

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**February 23, 2006**

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Jim Smith	President
	Patrick Novotny	Secretary
	Art Anderson	Treasurer
	Larry Dunn	Board Member
	Ron Felz	Board Member

SUPERINTENDENT	Mike Darter
ATTORNEY	Donald Tribbett

ABSENT	Reggie Shireman	Vice President
	Chuck Burke	Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Mr. Smith.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting by Mr. Novotny, seconded by Mr. Dunn

Vote   Ayes 5           Nays 0

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Anderson presented the claim voucher for the Operational and Maintenance fund in the amount of \$37,914.93.

A motion was made to approve the claim voucher by Mr. Felz, seconded by Mr. Novotny

Vote   Ayes 5           Nays 0

Mr. Anderson presented a claim voucher for the Phase I & II Construction Fund in the amount of \$152,399.74.

A motion was made to approve the claim voucher by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Novotny

Vote   Ayes 5           Nays 0

## **Committee Reports:**

### Project Committee

The committee met with the Twin Lakes Development Group to discuss their development east of the Sportsman's Inn. The Twin Lakes Development Group briefed the committee on the potential development and discussed estimated time frames involved with the development.

- Mr. Tribbett stated that the Twin Lakes Development Group complemented District on their performance.

## **Ex-official Member's Report:**

None

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Darter reported there were 4 incidents and 6 complaints from the Phase I and II construction project.

Mr. Darter reported there have been 108 permits issued and 37 connections made in Phase I, and 154 permits issued and 91 connections made in Phase II to date.

Mr. Darter requested approval to declare the Onan/Cummins generator and transfer switch surplus, to enable the District to sell.

- Mr. Anderson asked why the unit wouldn't work in other locations and Mr. Darter responded.
- Mr. Anderson thought we should keep the unit.

No action taken on this matter.

Mr. Darter presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Randy Bonty.

Mr. Darter requested approval for an Accounting Service Agreement with H.J. Umbaugh, for a rate study of existing service areas.

- Mr. Anderson asked what it was for and how long it would take to initiate and was concerned that it did include the debt service portion of the rate.
- Mr. Darter explained it was for operational and maintenance of the rate for the existing service areas.

A motion was made to approve the Accounting Service Agreement by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Anderson

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Darter requested approval for the District to enter into an Annual Server Support contract with Computers Made Easy of Lafayette for system support in the amount of \$500.00 yearly.

A motion was made to approve the contract by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Novotny

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Attorney's Report:**

Mr. Tribbett reported that he had received the court ordered appraisal on the Dittman Farms property and the court order to pay the appraisers' fees.

- The appraisal for the property was in the amount of \$51,252.00, or approximately \$4,000.00 per acre.
- The appraisers' fees were in the amount of \$1500.00 ea for a total of \$4500.00.
- The District's original appraisal fee was in the amount of \$200.00.

Mr. Tribbett recommended that the District should approve payment to the appraisers and for the land.

- Mr. Tribbett commented that the District can file exceptions in court within 20 days of the order.

Mr. Anderson stated land values have increased because of sales in the area.

- Mr. Tribbett explained that the appraisal had to be effective September 2005.

A motion was made to approve payments of \$51,252.00 for the land and \$4,500.00 for the appraisals by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dunn

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Dunn asked about the exceptions.

- Mr. Tribbett responded explaining the procedures.

A motion was made for Mr. Tribbett to file exceptions to the appraisers' report by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dunn

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Tribbett reported that a lawyer appeared for Hubbard Auto regarding the Bassett property and Mr. Tribbett filed papers to amend the complaint to include Hubbard.

Mr. Tribbett reported that Mr. Delzell requested information on the landscaping and fencing on his property and Mr. Mashruwala from GRW will provide the information requested.

Regarding lift station No. 3, Mr. Swartz said he will not oppose acquisition but he thought the land value was too low being offered.

- Mr. Swartz will be making a written response to the offer in the near future.

### **Engineer's Reports:**

#### GRW

Mr. Mashruwala talked about the office site and collection system and said 2500 notices for easement were sent out by certified mail but the responses were coming in slow.

Mr. Mashruwala reported that lift stations No. 4 & 5 were to be surveyed next week.

#### Rhein-Bach

Mr. Klockow reported that a progress meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 and provided a handout with information and results from the meeting.

Mr. Sullivan, Jr. commented on the 3 indoor units to be installed and gave handout to explain items.

- Mr. Smith stated the customer should pay the electric cost of approximately \$1.25 per month and not the \$15.00 meter charge for an additional meter monthly.
- Mr. Tribbett stated that the Sewer Use Ordinance already contains a provision for the customer to pay for the electricity.
- Mr. Anderson said the customer is responsible for the extra costs but it would hardly show on the monthly billing.

Mr. Sullivan, Jr. handed out contract change orders to Phase I & II, Division B to the Board to read and approve.

- Mr. Anderson asked about the final bill and Mr. Klockow stated there would be \$400,000.00 of excess funds.
- Mr. Novotny asked if the excess funds would be used on Phase III
  - Mr. Anderson, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tribbett responded.

A motion was made to approve contract change orders for Phase I & II, Division B by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Novotny

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Klockow commented that another contract change for pumping out the tanks and possible time extension was still to come.

- Mr. Smith asked why it wasn't in the original contract and how much it would be.
- Mr. Sullivan, Jr. said the estimate was around \$5000.00. He also stated that the pump blowers were finished.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. McDaniels, Riverview Dr asked about engineers coming out to meet and discuss locations of grinder pumps.

- Mr. Mashruwala responded

Mrs. Schall asked if stakes put out for grinders were going where they were staked.

- Mr. Mashruwala responded.

Mrs. Schall asked about grants to help pay sewer bills and said \$80.00 monthly was too much and the District should sell bonds to help. She then asked if you have to hook up if your septic were good.

- Mr. Tribbett, Mr. Smith and Mr. Anderson responded stating the rules were any one 300 ft from line can be required to hook up.

Mr. Tribbett asked if GRW answered complaints about pump locations.

- Mr. Mashruwala responded stating that customers should call GRW to discuss pump locations.

Timothy Plantenga stated he's been paying \$25.50 for year and it will only go up to \$50.50 for most of people but his property be \$84.00. Mr. Plantenga stated whoever approved \$1500.00 for appraisers should be investigated and also the judge who approved price.

- Mr. Anderson responded to statements.

Mr. Felz asked if public meetings would be held at night

- Mr. Smith responded.

Jack Meents talked about lift station No. 1 not being on his property and asked about the appraisals for the property.

- Mr. Mashruwala responded.

Mr. Meents asked about frontage and boundaries in order for him to be able to farm with no interference. He then asked about appraisals on his property again.

- Mr. Tribbett responded.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Anderson, second by Mr. Dunn at 4:22pm

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0