Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
BASTROP COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District #2 was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Conference Center, 106 Conference Drive, Bastrop, TX. 78602.

Present BCWCID #2 Board Members:
John Creamer, President
Karen Pinard, Vice President
Victor Gonzalez, Director

BCWCID #2 Staff/Other Professionals:
Jim Ouellet, General Manager
Alma Rodriguez, District Administrator

Absent
Sam Kier, Treasurer
Tammy Eden, Secretary

AGENDA

1.) Call to Order and Establish a Quorum
President Creamer called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

2.) Pledge of Allegiance
President Creamer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.) Texas State Flag
President Creamer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

4.) Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution supporting Senate Bill 749 and potential companion House Bill.

Jim Ouellet gave a brief presentation on an alternative idea to getting the roads paved. This plan is to finish the roads within 4 years and not have the road fees increase above $15 per month. The District can go out for a bond in the November election but we will need two thirds of the registered voters in Tahitian Village to vote in favor of the bond. This would be a revenue bond which would be paid for by road fees so there would not be an increase in your county taxes. As more roads are completed, maintenance costs go down so more of the fees collected can go to paying off the bond early. With a bond, like a mortgage, costs are fixed so future costs will be known as opposed to the great uncertainty if we continue down the path we have already been on for many years.

Motion: Karen Pinard moved to approve the Resolution supporting Senate Bill 749 and potential companion House Bill. Seconded: Victor Gonzalez. Vote: Three (3) in favor, motion carries.

5.) Public comments/Announcements (The Board respectfully requests you limit your comments to three (3) minutes)

A resident asked how many miles of road are in Tahitian Village and how many miles left is there to pave.

Answer: 70 miles of roads in Tahitian Village, 30 miles left to be paved which does not include the roads that need to be abandoned.

George Upton resides at 162 Mokulua Lane asked if the bond would be in lieu of raising the road fees to $252 a year.

Answer: Yes, the intent of the Senate Bill is to give us protection just in case we needed protection but as Jim Ouellet pointed out we can get this project done with the fees we currently have in place.

John McPhaul resides at 255 Tahitian Drive asked how much was billed last year in road fees, what was the percentage collected, who will be the project manager of this project and what type of bond are your proposing

Answer: Jim Ouellet stated the collection rate was 68%, he will be the project manager and it is a revenue bond.

Patty Bader resides at 201 Moku Manu Drive stated there is no transparency. There should be a website we can all go to find out this information like paying $95k for a lobbyist for the bill which we didn't know anything about.

Answer: President Creamer stated no money has been spent on a lobbyist. There is a monthly Board meeting on the 3rd Thursday every month at 6:30 p.m. There were 3 people that attended at last meeting.

Jan Schwindt resides at 103 E Kamoi Court asked if the District has a website and are the minutes posted and could you add a question and answer forum?

Answer: Jim Ouellet responded the District does have a website, albeit a poorly maintained and inefficient one. Currently the minutes are not on the website but we are working on that and yes we could add a question and answer forum. A new website is under development and it will be much better.

Charity Martinez resides at 192 W Kaanapali Lane asked how people are supposed to attend the meeting if they are not at times when a majority of people are just getting home from work. The meeting should be live streamed.

Answer: Director Pinard stated we will take this under advisement and discuss this at a future meeting.

Linda Horton resides at 123 Kaeleku Lane stated what assurance do the residents have because you stated you don't anticipate the fees going up if the bond passes.

Answer: President Creamer stated once we establish the interest rate then it will be a fixed rate so we will know what the monthly payment will be.

Randy McDonald resides 426 Tahitian Drive stated this burden of roads should on the County and he is very disappointed that Judge Pape is not in attendance tonight. The County initiated

this situation the District needs to concentrate on water and wastewater and let the County take over the roads.

Jeanette Pigg resides at 520 Tahitian Drive asked if there was any plans to put a cap on seniors?

Answer: Director Gonzalez stated there is currently a cap and that will continue.

Joe Clemmons resides at 150 Kahalulu stated with the prices in materials soaring it will be more expensive to pave the roads in the future.

Answer: The Board agreed.

Commissioner Hamner stated he needed to leave because he has another appointment but wanted to assure everyone he is as committed today as he was when he was campaigning to get the roads done.

Hannah Perry resides at 430 Mauna Loa Lane asked who does the construction on the roads.

Answer: President Creamer stated either the county, city or we hire a contractor.

Steve Hausler resides at 110 E Keanahalululu Lane asked if they are paying county road fees with their tax money and road construction fees.

Answer: Yes.

Amanda Craig resides at 109 W Keamuku Court asked if the Board has estimated what the cost will be in another 3 or 4 years.

Answer: Yes.

Isabel Perez resides at 250 Tahitian Drive stated she would like to see the financials because she has not seen any improvements and wants guarantee that the road fees won't go up.

Answer: President Creamer stated the District's financials are public information you can request them at any time.
Director Gonzalez stated we cannot give you a guarantee.

Sam with West Creek Homes stated he has seen many improvements and it is not fair to be negative with the Board.

Randy McDonald thanked the Board since they are all volunteers.

Joe Clemmons stated we will have more stability if we go for the bond.

6.) Adjournment

Motion: Victor Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Seconded: Karen Pinard. Vote: Three (3) in favor, motion carries.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.

Board Director

5/1/17
Date