandra Bolton reported that the Federal Employer Identification Number has been assigned and the bank account is nearly opened with a few more papers to be signed. At present approximately \$1200 has been donated to the District.
- 4. Bob Meissner reported that SRWMD has agreed to provide \$25,000.00 to the District to fund the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the Environmental report (ER) which will be prepared by Jones, Edmunds & Associates, Inc. (JEA). The written agreement with JEA will not be signed until TCW&SD completes a written agreement with SRWMD. The necessary papers are being prepared. The papers will be approved by Mike Smith before signing.
- 5. The agreement with Gardnyr Michael Capital, Inc. was reviewed and the signing of this contract was approved by the District. Motion by Moody, second by Murphy, unanimous.
- The Bond Counsel selection was discussed. Mike Smith recommended Mark T. Mustian, Esquire, Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, PA. This selection was approved by the District. Motion by Moody, second by Ballinger.
- Bob Meissner reported that The County Commission will hold a public meeting to consider the addition of Spring Warrior to the District.
- 8. Floyd Ford reported on all the recent events regarding funding of the Project. A meeting was held with Senator Mitchell in Jasper that appeared quite productive. Another very important meeting will be held here on November 27. About 20 people will attend who have a significant influence on funding for our project.

9. The meeting was adjourned. Motion by Murphy, second by Ballinger, unanimous.

Robert W. Meissner
General Manager

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November 15, 2000

Mr. Floyd Ford 20610 Marina Drive Perry, FL 32348

Dear Mr. Ford:

It gives me great pleasure to officially appoint you to the position of Central Sewer System Project Manager. You have been leading this effort for over 2 years and now that we have a completed feasibility study it seems like the time to make this appointment official.

The Board and Staff of the District deeply appreciate your continued efforts in moving this project to this point. Having the feasibility study in hand is a real milestone. We are looking forward to seeing the project really pick up support and speed from here on.

We feel that with your experience, determination and diplomacy you are the best person to fill this position. We are looking forward to having you guide us through the intricate path that will lead us to our goal of the elimination of septic tanks and the protection of our coastal waters.

Let's work toward condensing the 5 year projection to 3 years.

Sincerely,

Travis Beach President Bob Meissner General Manager

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Minutes Meeting Sewer Service

December 20, 2000 @ 7pm

Meeting Called to order and quorum noted by Travis Beach.

Board members present

Mike McKinney
Bob Ballinger
Travis Beach
Melvin Boyden

Melvin Bowden
Jim Moody

Minutes of October meeting were circulated to members. Motion to approve by Mike McKinney, second by Melvin Bowden. Approved.

Minutes of November 17 meeting circulated to members. Motion to approve by Melvin Bowden, second by Jim Moody. Approved.

Financial statement given by Sandra Bolton. Balance as of December 20 \$1291.50. Phone and Fax lines for sewer service will be the same as the water service.

Report by Floyd Ford on November 27 Round Table Meeting @ Blue Creek Baptist Church.

Noteworthy in attendance were:

James Dean of USDA/RD
Willie Taylor of USDC/EDA
Steve Fellerman of Dept. of Community Affairs
David Hammonds of State Dept of Health
Dave Fisk of SRWMD (Jerry Scarborough deputy)
Jerry Smithwick of Congressman Boyd's Tallahassee Office
Will Kendrick – new District 10 Rep to House

Working on grant applications for USDA/RD, USDC/EDA and Office of Tourism And Development. Potential of \$3.0 million from these agencies.

Exchanged emails with Senator Mitchell and Rep Kendrick's office pursing legislative action.

Ongoing efforts to secure funding:

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A letter was sent to Ron Bass at Tri County Electrical Corp. inquiring about federal grants through Economic Development. These are "pass-through" grants.

Floyd has received a call from Troy Mullis at DEP informing that the state Water Advisory Panel has been disbanded. Previously approved projects will be funded but no additional ones will be. Troy suggested requesting a legislative grant. Floyd will send a request for same to Florida State Representative Will Kendrick.

General agreement is to pursue the legislative grant possibility. Travis had a call from Will Kendrick expressing his support for the sewer project.

Jones, Edmunds & Associates have received approval to proceed with the environmental process.

Concerns expressed about the level of commitment from SRWMD. A meeting with Jerry Scarborough and Don Everett will be requested in January.

Bob Ballinger reported on information he had obtained from the Internet regarding grants given last year to small communities for water and sewer systems. It was noted that the sponsors for these grants were Connie Mack and Bob Graham.

Floyd reported that community bloc grants are given one per county per year. A request for such a grant would put the water and sewer district in competition with the county.

Plans for next month:

Continue to work grant applications, Set up meeting with Jerry Scarborough, make contact with EPA about grant funding.

Report from Bob Meissner.

Water testing with the present low tides will produce rating levels in the "poor" Category.

A plan for an accounting system is being developed. Mike suggested consulting the CPA.

Taylor Coastal Water & Sewer District will eventually need to come up with some money for the sewer system. When and how much has not been decided.

Travis stated that the money request would be discussed with Jerry Scarborough at the January meeting.

David Morgan thanked the Board for support for the course on sewer systems he is taking.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Jo Ford

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