

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.
Smith Rock Community Church, 8344 11th Street, Terrebonne

1. Tim Brown called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
2. Board Members Present: Tim Brown, Kristin Yurdin, and Guy Vernon.
Others Present: Ryan Rudnick, Linda Swearingen, Nancy Blankenship and Jim Wilhelm.
3. Public Comments: Jim Wilhelm expressed concern that the Board had not answered his previously submitted questions. See "Comments for TSD 12-17-24."
4. Consent Agenda
November 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit A).
Tim moved and Kristen seconded the motion to approve the 11/21/24 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. 2025 Special District Election: Nancy stated that Board Positions #3, 4, & 5 would be voted on May 20, 2025 Election. It was also mentioned that the filing dates for these positions would be 2/08/25-3/20/25 (to file for office) and 3/24/25 would be the last day to submit candidate's statement for inclusion in the county voters' pamphlet.
 - b. Update Registered Office and Agent Resolution and Form. The Board discussed having Dylan Stott become the District's Registered Agent for the district since his primary residence is within the District Boundary. Nancy stated she would prepare the documents for the January meeting, so he can assume the role of the District's Registered Agent.
 - c. Ordinance 2024-001 - An ordinance concerning the Terrebonne Sanitary District Sewer System; adopting certain rules, regulations, rates, and charges concerning the sewer system. (Exhibit B). The Board discussed the proposed ordinance, and it was decided that the Board would discuss Sections 1-5 at the January Board meeting, Sections 6-9 at the February Board meeting and Sections 10-17 at the April Board meeting. Each of these board meetings would start one-half hour earlier, at 3 pm, with the work sessions following each meeting.
 - d. District's Mission and Values (Exhibit C). The Board discussed the proposed mission and values statement for the District. No action was taken.
 - e. Draft Memorandum of Understanding with Redmond School District (Exhibit D Modified). The Board discussed the draft MOU. It was moved by Tim and seconded by Kristin to approve the MOU with the Redmond School District. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Financial Report and Funding Discussion
 - i. DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Application for a \$100,000 TSD planning funds. Ryan stated that the application has been filed. However, if the District is awarded the funds, they may not become available until Summer 2025.
 - ii. \$1 Million Community Project Grant Funding for Terrebonne Sewer system is included in HR 8998, thanks to Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer. However, Representative Chavez DeRemer was not re-elected and we are not sure it will be approved in this Congressional Session.
- g. Future Administrative Services
 - i. Draft Contract with Katie Stratton was discussed.

6. Tim adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Swearingen

Comments for TSD 12-17-2024/Jim Wilhelm

Again I would like to address the fact that my submitted questions for the last 2 months have not been answered.

I would like to quote Guy Vernon from last month's meeting. " If you have any questions we are here to answer them". And yet I am ignored.

I would like to read from your proposed mission statement:

Transparency "Maintaining open communication and accountability to our community.

Community Engagement "Encouraging active participation and feedback"

At this point can we assume this to mean any questions except Jim's questions?

Since I have been attending these meetings I have respected the board's right to confine comments to the comment period. Also during this time the board has allowed every other member of the public to speak outside the comment period and most times for more than 3 minutes.

When I combine this with the questions issue it looks like I am being singled out. I am submitting 12 questions today concerning the regulations ordinance that is being considered today. I hope I will be treated fairly.

I know that Linda advised me last month that you do not want to address financial issues at this time. Is that not putting the cart before the horse? According to the numbers in your newsletter you will be upside down on day one. Kristin at the August meeting suggested the board look at Crescent water district as an example...Have you looked? I have...They are in dire straits financially and can not pay any of their loans. They will soon not be able to pay their staff.

Again from your mission statement. Efficiency: Striving for operational excellence and cost-effective solutions.

You're going down the same road as Crescent. It **will** not end **well**.