

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF WILLIAMSON-TRAVIS COUNTIES
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT #1

November 17, 2020

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COUNTIES OF WILLIAMSON AND TRAVIS

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Williamson-Travis Counties Municipal Utility District No. 1 was held at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2020 by remote access only in accordance with the March 16, 2020 Order by Governor Abbott temporarily suspending certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act to advance the goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was open to the public and notice was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act and as modified by the Governor's Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Catherine Franke	-	President
Jana Norton-Ramirez	-	Vice President
Chris Rocco	-	Secretary
Art Medrano	-	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Elizabeth Jones	-	Director

All Directors were present except for Dir. Jones, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were Kristi Hester, Makenzi Scales, and Leigh Catlin of Inframark; Bill Flickinger and Allison Nix of Willatt & Flickinger; Herb Edmonson of Gray Engineering, Inc.; and District residents Natalie Bordelon, Deborah Dahl, Usha Divi, Megan Dudo, Linda Fabre, David Flores, Tina Flores, Tyler Ham, Terese Knicky, Bharath Navaneethan, Barbi Rose, Sarah Teale, Kelly Wrinkle, and Luis Zervigon.

Agenda Item 1: Receive Citizens' Communications

- David Flores addressed the Board to congratulate everyone that ran in the election and the fantastic work they did to get the community involved with the highest voter turnout in the history of the MUD. Ms. Fabre surpassed Dir. Franke's number of votes in the 2018 election, and Mr. Flores believes that she should now become Board President. Dir. Norton Ramirez has shown her true colors by how she has handled her election loss.
- Matthew Whittington addressed the Board, saying that he has known Linda Fabre for over a year as a mentor and a friend, yet the members of the Board slander and ridicule her while she has handled everything with professionalism and has inspired him to run for the Board in his own neighborhood. Based on the record-breaking number of votes received, Ms. Fabre should be the Board President as it is most democratic, and she is the right candidate to enter a new phase of leadership.
- Barbi Rose addressed the Board, saying that, per the votes, Linda Fabre should be Board President.
- Sarah Teale addressed the Board about the historic numbers of voters and that per the number of votes for Ms. Fabre, she should be Board president. She discussed Ms. Fabre's qualifications and knowledge. The Board is currently untethered with their spending and projects.

- Bharath Navaneethan addressed the Board to congratulate Ms. Dudo and Ms. Fabre. On an HOA Board, the person with the highest number of votes becomes president of the Board, and he wonders if that is the custom that the MUD has followed for many years. He believes Ms. Fabre to be the most qualified to represent the MUD board.
- Natalie Bordelon addressed the Board to express her support for the new Board members. She did not expect to hear about who should become Board president and thinks that since this election had a historic number of voters and votes overall, the discussion is unnecessary. The Board will vote on who they want to lead them. She also learned via her own open records request that Ms. Fabre reported her own neighbors for deed restriction violations. The Board should not select a president who so clearly attacks her own neighbors.
- Usha Divi addressed the Board, stating that Ms. Fabre shows good leadership and should lead the Board as president.
- Terese Knicky addressed the Board, saying that she has been a resident of Anderson Mill West for 30 years, and has sporadically attended meetings but has lately been intrigued with Ms. Fabre's information, like the ACC. She encourages the Board members to follow laws to ensure they are held to the residents' standards. If the numbers of votes are how the president is determined, then Ms. Fabre should be the Board president.
- Deborah Dahl addressed the Board to remind people that this is a republic, not a democracy; however, the most votes are indicative of who should be in leadership. She is sickened that someone would laugh or be degrading during these meetings. The public indicated by their votes that they want Ms. Fabre at the helm.
- Tina Flores addressed the Board to congratulate all the candidates in this election. She declared her support for Ms. Fabre, who had the most votes. Everyone attacks her and her family, and she hopes that an ethical president will stop those attacks.
- Mr. Navaneethan asked what the procedure is to determine the President that has been followed in years past. Dir. Franke will address this issue during the meeting.
- No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 2: *Statements by Directors who are departing the Board after election results are canvassed.*

- Dir. Norton Ramirez thanked everyone that she has worked with on the Board, especially Dir. Rocco for his assistance on the Security Committee and with contracts; Dir. Medrano for the hours he has spent with her on the Billing and Invoices Committee; Dir. Zervigon for his advice and finding Touchstone to help create a new website; Dir. Franke for her help on the Parks Committee and painting the little free libraries; and other consultants and staff members. She will still be around the neighborhood to assist. Dir. Norton Ramirez added that a first-time Board member should not be appointed President; experience is needed.
- Dir. Rocco said that he has served on the Board several times, and always wanted to listen to what mattered to his fellow residents. He tried to maintain three goals throughout his time on the Board: keeping property values up, ensuring that monthly operating expenses would bear value, and not to mess with him. Most people work hard and just want to come home, play with their kids and dogs, but even if they do not attend Board meetings, that does not mean they do not care about the neighborhood. He has been a fiscal conservative, sometimes voting against the rest of the Board, but wanted to ensure that every dollar the Board spends has value. He thanked everyone and ensured the neighborhood that he would still be there to support them.

- No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 3: Directors Election/Elección de Directores

- Mr. Flickinger presented the official Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of Williamson-Travis Counties Municipal Utility District No. 1 November 3, 2020 Directors Election. David Flores received 649 votes; Megan Dudo received 891 votes; Jana Norton Ramirez received 626 votes; and Linda Fabre received 993 votes. Since two directors were elected, the two candidates with the highest numbers of votes were declared the winners: Linda Fabre and Megan Dudo. Mr. Flickinger indicated that the Board should review the Order and, if appropriate, make a motion to approve it before proceeding to the statements of oaths.

- **Motion: Approve the Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of Williamson-Travis Counties Municipal Utility District No. 1 November 3, 2020 Directors Election as presented.**

Motion by: Dir. Norton Ramirez

Second by: Dir. Rocco

Aye: Dir. Franke
Dir. Medrano
Dir. Norton Ramirez
Dir. Rocco

Not present: Dir. Jones

- Mr. Flickinger has already filed the statements of elected officials with his office.
- Ms. Nix administered the oath of office to Linda Fabre and Megan Dudo. Dir. Dudo and Dir. Fabre are officially appointed to the Board of Directors, while Ms. Norton Ramirez and Mr. Rocco no longer members of the Board.
- Mr. Flickinger discussed the election of the Board's officers, which is typically done by a Board vote. He reviewed the Board positions and their duties.
- Dir. Fabre thanked the neighbors within the District and said that her majority win is a clear mandate to address the issues she brought up in her campaign. She will review all documents to be prepared for meetings, as well as reviewing legal aspects of Board action. She strives for a well-informed District and intends to explain any dissenting votes that she makes. Dir. Fabre's priority is ensuring that the water supply is safe and that wastewater remains sanitary. She thanks her neighbors for their support and intends to make changes in the District for everyone's betterment.
- Dir. Franke indicated that she was interested in continuing to service as President of the Board; Dir. Fabre also indicated interest in becoming Board President.
- **Motion: Catherine Franke to remain President of the Board of Directors.**

Motion by: Dir. Medrano

Second by: Dir. Dudo

Aye: Dir. Dudo
Dir. Franke
Dir. Medrano

No: Dir. Fabre

Not present: Dir. Jones

Dir. Fabre does not think Dir. Franke should continue to be President as she is so involved in the current situation the MUD is in; she and Mr. Zervigon had set up a situation where the MUD is facing multiple lawsuits and is not a capable President.

- Dir. Medrano expressed his interest in becoming Vice-President. Dir. Fabre was also interested in the position.

- **Motion: Appoint Art Medrano as Vice-President of the Board of Directors.**

Motion by: Dir. Dudo

Second by: Dir. Franke

Aye: Dir. Dudo
Dir. Fabre
Dir. Franke
Dir. Medrano

Not present: Dir. Jones

Dir. Dudo does not believe a new Director should necessarily be in a high position; Dir. Medrano agreed, explaining that he had been on the Board for seven years and higher positions require experience. While anyone can watch meetings and make recommendations, the actual work requires hands-on experience. Dir. Fabre disagreed; she has been involved with the Board over the past three years and claiming that she has no experience is insulting. Dir. Medrano said he did not intend to insult and was happy to have her experience and knowledge on the Board, and that she will be an asset with additional experience.

- **Motion: Appoint Linda Fabre as Secretary of the Board of Directors.**

Motion by: Dir. Franke

Second by: Dir. Medrano

Aye: Dir. Dudo
Dir. Fabre
Dir. Franke
Dir. Medrano

Not present: Dir. Jones

Mr. Flickinger further explained the duties of the Secretary.

- **Motion: Appoint Megan Dudo and Beth Jones as Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Directors.**

Motion by: Dir. Franke

Second by: Dir. Medrano

Aye: Dir. Dudo
Dir. Fabre
Dir. Franke
Dir. Medrano

Not present: Dir. Jones

Agenda Item 4: District Depository; Bank Accounts

- New directors will need bank signature cards.
- No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 5: Open Meeting and Open Records training for Directors

- New directors will need to have open meetings and open records training.
- No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 6: Review all committees and appoint members as needed.

- Dir. Franke appointed members to committees as detailed below:
 - Audit Committee: Megan Dudo and Linda Fabre
 - Billing and Invoice Committee: Megan Dudo and Linda Fabre
 - Budget Committee: Linda Fabre and Catherine Franke
 - Customer Care Committee: Catherine Franke and Beth Jones
 - Deed Restriction Committee: Catherine Franke and Beth Jones
 - Investment Committee: Linda Fabre and Beth Jones
 - Open Records Committee: Catherine Franke and Art Medrano
 - Information Management Committee: Megan Dudo and Beth Jones
 - Infrastructure Committee: Catherine Franke and Art Medrano
 - Parks Committee: Megan Dudo and Beth Jones
 - Management Committee (management, insurance, fire protection): Catherine Franke and Art Medrano
 - Management Subcommittee (security): Linda Fabre and Catherine Franke
 - Solid Waste Management Committee: Linda Fabre and Art Medrano
- No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

- **Motion: Adjournment of meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

Motion by: Dir. Fabre

Second by: Dir. Franke

Aye: Dir. Dudo
Dir. Fabre
Dir. Franke
Dir. Medrano

Not present: Dir. Jones

Linda R. Jere

Board of Directors

April 14, 2021

Date