

TIMBER COVE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Public Hearing Minutes

Saturday June 26 2021

1. **Call to order:** 12:05 pm ACTION

Board Members- Chris Feddersohn, John Rea, Spencer Lipp, Tim Winterer and Kris Kilgore

Guests- Gus Saldana, Pauline Rafael, Ann Vernon, John Gray, Janet Hayden, John & Pam Duarte, Melany Collett, Linda Saldana and Thomas Burgard

2. **Approval of Agenda-**

Chris Feddersohn motions to approve the agenda, John Rea seconds- passed unanimously

3. **New Business-**

3.1 Ordinance 2021-001 ACTION

4. **Public Comment-** Pauline Rafael commented that she would like to see .05 cents a gallon charged to the customer and perhaps dividends paid to the customers from the District. Linda Saldana asked if any water is used for fire suppression and is there a risk in lowering the rates. Chris replied has is in contact with the Fire Department and they can use hydrants on Hwy 1 and foam and that most house fires can be put out by the water stored in the Firetrucks. Chris stated that in a fire the helicopters would be taking water from the ocean rather than our resevoir. John Duarte commented that he understood that there was a possibility in the near future that the price of water could go up. Chris Feddersohn replied to John stating that there is no reason to raise it. Chris explained this rate reduction will be entered into our Rules & Regulations. Chris stated that they now have calculated the correct formula for pricing water (labor+chemicals+electricity+labor) Janet Hayden stated that she thinks it's a good start to drop it to .07 a gallon and see how the budget goes at that rate. Gus Saldana asked if the board has looked into the new infrastructure bill and would anything in there help the District get closer to a lower rate. Chris Feddersohn stated he will be reading it and is hoping that there is something in the bill that could help the District. Diane Feddersohn commented that due to past board members not getting the audits done that this is the first time in years the District is in a position to apply for grants and government opportunities. Diane explains that due to John Gray completing the audits the District can now pursue those opportunities. Carolyn Abst spoke and stated she was thrilled there is progress and that she had tried to look at grants for a couple years and couldn't do it because of the audits not being complete. Carolyn stated she would love to join the effort in the research and follow up for grants. Anne Vernon asked if the water rate could be reduced to 6 ½ gallon and if there was emergency or a major repair the rate could be increased or do a special bond for it. Chris stated that he would like to give it 6 months and revisit the rate at the January 2022 meeting and if things went well, he would like to see a rate another water reduction done at that time.

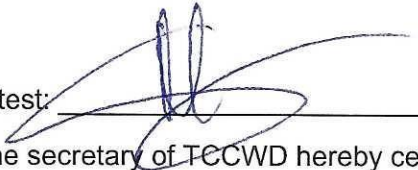
Chris Feddersohn asked if any of the board members wanted to comment- John Rea commented the

amount of water the Timber Cove Inn uses help our District keeping the water healthy, otherwise we would have a dead spot in our system that would lead to several other issues. John Rea says there is a benefit to having the Inn in the District. John Rea also states he would like to see a structure with commercial rates in the future. Spencer Lipp weighed in stating he was part of the analysis done regarding reducing the water rates and coming into this meeting he thought that lowering the rates to 0.07 a gallon was perhaps too aggressive, however, after hearing the public and Chris Feddersohn explanations he will support .07 a gallon. Spencer agrees that revisiting the rates in 6 months is a good idea.

Chris Feddersohn motions to approve Ordinance 2021-001 lowering water rates to 0.07 cents a gallon to include revisiting this reduction in January 2022- Kris Kilgore seconds- passed unanimously

5. Motion to adjourn the meeting-

Chris Feddersohn motions to adjourn the meeting, Spencer Lipp seconds – passed unanimously

Attest:  _____

Date: 7/24/21

The secretary of TCCWD hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by the board