

**CEDAR KEY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 309 / 510 THIRD STREET
CEDAR KEY, FL 32625**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
March 12, 2018**

Board Members Present: Dottie Haldeman, Joe Hand, Stephen Rosenthal, Leslie Sturmer, Chris Reynolds.

Others Present: John McPherson, James McCain, Sue Colson, Jim Wortham, Frank Offerle.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m., by Dottie Haldeman, Chair.
2. Pledge and Prayer.
3. Adoption of Agenda. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to adopt agenda as. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
4. Public Input. Sue Colson addressed the Board about the letter that went out describing the District's failure to meet disinfectant byproduct (DBP) standards during 2017. She said that after telling so many people over the years that our water was fine and there was no connection to cancer in the City, that there now appears to be a problem with the water containing a carcinogen. She contacted the health department for statistics regarding cancer levels in Cedar Key and presented them to the Board. Cedar Key did not have higher levels than Levy County in general.

She stated that although people make many choices regarding cancer risk factors, such as smoking, water is different because people have no choice but to consume water. She offered whatever help she could to solve this problem, such as contacting Noah Valenstein, at DEP. She suggested the possibility of creating a task force to take on this issue, and that the District should spend whatever is necessary to solve the problem.

James McCain reiterated how hard the District had tried over the years to deal with the problem, but that it is very difficult for us given the amount of organics in our raw water and the fact that the organic levels change over time. John McPherson stated that it was not a matter of being unwilling to spend whatever is necessary, but rather the difficulty of finding a workable solution. Many proposed solutions have been pilot tested, but none have been really effective. He noted that the pilot testing of hydrogen peroxide as an oxidant would be commenced soon.

Board members assured Ms. Colson that the District was committed to doing whatever is necessary to solve this problem, and that workshops with the community should probably be scheduled as soon as any new information is available.

5. Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to accept minutes of the March 12, 2018, regular meeting, with a correction of a typo relating to the number of bill adjustments made. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
6. Financial Reports. Budget, Balance Sheet, Checkbook Activity, Past Due Accounts, and Employee Leave reports were presented for review. The General Manager provided a draft revised budget showing how recent unexpected expenditures would be covered. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to accept financial reports as submitted. **Second** by Chris Reynolds. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
7. Bill Adjustment. The Board reviewed a request by Paula Harrington for an adjustment from \$323.70 to \$192.00 resulting from a spigot being left on by a painter where the water did not go through the wastewater system. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to approve the adjustment request as meeting the requirements of District regulations. **Second** by Stephen Rosenthal. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. Resolution Number 2018-03:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT;
MODIFYING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GENERAL MANAGER; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The General Manager read the short title and provided a description of the change which would allow the Board to consider additional factors to determine whether an applicant for the general manager position was qualified. **Motion** by Chris Reynolds to adopt Resolution 2018-03 as presented. **Second** by Stephen Rosenthal. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

9. General Manager Report.

- a. *Water Plant Issues.* The GM reported that the DEP hold on chlorine dioxide, including our application to use TwinOxide, remains in effect. He said that he had received clarification that the problem is the TwinOxide company more than chlorine dioxide. He was told by Sterling Carroll, engineer with Florida Rural Water Association, that DEP was concerned about the way TwinOxide was running pilot tests in a number of communities in Florida, and that there was no way of knowing when these issues might be resolved. The GM noted problems the District had had with TwinOxide during the pilot testing in 2017.

The GM reported that staff would be getting started with the pilot testing of hydrogen peroxide as an oxidant later in the week.

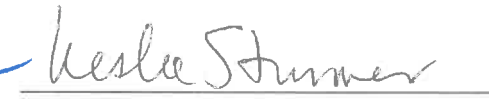
The GM reported that the cover letter and notice regarding the DBP issue was sent out February 22.

The GM reported that work had commenced on re-painting the water tower after a substantial amount of rusting had become apparent.

- b. *Staffing.* The GM reported that Gabe Doty is working out very well and became a regular full-time employee on March 1. Also, Todd Hubbard with TwoFold Engineers did his first half-day stint on February 6, and each week since then, and this is proving to be beneficial.
- c. *Election.* The GM reminded the Board that the election for Seats 1, 3 and 5 will be held on May 8, 2018, and that the qualifying period is March 19 to March 23.

- 10. Commissioner Comments: None.
- 11. Public Input: Public input was requested but none was provided.
- 12. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.


Dottie Haldeman, Chairperson


Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board

Date: 6/11/18