

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

June 15, 2006

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Ron Treabess, Vice President Lou Reinkens
Directors Kelly Atchley, Erik Henrikson, Dan Wilkins

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Lourey, General Manager
Cindy Gustafson, Assistant General Manager
Jim Dykstra, Director of Accounting
Matt Homolka, Engineer
Bill Back, Director of Utilities
Bob Bolton, Director of Parks & Recreation
Mike Sexton, Legal Counsel
Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Treabess called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Van Noy led the audience in the Pledge.

B. AGENDA AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL

1. Agenda Deletions, Changes and Audience Requests

President Treabess asked to defer item I-9 to a future meeting. He also said that he had an outside request from the Tahoe City Downtown Association to time item #14 at 5:30 because they have their meeting at 6:00. He requested to make this change.

2. Additions to Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as changed: Atchley/Henrikson/5-0

C. RECOGNITION

4. Ralph Turner – 3 Year Service Recognition

Mr. Van Noy noted that Ralph has actually been with the District for 6 years but was part-time for the first 3 years. He commended Ralph on his work ethic, said that his detail to job is exemplary, and said that he wished he had more employees like him. Mr. Bolton added that Ralph is committed to excellence and sees the big picture of what the department is trying to do. He is also very safety conscious, environmentally sensitive, and comes to management with new ideas. The Board congratulated Mr. Turner and presented him with his service award.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS

Director Reinkens asked to pull items 6-c, 6-h, and 10-a for further discussion.

Motion to approve remaining items: Henrikson/Atchley/5-0

5. Finance Report
6. General Manager and Staff Reports
 - a. General Manager
 - b. Sewer and Water Report
 - c. Public Works
 - d. Parks Activity Report
 - e. Recreation Activity Report
 - f. Project Development Report
 - g. Assistant General Manager Report
 - h. District Engineer Report

Regarding item 6-c, Director Reinkens asked about the status of the water meters. Mr. Back replied that about 98% of the commercial electronic meters are installed and, since the pressure reducer valves need to be relocated in the Upper Highlands Project with the \$25,000 PCWA grant, meters will be installed at the same time. Mr. Lourey said that they are hoping to get significant background data and usage patterns so that a Board workshop can be held to go over the rate schedule and how the project will be staged.

Motion to approve item 6-c: Reinkens/Atchley/5-0

Regarding item 6-h, Director Reinkens said that it ties in with the change order so will be accepted.

Motion to approve item 6-h: Reinkens/Atchley/5-0

7. Lakeside Trail 2B – Pay Estimate #5
8. Lakeside Trail Phase IV – Pay Estimate #2
9. Sequoia Crossing – Notice of Completion
10. McKinney Water Line Replacement
 - a. Change Order #1
 - b. Pay Estimate #1

Regarding item 10-a, Director Reinkens asked what “unmarked water line break” meant. Mr. Back explained that the line was missed when we did USA markings there and then the contractor hit it.

Motion to approve item 10-a: Reinkens/Atchley/5-0

J. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

11. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance – APN 014-291-011

Motion to approve Resolution #06-20: Henrikson/Atchley/5-0 by roll call vote

12. Resolution Declaring an Election Be Held in its Jurisdiction; Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services (El Dorado County)

Motion to approve Resolution #06-21: Atchley/Reinkens/5-0 by roll call vote

13. Resolution Declaring an Election Be Held in its Jurisdiction; Requesting The Board of Supervisors to Consolidate this Election with any Other Election Conducted on Said Date; and Requesting Election Services by the County Clerk (Placer County)

Motion to approve Resolution #06-22: Reinkens/Henrikson/5-0 by roll call vote

K. GENERAL

15. Update and Discussion of Rideout Elementary School Lease

Ms. Gustafson reviewed the letter from the school district stating that they rejected all bids. She reported that they would be calling us into meetings soon to discuss possible shared use between themselves, TCPUD and West Shore Properties. She explained that the school district's interest is to maximize their revenue, Mr. Topol wants control of the property and will probably need all of the parking, and our district wants to use the recreational areas with parking. Ms. Gustafson suggested that we form some sort of an ad hoc committee that would include some of the community groups that have expressed an interest in using the site. Director Atchley suggested that we begin the process with a Quarterly Community Forum. Director Henrikson said that he would like to pursue working with the District to make whatever changes are needed to the MOU and continue on as before. President Treabess said that he sensed a level of agreement by the Board to start a focus group on this issue. Ms. Gustafson will do a press release opening the group up to anyone interested and soliciting any groups that might want to be involved.

J. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

14. Resolution to Call for Bids on the Heritage Plaza Project

Mr. Lourey noted that the District is ready to call for bids on this project. Mr. Homolka explained that the current budget is estimated at \$782,000, down from the \$800,000 in the memo. He is hoping to open bids on schedule and he believes everything is coming together well. Ms.

Gustafson explained that at the special meeting in April the Board voted 4-0 to not call for bids on this project unless we had secured funding for the Homewood bike trail. Staff has had several meetings and continues to pursue funding for the Homewood bike trail but it is not yet clear what the bike trail will entail. She said that staff's recommendation is to proceed with Heritage Plaza because it is ready to go and funding is secured. Lolly Kupec (TCDA) urged the Board to complete Heritage Plaza because it is extremely important to the streetscape of Tahoe City. She also offered TCDA's resources whenever needed to go after funding. Director Treabess noted that the District received a letter from Randy Pomin stating that he strongly recommends continuing with the previously established timelines for funding, construction and completion of Heritage Plaza. Director Treabess also noted that Rich Caldwell said that he hoped that the District would move ahead with this project.

Motion to approve: Atchley/Wilkins/4-1 by roll call vote with Director Reinkens voting no because he feels that the Homewood trail is a priority. Director Henrikson's vote included the condition that he hopes that continuing with this project doesn't preclude any time loss on the West Shore Project.

H. PUBLIC FORUM

No comment.

K. GENERAL

16. Discussion on FEMA Projects and Engineering Standards

Mr. Lourey said that he needed to hear from the full board on what they would like to see regarding design standards and to what level projects are designed. He asked them to give staff adequate time to work on their request and then report back to the Board on what that means in time and cost to projects. Director Reinkens noted that what prompted his request for this item was the slope failure that occurred on the bike trail and his concern with the way projects are designed. Mr. Homolka clarified that this year was a really high ground water year, which caused the main problem with the bike trail. The Board began an in-depth discussion on the bike trail problem. Mr. Sexton suggested that the Board quit talking about one specific event and start talking about the design standard issue. This would allow the Board to flush out their concerns and give staff time to prepare explanations for a future meeting. Director Treabess stated that at some convenient time in the future the Board would like a further report on the Midway to Squaw project.

17. Reports:

Mr. Dykstra announced that he will be on vacation on the day the Finance Committee is set to meet (July 14th) and he asked to change the date. The meeting was moved to July 6th at 8:00 a.m. Director Treabess noted that

Director Wilkins and Director Reinkens are now the board representatives on the committee.

Mr. Bolton went over a handout he provided that showed the schedule for the movies on the beach, the concert series, and the Farmers Market. He then explained the Tour de Nez and how it will affect the area. He also informed the Board that June 26th would be the start of the Parks and Recreation camps and the swim program.

Mr. Back reported that today was the annual inspection of our main system in Tahoe city by the California Department of Health Services. He noted that Mr. Laliotis spent the entire day with them and things went well.

Director Henrikson reported that at TTSA's last meeting the mining agreement with Teichert was approved. He went over the agreement and said that he believes it is a very good thing for TTSA. He also reported back on Director Reinkens question about how many one-ton chlorine cylinders are housed at TTSA. They have four in use at all times with four back-ups ready to switch out. They have room for sixteen cylinders but normally have eight to twelve on site. They also have a chlorine scrubber that can capture two tons of chlorine gas and mix it with sodium to make sodium chloride before it goes out into the environment. The safety requirements are for one ton of gas so they have double the capacity needed for safety standards. Director Reinkens asked Mr. Sexton about the District's liability. Mr. Sexton said that he would meet with Mr. Lourey about the liability question and determine if our ACWA inspector should take a look at it.

Ms. Gustafson reported that she attended the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council meeting last Thursday where there was a presentation on mitigation fees and funding for various projects. She said NTRAC reported that most mitigation fees have an adopted plan; however, park dedication plans do not have a plan and are dealt with on a first come, first served basis. She said it was very clear that NTRAC supported the projects coming to NTRAC for discussion versus just being approved by Placer County staff.

Mr. Lourey gave an update on Jack Beckman. He is doing well but is in quite a bit of pain. He hopes to return in August.

Director Treabess said that the meeting calendar needs to be changed for the summer months, is possible. Director Wilkins has a conflict because Truckee Town Council meetings are also held on Thursday evenings. The Board decided to change the summer meetings to Tuesday, July 18; Tuesday, August 15; and Tuesday, September 12.

18. General Correspondence

Director Treabess complimented John Reichert on his letter of appreciation to Ed Miller and the Downtown Association for their assistance and support for sidewalk snow removal by local merchants.

L. DIRECTOR'S FORUM

19. Director's Comments

Wilkins: Director Wilkins said that he deals with Cal Trans regularly and is available to assist the District if needed.

Henrikson: Director Henrikson had no additional comment.

Atchley: Director Atchley complimented Bob Bryant and staff for their work on the FEMA projects. She noted that the District is the forerunner of people receiving funding and it speaks well for staff.

Reinkens: Director Reinkens had no additional comment.

Treabess: Director Treabess had no additional comment.

M. MEETING REVIEW AND STAFF DIRECTION

Mr. Lourey reported the following: When bids are brought back for Heritage Plaza, we will be prepared to discuss specific design elements; the Midway to Squaw failure issue will be brought back to a future meeting with further explanation and the appropriate level of consulting engineers will be present to help explain the issue; the Finance Committee meeting will be moved to July 6th; he and Mr. Sexton will follow up on the TTSA liability status. Director Reinkens asked to include the Blackwood Creek creek stabilization in the FEMA analysis discussion.

O. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Government Code Section 54956.8

20. Property: TTUSD Rideout Elementary School

Mr. Sexton reported that the Board gave its negotiators instructions with respect to the Rideout School issue.

P. ADJOURNMENT – 7:05 p.m.

Ron Treabess, President

Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

Prepared by Ginger Charlton, District Clerk