

OSCEOLA WATER BOARD
September 23, 2013

The Osceola Water Board met for a special scheduled meeting on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. This being the time and place as legally posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ryan Rychnovsky with the following Board Members present: Dave Neas and Susana Contreras. MacKenzie O'Hair attended by telephone. Board member Alisha Crawford was absent. Also present were Superintendent Brandon Patterson, Utility Office Manager Carrie Benda and others not signed in.

Board member Neas motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Contreras seconded the motion.

Ayes: O'Hair, Neas, Contreras, Rychnovsky
Nays: None
Absent: Crawford
Motion Passed

Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson opened the discussion regarding hiring an administrative assistant for the water office by stating interviews had been completed and the recommendation requested was to hire Sandra Ellis for the position. Discussion was held. Board member Neas motioned to authorize staff to move forward with offering the water administrative position to Sandra Ellis and Contreras seconded the motion.

Ayes: O'Hair, Neas, Contreras, Rychnovsky
Nays: None
Absent: Crawford
Motion Passed

Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson opened the discussion regarding hiring a water operator to fill the vacant position. Mr. Patterson reported to the board that he had received twelve applications. He explained that there was one individual who had worked for the department prior and would be eligible to take the grade 2 treatment exam sooner than starting a new individual. After discussion was held the board's decision was to move forward with a second interview and have a recommendation for the board at the October meeting.

Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson opened the discussion regarding an owner request to build a field terrace on a water line easement located on Ivy Street. Mr. Patterson stated that we currently have a sixteen inch pump line that goes through this property. Discussion was held. Board member Neas motioned to authorize Superintendent, Brandon Patterson to verbally discuss with the property owners the concerns and then have a paper agreement prepared for signing at a later time and Contreras seconded the motion.

Ayes: O'Hair, Neas, Contreras, Rychnovsky
Nays: None
Absent: Crawford
Motion Passed

Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson opened the discussion regarding correspondence received from Coughlin & Duffy LLP regarding the atrazine settlement. Mr. Patterson presented to the board the requests that had been received. Mr. Patterson explained that the information had been delivered to City Attorney Marc Elcock. Discussion was held regarding the board's intent on how to proceed. Board member Neas motioned to direct staff to draft a letter to Coughlin & Duffy LLP and Contreras seconded the motion.

Ayes: O'Hair, Neas, Contreras, Rychnovsky
Nays: None
Absent: Crawford
Motion Passed

Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson opened the discussion regarding the board's direction for the handling of future legal tasks. Discussion was held regarding when staff and the board would require legal counsel and how to handle legal requirements and meeting attendance. The board's preference is to seek legal counsel who is local and competent in dealing with water issues. Board member Neas motioned to authorize staff to retain Elisabeth Reynoldson to help us with the easement request for the main on Ivy Street assuming the buyers are in agreement with our terms and Contreras seconded the motion.

Ayes: O'Hair, Neas, Contreras, Rychnovsky

Nays: None

Absent: Crawford

Motion Passed

There being no further business to discuss, board member Neas motioned and Contreras seconded adjournment at 4:50 p.m.

Ayes: O'Hair, Neas, Contreras, Rychnovsky

Nays: None

Absent: Crawford

Motion Passed

Attest:

Ryan Rychnovsky, Chairman

Carrie Benda, Utility Office Manager

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