

**METROPOLITAN DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

July 26, 1999

****Board Room****

**Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District
6265 N. La Cañada Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85704**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Sam Ray, Chair
Marlene Wright, Vice-Chair
Jim Doyle, Member
Pete Schlegel, Member

District Staff: Mark R. Stratton, General Manager
Warren Tenney, Clerk of the Board

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Sam Ray, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District (District), called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Jim Doyle, Sam Ray, Pete Schlegel and Marlene Wright were present.

II. Discussion and Possible Action to Fill Director Vacancy

Mr. Ray stated that Herb Johnson resigned his position as a director on the District Board due to personal reasons requiring him to relocate to another state. The purpose of the meeting was for the Board of Directors to determine how the vacancy would be filled. Two years ago when a vacancy occurred on the Board, the Board learned that an open election process would cost approximately \$20,000. Therefore, the Board elected to appoint an ex-Board member to fill the remaining term as authorized by the statutes. Mr. Ray suggested that this issue be discussed openly and requested nominees and ideas.

Mr. Doyle made a motion to appoint Dennis Polley to fill the vacancy created by Herb Johnson for the remainder of that term, which is December 31, 2000. Mr. Schlegel seconded the motion.

Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Polley had been a candidate in the last Board election. Mr. Ray indicated that he had met him at the District's recent open house. Ms. Wright added that Mr. Polley was a member of the Municipal Property Corporation Board (MPC).

Ms. Wright explained that she preferred a more open process in which members of the Bond Oversight Committee and Municipal Property Corporation Board were contacted to determine their interest in serving on the Board. She suggested a similar approach as to when the District asked residents to express an interest in filling the vacancy on the Bond Oversight Committee. Although Mr. Polley ran for the Board, she would be interested in knowing more about him. She thought an open process would be better than just selecting an individual.

Mr. Ray inquired if the Board should delay making an appointment until notice was sent to everyone or just past volunteers. Ms. Wright thought it might be good to open the process to everyone, including the Hub service area. Mr. Doyle said that residents in the Hub service area could not be on the Board until the area was annexed into the District. Mr. Mark Stratton, General Manager, noted that residents of the Hub service area could be asked to serve on committees.

Mr. Doyle expressed his support for Mr. Polley. He thought Mr. Polley showed a lot of interest in the District by going through the whole process of running for the Board in the last election. He has served on committees for the Board. He has a strong financial background that would be of benefit to the District as he completes the sixteen months remaining in the term. He felt that Mr. Polley was qualified to serve well as a Board member.

Mr. Schlegel said that wanting to be a member of the Board requires a lot of work and aggravation to run for the position as well as time commitment. Of individuals that have spent time on committees, Dan Offret is another individual who has given considerable amount of his time, yet in the past he has not indicated a desire to pursue being on the Board. Mr. Polley has shown an interest in the District and been involved with it. Based on Mr. Polley's background and credentials, he should be considered for the vacant position. Mr. Schlegel expressed his concern that in trying to open the process to the public and to avoid criticism, the District would need to send information to all of its residents, including apartment and town home dwellers, which would require a direct mailing. While this is possible, it does mean additional cost and will mean that the vacancy may not be filled until late September.


Mr. Ray explained that his initial response was to appoint someone who previously sat on the Board and was familiar with the issues, such as Jim Tripp. However, Ms. Wright had indicated to him the importance of "new blood" for the Board. He agreed that looking to the Bond Oversight Committee or the Municipal Property Corporation Board for possible directors for the Board was a good suggestion since they are probably more familiar with the District than other residents. He thought it was important to have someone on line.

Ms. Wright said she felt that at least members of those committees and also the recent applicants to the Bond Oversight Committee should be asked. She did not know if Mr. Polley had been asked. Mr. Ray said that Mr. Polley has expressed a desire to serve on the Board.

Mr. Ray called for a vote on the motion to appoint Dennis Polley to fill out the term for the vacancy on the Board of Directors created by Herb Johnson's resignation. The motion passed with Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ray and Mr. Schlegel voting yes and Ms. Wright voting no.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



Sam E. Ray, Chair of the Board