

Treasure Island Municipal Utility District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes Approved 6/9/22



Saturday, March 26, 2022

The meeting is convened at 10:00 a.m.

Roll is called and 4 board members are present, one absent

Steve Jones, President; Clark Blair, Vice-President; Tracie Terrill, Treasurer; and Patricia Newsom, Director. A Quorum was established.

Kym Dobbs, Secretary was absent due to work obligations

The meeting was in person, with thirteen members of the community present in the audience.

Steve acknowledged:

Alan Sanders, the attorney for TIMUD. Alan spoke to the open meetings act and to properly post the agendas and maintain notes of the meetings, so that the public has the opportunity to view the agenda and review the notes from the meetings; he also mentioned that talking about topics not on the agenda can be addressed when the public has the opportunity to address the board and those items can be tabled or placed on future agendas.

The meeting started with the floor opened to the guests, who had the opportunity to address issues not listed on the agenda. Some of the issues were to be addressed, and some were proposed to be placed on the subsequent meetings, for potential consideration, full discussion and/or possible action.

Steve reminded everyone that this is a board meeting and not a presentation. This is the time to bring items for future board agendas. One owner asked why we continue to have evening meetings and not Saturday meetings and Steve addressed that we meet when we can establish a quorum. We will do our best to meet on Saturdays, but it is not always possible. Someone else brought up that we no longer have an Office Manager and is the position open? Steve indicated that we would be addressing this position or a possible new position in this meeting or in a future meeting. Someone commented on how much they loved the new speed bumps and thanked MUD.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting continued with Steve addressing the pending meeting minutes. Patricia motioned for them to be accepted and Clark seconded with all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

No Expense reports to approve

No Bills to approve

Officers' reports:

Tracie: No Treasurers report because the large computer crashed and the Treasurer was unable to get into the old office managers documents on the laptop. She presented the Audit that was very late from the Auditor. The auditor did not show up because it is tax season and they said they would show up after tax season was over, but it was impossible to come now. The Audit was essentially the same as it was the year before. Jim Coursey needs to be an employee, TIMUD needs to keep much better records. Tracie assured everyone that the records are being kept very well now and all receipts are being kept currently as they had not previously been kept.

Committee Reports:

Patricia reported on the new CEPRA #1731 San Luis Pass Revetment Project. This is a new project number that replaces the old CEPRA 1626 project number. We are currently waiting for the Project Corporation Agreement (PCA) from the GLO. We are to receive the agreement this Month. We are at a standstill until the project cooperation agreement is signed by both parties.

Clark asked what the goal of the project is, and she said the project is to put sand from the street out into the pass. Basically, to move the beachfront out further into the pass and then put a revetment in front of it. This is the \$1,000,000 grant we were awarded we split with the State 60% Us 40% but Patricia pointed out that Brazoria County is donating \$300,000 of labor and trucks so we will only have to pay \$100,000.

Regarding **Jolly Roger Revetment** project: Patricia stated that after many months of calls, the Corps Permitting office contacted her via email. The Corps stated we need two permits for the Jolly Rogers Revetment project: one for original illegal project and second for the current proposed project. Our engineers, Mott McDonald, drafted and submitted the scope of work to us earlier this year.

Beach Access

Steve points out this goes hand in hand with the Jolly Roger revetment and the GLO. We can NOT put things out there i.e., sand, rocks, anything to stabilize the golf cart path, without a permit. When we do get the permit, we will do the renourishment and then deal with the path. There are things that the neighborhood wants to do that do not fall under MUD jurisdiction. We are waiting on a notice to proceed and the NW13 permit.

Steve discussed he has a meeting with the GLO on Wednesday morning to discuss this very topic. What we can do now and what needs to be done in the future. We keep hearing 18-24 months. Steve wants to hear directly from the GLO what we can do right now.

He also heard from Brian Frazier, at a task force committee meeting, that the next time Brazoria County dredges they would like to pump sand directly onto the beach. We are working directly with Brazoria country on a separate permit and CEPRA grant to do this with the canal dredging sand.

Tracie brought up that she obtained a permit to get mulch for the dunes. The county dropped a few loads and then the trucks got stuck so they halted the operations for a while. Tracie has inquired again as to when they will resume dropping mulch. There is a discussion about kids playing on the dunes and what we can do to build up the dunes.

Steve pointed out that we are mandated to provide safe pedestrian access, not golf cart access, however all of us here would like to have access for our golf carts too. He is going to bring it up at the Wednesday meeting because right now there is not safe access for pedestrians either.

Stop Signs

Steve pointed out we have missing stop signs and Jim Weathers pointed out that we ordered one and so this has been taken care of now. Alan pointed out that the stop sign issue was brought up because of the traffic issue.

Speed Bumps

Tracie pointed out that there are enough speed bumps for two lines along each main road. Currently there are two on China Clipper and one on Palm Street. We have signs for the bumps that will go in also. Kym did all the research and found these great speed bumps for double the number of speed bumps for \$1000 under budget. Thank you, Kym Dobbs!

District Banking Arrangements

Tracie – Makes a motion to remove Raluca Platon from off the bank accounts as she is no longer an employee. Patricia seconds the motion. It carries with all “ayes” The motion was unanimously accepted. Steve asks if anyone wants to be on the bank account. Everyone is on the bank accounts, but Patricia, she declines.

Steve points out we are going to have a closed meeting and so he would like to talk about the other things on the agenda, so no one must hang around until after the end of the closed meeting.

Fiscal Year budget – **Tracie** brings up we need a budget meeting asap with the financials in front of us. We need to develop a very serious budget now before the beginning of the fiscal year in May. We have not raised taxes or water in years. We need to discuss this at the meeting. Clark discusses that we haven’t raised water in a very long time.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

Patricia brings up that the San Luis Pass project is going to cost more than the grant that was given. She would like to have a campaign started for donations. A Fund-raising campaign. We need to start now so we do not run out of money. We need to investigate the legality of this or if we need to look into bonds. The ways we receive money is not flexible said Steve. Alan should check the legality of it all. Can we raise the taxes without it effecting the community etc. The taxes we are talking about are the Treasure Island portion of your taxes. Steve recalls the average taxes for a TI home is around \$943 a year so a 3% raise is about \$30. Please keep that in mind when we talk about raising taxes. It is not your entire

tax bill. If we raise it past the 3% and we go out to the community for a vote and we want to raise it 10%, this amounts to about \$100 per household.

Last year we lowered taxes on each house. This year we will probably raise taxes.

There are exceptions when there are national disasters and we can raise taxes 8% without a vote, however this is only after a Federally declared disaster.

Election

We have two positions that are expiring. Tracie's and Kym's. Kym is going to retire. We are going to have two positions open. We will discuss this after we have our closed meeting.

Audit – Tracie recommends that the audit is ok to approve. She recommends that it can be accepted and sent to the TCEQ as it is very overdue. Tracie motions to accept it and Clark accepts it. The discussion is ok to accept. The Audit is accepted unanimously.

Steve: Does anyone have any more questions? Someone brings up the Coastal Spine and it was brought up that we are not part of it. The County decided not to be involved. The environmental groups are all involved because no one wants it here.

Someone asked about the watchman. We do have a watchman once the cruiser is fixed, he will start cruising the neighborhoods. Someone also mentioned that anyone in the neighborhood should always contact Joe Ripple with the County if you have any type of construction or septic work going on so that you don't get in trouble with the GLO.

Steve moved the meeting to a closed session at 11:34 a.m.

Steve reconvened at 2:03p.m.

No action from the closed meeting

Date, Time, Next Meeting

Tracie made a motion to set a workshop budget meeting for April 21st

Clark seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A date is set a budget meeting on April 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Clark made a motion to set a special meeting to canvas for the election on May 12th at 6:30pm. Patricia second. All Ayes. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A date is set for election meeting on May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tracie seconded

Meeting adjourned with all in agreement at 2:06 p.m.

Approved by _____

Steve Jones – President
Treasure Island Board of Directors