

Brandon-Irene Water Supply Cooperation Board of Directors Meeting

January 16, 2025

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Brandon-Irene Water Supply was held on Thursday, January 21, 2025, in the Brandon Community Center at 7 PM.

Members present were Jimmy Lehmann, Mark Wilson, Kelly Cordell, Chris Finch, Gary Kelm, Jeff Murry, and Janet Walters.

Staff: Shelley Brown, Terry McGill, and Will Johnson

Item 1: President Jimmy Lehman called the Board of Directors' meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2: Minutes: Minutes were approved by the board for the January 2025 meeting.

Motion: First: Mark Wilson Second: Kelly Cordell

Item 3: Open Forum:

Member Robert Stevens expressed concern about a high water bill due to a leak. He was asking the board to mitigate the charges. President Lehman explained that this was not possible since the water had flowed past his meter.

Item: 3 Member Aaron Symank was scheduled to appear but did not show. President Lehman said he had talked with him earlier and felt the issue was settled. Member Symank was advised that he would have to use a certified contractor to lay and connect the water lines.

Item 5: President Lehman explained that the Credentialing Committee should have three members to certify the votes. Last year, one member did not show up. Currently, the members are Tim McGinty and Roy Cervick. The board was asked for suggestions. Larry Mynarcik was suggested, and Kelly Cordell contacted him, and he agreed to be on the committee.

President Lehman advised that the Annual Meeting, by rule, has to be on the third Tuesday in April

No Motion was needed.

Item 6: Board members up for vote on this election are Chris Finch and Kelley Cordell. Staff member Terry pointed out the election procedures are written in the bylaws and the election procedures.

Janet Walters made a motion to accept the current procedures, and Kelly Cordell seconded.

Item 7: The by-laws were updated by changing the verbiage in certain locations. There were no significant changes.

Kelly Cordell made a motion to accept the updated by-laws, and Gary Kelm seconded.

Item 8: Staff member Terry advised that we have already paid the Aquilla Water Supply twenty-thousand dollars; however, we are still short. Terry suggested we use the money

collected for the meters to pay the balance. President Lehman noted that we need to stay current with them due to our past history of payments and agreed to use the money collected for the sale of meters.

Janet Walters brought up recent work to try to lower the water supply loss and had the tanks inspected by Jared Bush of the Consolidated Tanks from China, Texas. It was noted that plant one had rust inside, needed a protective coating, and needed the roof hatch replaced. Plant four had the same issues. Plant five has a leak on the walkway around the tank but is otherwise in good condition. Janet provided two estimates from separate companies for the repair. Janet suggested that we bill the members for the costs of repairs or raise rates again. President Lehman noted that this discussion about repairs should be tabled until the February meeting and be listed as a separate item.

Kelly suggested we pay this out over three months.

Kelly Cordell made a motion to pay the Aquilla Water Supply bill, and Jeff Murray seconded.

Item 9: The financial report and the bills dues were reviewed, and no notable exceptions were noted.

Mark Wilson made a motion to pay the bills, and Chris Finch seconded.

Item 10: The board discussed the transfers for the following:

Coats to Munn
Hinson to Munns
Carroll to Hill College

Kelly Cordell made a motion to approve the transfer, and Chris Finch seconded

Item 11: It was suggested that we sell the Dodge pickup since it is getting expensive to repair. It was decided to accept bids, and the board will decide on who wins the bid.

Gary Kelm made a motion to sell the Dodge pickup, and Mark Wilson seconded.

President Lehman discussed a problem with leaks going to Roy Young's house. Young suggested they repair the lines in return for additional meters at no cost. They would likely offer to do the project at a reasonable price. President Lehman is going to discuss this further with Mark Young.

Mike McDonald has not given a decision regarding the Bynum Contract.

Kelly Cordell made a motion to accept the manager's report, and Chris Finch seconded.

Item 12: Executive Session: Present Jimmy called the board into an executive session at 820 PM.

President called the member's regular meeting back in session at 847 PM

Mark Wilson made a motion to terminate Kevin Landers immediately for poor performance, and Janet Walters seconded. President Lehman called for a roll, and each board member voted to terminate Kevin immediately.

Janet Walters made a motion to terminate Cal Horn, and Mark Wilson seconded it. President Lehman called for a roll call vote, and each member voted to terminate Cal Horn.

Janet Walters made a motion to raise Jacob's pay to nineteen dollars an hour, and Mark Wilson seconded it.

It was decided that Mr. Bowman should be hired on a temporary basis until the board can hire an operator. It was suggested that we pay him forty-five hundred dollars a month.

Janet Walters made a motion to temporarily hire Mr. Bowman, and Kelly Cordell seconded.

The board discussed advertising for a new field technician and an operator. Mark Wilson suggested that we consider hiring a military veteran.

Jeff Murray made a motion to advertise the positions, and Mark Wilson seconded.

The next meeting will be on February 13, 2025, at 7 pm.

Item 13: Adjourn

Motion: Chris Finch Second: Janet Walters

President Jimmy Lehman

Treasurer/Secretary Mark Wilson