

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

August 6, 2007

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Lou Reinkens, Vice President Kelly Atchley
Directors Erik Henrikson, Ron Treabess
Director Dan Wilkins attended via conference call

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Lourey, General Manager
Cindy Gustafson, Assistant General Manager
Jim Dykstra, Director of Accounting
Matt Homolka, Engineer
Tony Laliotis, Utilities Superintendent
Bill Back, Director of Public Works
Debi Black, Technical Services Supervisor

A. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Reinkens called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Homolka led the audience in the Pledge.

B. PUBLIC FORUM

No public input.

C. GENERAL

1. Water and Sewer Rate Study

Mr. Dykstra introduced John Maxwell and Herta Fairbanks from HDR Engineering, Inc. They explained the approach that they will be using on the project and reviewed the power-point presentation they did entitled "Setting Cost-Based Water and Sewer Rates".

The presenters, staff, and board members discussed the various ways that rates can be set and the pros and cons of each way. Policy decisions will need to be made in the next few months so the board requested a list of policies for prioritization. Once a rate system is selected, HDR will tie it to the results of the study so that everyone can see what the rates will look like. The board can then decide if it meets their objectives, provides sufficient revenue, and is cost-based and equitable.

2. Discussion

Fire sprinkler lines on new homes was discussed. There is no historical data on these specific lines so staff and HDR will work together on the issue.

There was also a discussion on how much water is being used on our parks and how much we are charging ourselves. This will be researched for public information later.

A discussion was held on a phased approach to implementing meters to assure the rates are fair to everyone and the feasibility of changing the billing cycle.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Lou Reinkens, President

Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

Prepared by Ginger Charlton