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MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

February 6, 2025

1. The meeting was held at the District Building at 6:00 PM on February 6, 2025. Commissioners Mike Hunter, Tim Stanton, Gayle Lundy, and Randy Hathcock were present. Commissioner Jan Walker was not present. TCWSD Staff present were Kristi Hathcock and Lynette Senter.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. There is no phone or internet service to the District Building, so no recording or call-in is available.

2. Vice-Chairman Hathcock led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Welcome guests and open the floor for non-agenda items. There were no guests.
4. Discussion of the Water Improvements Project – Ms. Senter explained to the Board that at this time, our engineer was exploring the option of postponing our funding for the project until the District was able to proceed. The Board agreed that they would discuss this again once they received information regarding the funding.
5. Approval of the Minutes from October 3, 2024; October 7, 2024, and October 17, 2024. **Vice-Chairman Hathcock made a motion to approve the Minutes for the October 3, 2024, October 7, 2024, and October 17, 2024, Board Meetings. Commissioner Stanton offered a second. Chairman Hunter asked for further discussion. By unanimous vote, the motion was approved.**
6. Consent Items – The consent items were presented. **Commissioner Stanton made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Commissioner Lundy offered a second. Chairman Hunter asked for further discussion. By unanimous vote, the motion was approved.**
7. New Business
 - a. Resignation of District Manager. Ms. Senter gave notice to the board on January 30, 2025. Her last day will be February 28, 2025. The Board discussed the hiring process and requested that the advertising for the position end on February 14, 2025. The Board agreed the beginning salary would be \$50,000.00 and that after a 90-day probationary period, an increase of \$5,000.00 would be applied if the new hire fulfilled the duties in an appropriate manner. The Board thanked Ms. Senter for her service.
 - b. Hurricane Helene Loss of Service Credits. Ms. Senter explained to the Board that it would be financially detrimental to apply loss of service credits to customer billings. A credit for loss of water service for one month would be approximately \$13,800.00 and a loss of service credit for sewer service for one month would be approximately \$26,794.00. Commissioner Hathcock

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discussed his feeling that the replacement of all of the customer's equipment at District cost was enough of a credit. The Board discussed this further and agreed that at this time, no loss of service credits would be applied due to the large amount of money the District was spending on storm restoration.

- c. Hurricane Helene Water Service Update – All customers who have requested water service have been placed back in service. The District provided water under a boil water notice immediately after the storm, and then 30 days after the storm, was able to provide potable water.
 - d. Hurricane Helene Sewer Service Update – We are working our way through the requests for service restoration. We have placed approximately 221 customers back into service. 41 customers have asked to be changed to water-only accounts, and 53 customers have disconnected and turned off their accounts. We have approximately 30 customers at this time to be reinstalled, and are getting a few notifications of power restoration each day.
 - e. FEMA Hurricane Assistance – We have had several changes in FEMA workers. It appears that the most recent manager is gathering all of the previous data and moving forward with starting the reimbursement process. Ms. Senter said that information had been submitted and will continue to be submitted, and she would assist the new District Manager with the process if necessary. The Federal Government had put a halt on FEMA reimbursement programs for a few days, which has further delayed any claims processing. We are also working with Florida Rural Water to obtain some possible funding for repairs to the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations.
8. Closing Remarks – The Board expressed its thanks to Ms. Senter for her dedication and hard work at the District. Ms. Senter assured the Board that she would do whatever was necessary to ensure the smooth transition to the new District Manager.
 9. Motion to Adjourn - **Chairman Hunter requested a Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stanton offered a second. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.**

Board Actions:

1. Approval of the Minutes from October 3, 2024; October 7, 2024; and October 17, 2024.
2. Approval of the Consent Items.

BY: Lynette Taylor Senter, Board Secretary
Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District