

CITY OF HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2014

The Special Board Meeting of the Utility Board of Trustees was conducted on the 15th day of January, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Harlingen Waterworks System's Board Room located on the second floor at 134 East Van Buren Avenue, in the City of Harlingen, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rick De Los Santos, Chairman
 Richard Uribe, Vice Chairman
 Josh Fields, Trustee
 Mike Garza, Trustee
 Kevin Campbell, Trustee

Staff Present: Darrell Gunn, General Manager
 Bill Hubbard System Attorney
 Jim Vallely, Wastewater Services Director

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: OPEN MEETING AND WELCOME

Chairman De Los Santos called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. and asked if the Agenda was posted in accordance with the law, Nilda Sanchez responded yes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- a) Discussion and review regarding La Paloma Energy Power Generator Facility and proposed Ordinance revisions.**

Darrell Gunn reported that he had called this Special Board Meeting to update the Trustees on the pending contracts with La Paloma Energy. Mr. Gunn reported an Ordinance for a rate change had been presented and approved by the City Commission about a year and a half ago and now all looked positive for final implementation of this project to begin. Mr. Gunn advised the Board that La Paloma Energy was in charge of all the operational costs and in the end of the thirty year contract, or by default; Harlingen Waterworks would gain everything, including the infrastructure. With La Paloma Energy investors pressing quickly to move forward, they requested the Waterworks to revise water, construction and lease agreements to proceed with this project. Mr. Gunn told the Board he was

going to present an Ordinance revision and the contract at the City Commission meeting later that evening for revision or approval. Rick De Los Santos, Board Chairman added this was a perfect example of HWWS being able to lure a big company to the area because of the ability HWWS had to provide sufficient water service. Discussion by the Board ensued.

b) Review and presentation regarding Service Outreach.

Darrell Gunn showed a power point presentation explaining how the Waterworks was operated. Mr. Gunn discussed the billing systems for water, sewer, and garbage and the percentages of how the billing system was broke down by the three. Mr. Gunn reported how the key to the success and great accomplishments of the Waterworks' operations was that of its Board of Trustees, past and present. Discussion by the Board ensued.


AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Motion: Richard Uribe
Second: Josh Fields

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (5-0).

Attest _____


Nilda Sanchez, Board Secretary