

**ORANGE COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 8, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 (the "District") met beginning at 4:00pm on June 8, 2015 in the District's office at 2526 Western Avenue, West Orange, Texas, 77630.

The following Directors were present: Mr. Tom Woolley, Mr. Jerry Foreman, Mr. Glenn Curran , and Ms. Linda Premeaux. A quorum was present at all times during the meeting. Also present were: Mr. Daniel Tatum, Superintendent; Mr. Joel Steirman, Independent Auditor; Mr. Alan Sanders, District's Legal Counsel; Mr. Nestor Barroeta of Schaumburg and Polk, District Engineer; and Mrs. April Lombardo, Office Manager.

ITEM #1 OPENING OF MEETING: Mr. Woolley opened the meeting at 4:07 PM.

ITEM #2 RECOGNIZE GUESTS: Mr. Grayling Mouton; Mr. Marty Delano; Mrs. April C. Lombardo; Ms. Harriet Jackson; Mrs. Joy Jacobs

ITEM #3 OPEN THE FLOOR FOR COMMENTS: Mr. Woolley wanted to let Mr. Russell Love, the District's lead operator at its wastewater treatment plant, and Mr. Tatum know that he really appreciated the tour of the Treatment facility.

ITEM #4 PUBLIC HEARING: (See attached documentation)

ITEM #5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY: Tabling discussion until a future board meeting. (Discussed in Closed Session)

ITEM #6: CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS:

MRS. JACOBS – C&E LET'S PARTY: Mr. Tatum explained that she had a high bill back in December 2014 and was put on a payment plan. Mrs. Jacobs has since paid it off and has now received two high bills right in a row (April & May 2015). Mrs. Jacobs is here today asking for relief. Mr. Tatum stated that it is out of his hands because a leak cannot be found, for him to adjust according to policy. Therefore, Mr. Tatum gave her an extension on her April bill until this board meeting. Mr. Tatum stated that he cannot find a source of leaking water, and that he believes it sounds like it might be a toilet issue. He has asked Mrs. Jacobs if she wanted him to test the meter, but she never got back in touch with him on the testing. Mrs. Jacobs stated several times that she would like her meter moved closer to her property. Mr. Sanders said he can't give a definite answer at this time about the possibility of the meter being moved closer to her property without knowing details about the layout of her property and of adjacent public and private property and rights of way. Mrs. Jacobs would have to bring in the specs on the property and then they (the Superintendent, the Engineer and the Attorney) will have to research the area and then make a determination and recommendation to the board. After board discussion, Mr. Sanders stated that board can have her pay average billing for an adjustment, however this can

only happen one time within a 12-month time period, therefore anything that happens after this such as future large bills then no adjustment will be available and it will be her responsibility to pay in full. After further discussion it was decided that the District would temporarily put in a new meter, test the old meter and then table the adjustment until the next board meeting. Also, Mrs. Jacobs will continue her own efforts to locate possible leak sources.

MR. CARMACK: Mrs. Lombardo explained the phone call and story of Mr. Carmack in response to an email that Mr. Carmack sent to Mr. Tatum, in which he was complaining about a \$15.00 late fee on his account, and saying that he wasn't treated properly. Mrs. Lombardo had several witnesses to the conversation, and Mr. Carmack was very crass throughout the entire conversation. Mr. Tatum removed the late fee, and the customer was then satisfied.

MR. DELANO: Mr. Delano would like an adjustment to reimburse his \$15.00 late fee that he had to pay, and make sure that he has been properly credited for his previous adjustments for a leak and the removal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit on his property. After discussing his issues, Mr. Delano decided that he was no longer wanting to discuss the adjustment issues and didn't require any action by the board.

ITEM #7: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Curran made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Premeaux seconded the motion. Motion passed without exception.

ITEM #8: ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None that are not otherwise included on the Agenda.

ITEM #9 ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Barroeta submitted his written report for the month, and conducted the following discussion.

TWDB 2012 CWSRF: Mr. Barroeta stated that the plans and specs for the project have been signed, sealed and delivered to Mr. Tatum for his review and also to the Water Development Board. Still in the process of reviewing the environmental documents and it takes awhile. They are actually waiting for the public hearing documentation to add to that review as well.

West Orange 2013-2014 TCDBG Project: Mr. Barroeta said that the City of West Orange is meeting today to review the plans, specs and bid days. The bid days will be in the paper next week, as soon as Mr. Barroeta hears from the Chief of Police, Mr. Mike Stelly.

West Orange 2015-2016 TCDBG Project: Mr. Barroeta said that we have scored number 11 out of 14 applicants. One thing that they counted off for is that we received a grant last year. It is possible that we could still get funded; the state would have to get \$3 million for the District to get funding for this grant project. The candidates are counties and districts, Pinehurst ranked #3. It is not unusual for all to get funding, it just depends on how much the state gets.

ITEM #10 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, AS UPDATED:

- BOD 5
- TSS 9
- Copper .0092

District pumped 9,004,000 gallons of water, we sold 6,816,000 gallons. We sold 76% of the water we pumped. District was able to account for 86% of the water that we pumped.

*(Linda Premeaux left at 5:58pm)*

212 customers were on the delinquent list & 66 on the cutoff list.

For this billing cycle *(which is the first time we have had the online bill pay information on the bill)* we have had 38 people pay online, which is approximately \$2500 as of last Friday.

TCEQ Violations: Last requirement for the repair of the splashguard to prevent liquids from being splashed out the plant, has been repaired and TCEQ letter confirms the matter is closed.

**ITEM #11 CAPITAL REPAIRS TO POTABLE WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS:** No additional comments at this time.

**ITEM #12 REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS** No additional comments at this time.

**ITEM #13 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES PLANNING AND FINANCING:**

- A. SABINE RIVER OUTFALL PROJECT: No additional comments at this time.
- B. OFFSHORE HORIZON ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS, ORANGE COUNTY COALITION:  
There has been some attempt to make it as public policy effort to have the Texas Legislature have some level of input (veto power) for the Governor's project designations, and that was put in as a rider to the Texas budget, however the Consultants/Lobbyist pointed out that it is inconsistent with Federal law, which could keep Texas from getting any money. The effort did not succeed, but a reporting requirement was added as a Budget Rider.

**ITEM #14 FINANCIAL MATTERS:** Mr. Steirman reported that his office is in the process of finishing the audit and they should have something by the next meeting.

**ITEM #15 BILLS TO BE PAID:** Motion to pay the submitted bills in the total of \$86,344.12 by Mr. Curran and seconded by Mr. Foreman. Motion passed without exception.

**ITEM #16 CLOSED SESSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT, STAFF, LEGAL AND FISCAL ADVISORS:**

The Closed Session began at 6:24PM and ended at 6:53PM No final votes were taken regarding the Closed Session Agenda Items after the Board of Directors reconvened into Open Session. At this point the Items were for discussion, only.

**ITEM #17 CHANGING THE START TIME OF THE MEETING:** No change in start time of meetings.

**ITEM #18 CONSIDER ANY SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The Board agreed that such a meeting was not apparently necessary at this time and no action was taken.

**ITEM #19 ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Curran seconded by Mr. Foreman . Motion passed without exception. Meeting ended at 6:56 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Premeaux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "P".

Linda Premeaux  
Secretary