

# Thunderbird Farms Irrigation Water Delivery District #1

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Regular Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2022

## I. Open Meeting Agenda

- A. Meeting was called to order by Carol Shrock, Chairperson at 4:02 p.m.
- B. Roll Call – Board Members: Carol Shrock, Alicia Hernandez & Dan Massey present.  
Office Manager, Sara Carroll & Field Ops. Manager, Gilbert Sanchez present.

## I. Regular Business

- A. Call to Public: None present
- B. Discuss/Approve/Deny Board Meeting Minutes: Alicia motioned to approve the 10/18/22 minutes, Carol 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor; motion carried.
- C. Financial Report: Sara submitted the GL Report and provided the check for review and signature. The ED3 bill up and may be due to winter resident use. The Tax levy revenue of about \$5,500. Carol asked about the high Taxes paid from the account. Sara explained that she had submitted the payment online but accidentally used the old Great Western Account info. The payment was rejected, and late fees accrued over the weekend. The payment and fees were paid from the First Interstate bank new info.
- D. Board Report: None
- E. Office Manager's Report: Sara said they have a new customer in lot 34. Their 1<sup>st</sup> bill will be in January. Mr. Romo that lives on Brooks Rd., called and was provided the new service application also. Sara reminded the Board that the \$100 credit limit goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> and refund checks should be done for the January meeting. She noted the MCDWID Annual Holiday party will be in January and will send out invitations as soon as plans are finalized. Sara said customer Mrs. White was delinquent on payments and send a foreign check that they could not accept. The check was returned to her and they are awaiting new payment.
- F. Field Operations Report: Gilbert reported that Dankworth's meter, lot 11 had use but their meter was not working and was changed out. There was discussion of possible leaks in lateral 3 for the crew to determine. They are clearing the weeds around the meter boxes. Alicia asked what the plan is for clearing the rest of the laterals. Gilbert said the trees in some laterals are to big to remove easily. Herbicide is being used. Pre-emergent won't soak into the ground with the amount of rain they have had recently. The board and Gilbert agreed the laterals need to be cleared out before summer and fire season.

## III. New Business

- A. Discuss Alternate Power options: Sara reached out to the Energy Efficiency contact at Rural Water Assoc. of AZ regarding alternative power options. Carol said the info he provided was beyond cost of recouperation and was not feasible for the District to take on. Dan suggested that the cost of solar panels or other disposal equipment such as batteries should also be taken into consideration as part of the investment cost. There was discussion on selling power back to ED3 and Grant/Loan funding available. The Board agreed they would like to do more investigation into actual cost of alternative power. There are free services provided by RWAAZ that could help in determining the best options out there. Carol would also like to have the MCDWID Staff Engineer IGA for consideration at their next meeting. Sara said if they start getting system evaluations now they will be better prepaid for the next Budget year for planning expenses.
- B. Discuss WIFI Tower option: Carol spoke with a local man, Jeff Christenson who is setting up his own broadband internet in the Thunderbird/Hidden Valley areas. He is looking for tower installation opportunities. They discussed the tank as a possible mounting place for the equipment. The District would then receive a commission. There was discussion on possible tank damage and the security and stability of Community LTE. Carol recommended a rep. from Community LTE attend the next meeting to review and answer questions.

- IV. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Carol at 4:57 p.m.

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