

Medina Water Supply Corp
Minutes of 2024 Annual Membership Meeting on 4/15/2023
Medina Public Library - Pavilion

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Dan Poston

Directors present:

Dan Poston – President
Harvey Young – Vice President
Janet Miller – Treasurer
Bob Buck - Secretary
Rick Randall
David Reed
Roger Mora

Quorum of Directors present

Also present:

Kevin Ayers – contractor	Janet Zamrazil
Michael Sowders – contractor	Don and Nancy Larzelere
Celeste Lyman	Marissa Gonzalez
Duane and Carole Bell	Steve McCoy
Jill Young	Jeremy Stroud
Linda Poston	Traci Fjellstad
Jamie McFarland	Anita Randall

Minutes of the 2023 Annual meeting were read.

There were no amendments.

Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Roger. Motion passed.

Public Comments (5 Minutes per speaker)

Mrs. Macfarland cited Texas Water Code 67.005-007 and the bylaws and expressed concerns and launched formal protest that the election process may be invalid for the following reasons: 1) Harassment may have caused an incumbent director to withdrawal from the elections. 2) Each position is run as a separate election. 3) A board member and their spouse cannot serve on the same board. 4) Ballots are confidential, but this ballot had a signature line.

Jeremy Stroud Thank you to anyone who takes the time to support the community. Jeremy then states he has a concern about the elections tonight. Roberts Rules of Order does not say that spouses cannot serve together but implies that is not the best situation. Submits that maybe 2 spouses can serve in 1 position with 1 vote. The core of the

concern was 1 family may have 2 votes.

Michael Souters As a member, Michael commends Bob Buck for his services to the board. Has been asset to the board and the water district. Expressed the same concern for the spouses on the board. Spouses by the nature of their relationship don't often express an independent viewpoint.

Dan Poston The election procedures were discussed over several months. A selection committee was formed and per state law an independent observer was selected from the community to count the votes. Signatures on the ballot were used not for disclosure but to validate the ballot and prevent multiple votes from a single member household. Dan submits that the ideas presented for the conduct of the election should have been presented earlier in the process, and this process was discussed and approved by the board. Dan addresses the spouse on the board issue citing Texas Nepotism Laws Made Easy. The document does not say anything about spouses on the same board except for the case where the issue may result in financial gain, in that case one would have to recuse themselves from that issue. Dan then addresses the letter Mrs. Macfarland sent out. Dan then reviews the minutes of the previous 18 months before the start of his tenure to clarify what was addressed and when.

President's report – Dan Poston

The following actions were taken by MWSC Board to support the community:

The selection of Ardurra Engineering to develop a hydraulic model of the MWSC Water system and develop cost estimates for improvements.

Active participation in county meetings on hazard mitigation issues.

Began to address the condition of the Stringtown water tank.

Replaced Stringtown well pump via insurance.

Submitted Project Information Form with the help of Celeste to the Texas Water Development Board with several projects to improve MWSC Infrastructure.

Took delivery of 2 emergency generators via grants from Bandera County.

Began the planning for a community economic survey to support the PIF process. If we can show that we are a disadvantaged community this will move us up the list. This status will help us qualify for more grants and programs.

Completed lead and copper sampling as required by TCEQ.

Purchased new service truck for the water company.

Obtained at a dramatic savings, and began the process to install a pressure tank to bring us under 85% utilization for the TCEQ.

Numerous repairs as required.

Continue to pursue loans and grants for needed repairs.

Long term plans include securing a 3rd well site.

Harvey made a motion, seconded by Dan to accept the presidents report. Motion passed.

Elections Results

Position A (Bob Buck incumbent, Charles Anderson) Charles Anderson had 42 votes; Bob Buck received 24.

Position B (John Miller) John Miller ran un-contested.

Annual treasury report – Janet Miller.

See included reports, Mar 2023.

Total Income \$229,114.58

Total expenses before Depreciation Adjustment \$237,731.58

After a Depreciation Adjustment -\$14,023.10

Total revenue for 2023 -\$22,640.10

Total Balance as of December 31, is \$159,274.24 checking \$31486.90 savings

Janet said that there was a loss of -\$8,753.92 before depreciation, a loss of -\$43,219.30 after depreciation expense of -\$34,465.38.

There was some discussion of the classification of some of the expenses. Electric bill was classified as Internet service.

Harvey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Annual report, seconded by David.

Motion passed.

Rick Randall points out two missed agenda items, a vote to rescind the current conflict of interest policy and a vote on proposed conflict of interest policy.

Dan provides a backgrounder on the issue, the current policy, adopted in September, there was agreement to make the COI policy financial only. Board input indicates there are reservations about rescinding the COI policy. There is a 2024 initiative to rewrite the bylaws for clarity and to update for current statutes and have them approved by the membership at next year's meeting. Does the board want to rescind the COI. Rick Randall felt that the COI policy originated deceptively. Dan stated that during the initiation of the policy, copies of the proposed policy were provided to all board members and thus the policy was agreed upon in a transparent manner.

Harvey moves to not rescind the current COI Policy. Janet seconded the motion.

Motion passes 4 votes for, Bob and Rick vote against, Dan abstains from the vote.

The vote on proposed COI policy was not necessary.

Harvey moves to adjourn the annual meeting, seconded by Roger motion passed 5 for, 2 against.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Minutes approved with ____ amendments