

**WEST SLOPE WATER DISTRICT**

**Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**July 19, 2017**

**Meeting Summary**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Chair Robert Rieck, Commissioners Charles Conrad, Micky Hoffman, and Noel Reiersen

Absent: None

Management Staff: General Manager, Michael Grimm

Public: Robert Peltz

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**1.0 – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rieck called to order the Regular meeting of the West Slope Water District Board of Commissioners at 4:59 P.M., Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

**2.0 - PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Rieck recognized Robert Peltz in the audience. Mr. Peltz is a District customer who is retired and is interested in filling the vacant Board of Commissioners' seat (Position #2).

**3.0 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Reiersen pointed out a correction needed in Agenda Item 3.1 Meeting Summary. On Page 1, change "consent calendar" to "consent agenda". Commissioner Reiersen made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Hoffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Conrad asked about the purpose of Items 3.2 through 3.4. Mr. Grimm reviewed what each document was and why it is included in the packet. Chair Rieck asked if Ms. Dawes could provide a brief overview of the documents at a future Board meeting and how the Board should review these documents to the best interest of the District and focus on the most important content of the documents.

**4.0 - DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

4.1 – Operations Report: Mr. Grimm shared the water demand for the first 18 days of July in addition to the demand for the month of June. Water demand in July 2017 is outpacing July 2016 due to the long dry spell and warmer temperatures. Daily demands are in the range of 2.4 to 2.5 MG compared to normal summer days of 2.1 to 2.2 MG. Mr. Grimm gave a quick demonstration of how he uses high temperature data to project and predict daily demands.

4.2 – Green Tank / SW 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Pipe Project: Mr. Grimm stated MSI is currently nine days past the Substantial Completion deadline with no firm date ahead when the contractors believe

they will meet the substantial completion deadline. Mr. Grimm also showed the Board digital photos of the current construction site conditions and explained the recent work to fill void spaces under the tank floor and the recent exterior painting task. The workmanship of the exterior paint coating has been very poor, and the painting subcontractors are working to correct their mistakes. Commissioner Conrad asked who chose the color of the tank. Mr. Grimm replied the color choice was one of several recommended to the District by our engineering consultants, and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Grimm chose the final color after checking out the color of several other tanks in the area. Mr. Conrad stated he believed the color did not look as stark or as "neon" in person as compared to the photo he received through email. Mr. Grimm stated the color had to be selected with less than 48 hours to decide due to the contractors changing paint manufacturers and their delay on furnishing the color choices available with only 2 days before the paint was to be ordered. So far, only two residents have complained about the paint color and sheen (email forward to the Board several days prior this meeting). The District also has had several compliments from other neighbors and from passers-by. Chair Rieck asked about the possibility of repainting the tank a different color if needed. Mr. Grimm replied the current coat is the last coat of paint that will adhere well to the tank before the tank surface will need sandblasting through all previous layers applied before another layer of paint can be added. The District expects to have this current coat last 10-15 years before the tank needs to be sandblasted and repainted.

4.3 – Board of Commissioner Position #2 Vacancy – Included in the Board packet were seven attachments to this agenda item. The seven documents included as attachments are documents used or considered in 2013 to fill two Board vacancies at that time. Chair Rieck commented it would be too time consuming to discuss these documents during the current meeting. His preference would be to hold a special work session to review, edit, and compose final documents to be used for this year's Board member selection. The Board discussed having three main outcomes of the work session to carry forward to the August regular meeting for approval: 1) Establish a process; 2) Establish a schedule or timeline; 3) Create the forms/documents needed to implement the established process.

4.4 – General Manager's Report – Mr. Grimm relayed a number items for information only to the Board which does not require any vote by the Board at this meeting:

- Document shredding at the District office Thursday, July 20
- Solar eclipse planning for fuel shortages, ATM cash shortages, massive amount of traffic in gridlock conditions, and potential wildfire impacts
- Portland treatment alternatives – Portland has not made any decision on treatment though they are leaning toward the most expensive option of UV disinfection now and full filtration in 15-20 years. Chair Rieck stated TVWD CEO Mark Knudson commented in the press TVWD encourages Portland to pursue full filtration instead of UV + filtration. More to come on this issue.
- Corrosion control options – Portland is considering two alternatives for corrosion control 1) pH and alkalinity adjustment and; 2) orthophosphate addition. Portland is moving forward with the pilot study without much consideration of the potential unintended consequences created for Portland's wholesale customers (especially wholesale customers with alternative sources like a well or second water treatment plant).
- The District's customer service specialist position is ready to advertise but is on hold until Ms. Strathern has a better understanding of the coordinated sale of her home and availability of homes to purchase in Albany.

**5.0 – COMMISSIONERS COMMUNICATION**

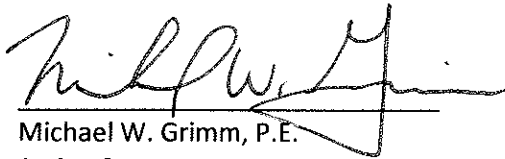
Chair Rieck commented other Board members are welcome to provide comment to the Board on agenda items for future meetings. Mr. Rieck also stated it might be helpful to have an agenda item dedicated to evaluating the current meeting. Mr. Grimm reminded the Board not to interact with one another through email. Any comments the Board wishes to express about future meeting agenda items should be directed to the General Manager and not the Board Chair in order to avoid the appearance of an illegal meeting. Commissioner Hoffman commented his desire to see more outreach through our website regarding Portland’s filtration treatment decisions.

**6.0 – ADJOURNMENT**

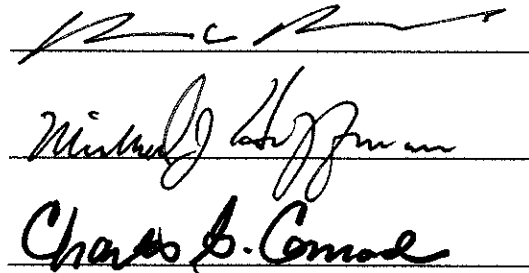
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Reiersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Conrad seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Chair Rieck adjourned the July 19, 2017 regular Board of Commissioners meeting at approximately 6:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved:



Michael W. Grimm, P.E.  
Acting Secretary



Michael J. Hoffman  
Charles B. Conrad