

## **Tridell-Lapoint Water Improvement District**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

**July 11, 2022**

Minutes of the Tridell-Lapoint Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held July 11, 2022 at the Tridell-Lapoint Water Improvement District Office. Those in attendance were: Chairman: Troy Hartle, Ryan Goodrich and Ron Wallace, Trustees. Employees: Isaac Hatch, Dan Huber and Judi Huber, as well as Bond Attorney, Eric Johnson. Scott Williams, Trustee, joined the meeting, along with Aaron Averett and Kurtis Shawcroft from Sunrise Engineering, at approximately 6:37. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

The Public Hearing was entered into as follows:

**A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE TRIDELL-LAPOINT W.I.D. WATER REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000; FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS.**

The chairman opened the floor for public input. Ryan noted that as a member of the public, he would like to recognize that this is one of those projects that will assist in the previously voiced concerns from some of our south end customers. There are none of those customers here today, but this project will help address some of their concerns. Isaac stated that this was an opportunity for us to obtain financing at an awesome rate of return.

Isaac advised that this project will begin where our 2019 project ended and heading south. There are two (2) routes possible for the project. Route A, heading south along the Lapoint Highway, will require additional ROW permitting along tribal lands. Along with Sunrise Engineering, Isaac will be meeting with the tribe tomorrow. They are hopeful the meeting will be productive and that it won't a difficult process to gain those permits. The route would travel south to 2000 N. where it would then turn to the east to help the south end of the system where we have had a high number of residents show interest in connections. Route B, going south along 10500 East, will avoid tribal lands with only 2 new easements, belonging to Ouray Water Park property and Angus property. Both routes will solve the problem, with Route B being less advantageous since we will be leaving old pipe in the ground. We've had no written comments or concerns regarding this project, or the associated bond. The few customers we've spoken with are pleased that we've obtained the funding and yet will not be raising rates due to the installation of the pipeline.

The public portion is closed at 6:37.

The regular board meeting is called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Ron moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 board meeting. Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Certified Tax Rate special meeting. Ron seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ryan moved to approve the Final Bond Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$890,000 TAXABLE WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS. Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried. Board members voted as follows:

Ron Wallace – Aye

Ryan Goodrich – Aye

Scott Williams – Aye

Troy Hartle – Aye

Thane Goodrich – Absent

The expenses were reviewed. Each board member had a copy of the budget report. Isaac discussed some of the chemical expenses, which are not out of line considering the increases in aluminum and trucking costs. Also, our water revenue is down for this time of the year. It appears that our customers are self-regulating on their water consumption. New connections are expected to increase with the new project. The remainder of the line items are pretty much in line.

During our approved procedures audit, there was no signed and approved fee schedule. Isaac read into the record the fee schedule which all board members signed, excepting Thane, who was absent. Ryan suggested that when we review this during our budget period in the fall, we should consider addressing the rising costs of parts, etc. Troy asked about who pays for replacement parts. If it is the fault of the customers, they would be responsible. If the part has run its lifetime, the district will absorb the cost. Ryan suggests that if there is a return meter freeze visit, in the same season, that could/should be billed.

The issue of Lapoint Park water usage and agreement was discussed. Isaac advised that the park has 2 more years to seek out another solution for their 5 shares of water that they currently hold. The main question is if TLWID should cut the park off at 10 shares, or if we continue to allow them to use the water needed so long as we have the water available. Historically they are using more than their 10 shares. The park has a solution, but the cost has been prohibitive at this point. Once they've gone over 10 shares, the board would have the legal right to heavily restrict or turn off the park because our allotment was shrunk and we are doing the same to other industrial/commercial users. The intent of our original agreement in 2017 was to secure the water on the district side so that we can keep from running anyone else out of water. However, as with all our other customers, if they go over their agreed upon usage, we will bill them for the overage. We have the ability to limit them if necessary. They still have 2 years to build their proposed pipeline or turn over their remaining 5 shares of water.

The south end project was addressed by Kurtis Shawcroft and Aaron Averett with Sunrise. There is a meeting with the tribe tomorrow which we hope will be productive. Kurtis provided a recommended plan of action, which involves gaining easements from Angus's and Ouray Water and avoiding the allottee parcel. If the tribe doesn't work with us, our plan is to leave the existing line in the ground on tribal land and connect on both sides with the new line. Hopefully they will work with us. This will give Sunrise the opportunity to start some plans without yet knowing exactly what the tribe is going to allow. If the board is good with it, Sunrise will start approaching Ouray Park and Angus's regarding permissions needed. An archeological study will need to be completed. One estimate has been given, which includes

a fairly extensive study. It's been determined that the extensive study is not required, so the prices will come down substantially from the first estimate. Paperwork has been submitted to Gayle regarding water rights, right of ways, etc., as required. All of the paperwork won't be submitted to him until bids come in. However, Sunrise has provided everything they have to this point.

Isaac reminded the board that they will all need to complete board member training for the current term they are serving. It is available on the Utah Auditor's office, or in person through the association of service districts in the fall. The board asked that a link be sent to them. (After reviewing the website, this training should be completed within one year of each appointment/election or reappointment/reelection).

<https://training.auditor.utah.gov/courses/local-district-special-service-district-board-member-training-2022>

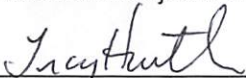
System O&M issues started with billing issues. Red Hills was on our shutoff list for non-payment, which was accomplished. After a few days, Isaac went out to verify that the meter hadn't been tampered with. The meter had been turned back on by the owner. Isaac turned it back off and installed a lock on the meter. He had a discussion with the owner, a payment was made and the water was turned back on. The 2 camp trailers at that location are using water from Red Hills Cabinet's connection. The board advised that a few years ago the hose connection was changed and those using a hose connection are not an issue. Isaac states he will do some research and verify that the policy was changed. He will go back to 2012 or 2013 minutes on his research.

Summer flows have been an adventure a time or two. The treatment plant has treated the water just the way it should. Water quality has remained very good.

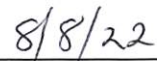
Daniel McKee approached Isaac regarding a line between the Merlin's barns, through tribal land to Merlin & Jeff McKee's homes. The ROW has expired and the tribe has approached them about renewing the ROW through the Indian land. McKee's believe it is the district's responsibility. Isaac has done some research, including visiting with Jerry. At the time of installation, McKee's installed that line and the district agreed to provide them water. The district has never assumed those lines into the system as our responsibility. Repairs were made a couple of times, with costs being charged back to McKee's. The district is aware that there is more than just this line which were put in by individual customers, and which the district has serviced for years, but which the district does not own. There is no record that the district has ever assumed responsibility for that line. Ron suggests that we prepare a policy which will cover this situation.

Water availability is at 840-acre feet. We are standing in a good place. Water is not currently being pulled from Paradise, and the rainstorms are continuing to replenish the reservoir. The district assisted Whiterocks Irrigation by using the backhoe to assist in cleaning the grate at Merkle Drop.

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

  
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