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July 14, 2014

Tammy Hoiguin-Benter, Manager **Utilities and Districts Section** TCEO MC 153 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Ms. Benter:

In July of 2013 I requested an investigation into the activities of Avaion Water Supply and Sewer Services Corporation. I am a member of AWS&SSC and did not believe that the corporation was operating as a memberowned and member-controlled water supply corporation. TCEQ did open an investigation, and worked for

AWS&SSC admitted to the allegations that I made in my original complaint. As part of an agreement, they were required to undergo training provided by TRWA. The Board was also to provide copies of agendas/meeting notices and minutes of the meetings to TCEQ. The investigation was closed on June 16, 2014 after AWS&SSC heid their annual meeting in April and submitted minutes for the April meeting. The letter that I received from TCEQ states, "Avaion Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation has provided TCEQ with sufficient documentation to show that it is properly operating as a non-profit, member-owned and member-controlled

At this time, I am requesting that TCEQ re-open this investigation or open a new investigation. Unfortunately, once AWS&SSC was no longer required to provide agendas/meeting notices and minutes to TCEQ, the meetings returned to repeated indifference to members and ignoring Texas iaw. Here are the issues support my claims:

1) On May 2, 2014 AWS&SSC posted a notice/agenda for a meeting to be held on May 8th at 7PM. On May 8th at 12:56PM, a notice was posted adding an "emergency" addition to the agenda. This item was, "Adoption of resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the purchase of approximately 1.01 acres of land adjacent to the Avaion Water Supply and Sewer Service Corp. Wastewater Treatment plant." According to the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) the purchase of land is not an emergency

This item was actually about land my family was in the process of selling to AWS&SSC. After reviewing the original agenda, I chose not to attend the meeting. If I had known this item was going to be addressed at the meeting, I would have attended.

Another member addressed the Board about the last minute addition of this item, but the Board signed the resolution anyway. I understand that this member was not treated with respect. She and her husband filed a complaint with the Eilis County District Attorney regarding this and other issues. AWS&SSC is currently under investigation by the DA's office. (See Item #5 regarding members

- 2) Once AWS&SSC learned there was an open investigation by the District Attorney's office, they posted a notice for a Special Meeting to be held on May 15, 2014. This notice was posted on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:44 PM. The only item on the agenda is, "Approve and sign Corporate Resolution related to purchase of land adjacent to Waste Water Treatment Plant."
- 3) During the meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the resolution was passed around the table to be signed by Directors of the Board. However, it appeared that not all Directors signed. The resolution was not read aloud. During "Open Forum," I requested that it be read aloud. It was, but I was not treated with respect.

During closing on the sale of land, I was given a copy of the resolution. It was dated, "Executed as, but not necessarily on, May 8, 2014." It appears that there was no resolution signed at the meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The resolution from the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was given to the title company.

The resolution is signed by all 7 Directors. Only 6 were present at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Only 5 were present at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. David Waishes was absent from both meetings. Jacob Carter was not present at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. How can Directors who are not present at a meeting sign a resolution passed at that meeting?

- 4) For years the monthly meeting of AWS&SSC has been held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. There was no meeting held on June 12, 2014. No notice was posted explaining that the meeting was postponed or why it was postponed. After someone called and questioned why, we were told "something came up." No explanation.
- 5) As a concerned member of AWS&SSC, I have been attending their meetings since September 2011. I have missed very few. Once TCEQ stopped reviewing their agendas/notices in April 2014, a major change took place. "Visitor Comments and Concerns" has always been listed as the second item on the agenda. It was on the agenda for April 10, 2014. There has also been an "Open Forum" at the end of the meeting. It appears that beginning in May, AWS&SSC is attempting to limit members from speaking at the meetings.

On the May 8, 2014 agenda, it was changed to, "Introduction of guests and visitors and invitation to express any questions or concerns. Each speaker is limited to three minutes." There was still an "Open Forum" at the end of the agenda.

On the May 15, 2014 Special Meeting agenda, there was no "Visitor Comments and Concerns." However, at the end of the meeting there is "Open Forum. Each speaker is limited to three minutes."

On the June 19, 2014 agenda, there is no "Visitor Comments and Concerns." There is an "Open Forum" at the end of the agenda.

On the June 23, 2014 Special Meeting agenda, there is no opportunity for members to address the Board.

On the June 30, 2014 Special Meeting agenda, there is no opportunity for members to address the Board.

On the July 10, 2014 agenda, there is still no "Visitor Comments and Concerns." There is an "Open Forum" at the end.

6) On the July 10, 2014 agenda there is an item, "Assignment of responsibilities of personnei." The Board voted to make one of the Directors (Gary Low) the General Manager. Visitors and members tried to explain to them that they could not vote to make Mr. Low the General Manager because it was not worded on the agenda to vote to make anyone GM. The President repiled that they were trying to

include broad-based topics so they could do what they needed to do. I believe this is a Texas Open Meetings Act violation.

- 7) For two monthly meetings after the training provided by TRWA, agendas, minutes, and financial report copies discussed during the meetings were made available at the door for members/visitors to pick up on their way into the meeting. It was commented that TRWA told them that they must provide copies or read aloud during the meeting.
  - Now, it has returned to being difficult to obtain copies. Excuses have been that the computer had a virus and they couldn't produce (but the Directors had copies), they don't have enough copies for everyone present, or they just say that they don't have copies. Since they will not give a financial report during the meeting (directors only look at the report and comment on items), I have no idea what they are talking about. I've been to a lot of public and club meetings, and I usually know when the meeting is over how much money the group has. However, that is not the case with AWS&SSC.
- 8) AWS&SSC uses a calendar year. At the Annual Meeting in April 2014, the annual audit for the year 2012 was presented for a second time. It was stated that the 2013 audit was "not complete at this time." In the July 14, 2014 it was stated that the 2013 audit has not been done because of "some circumstances" but would not elaborate. How long does it take for an audit of a small water supply corporation take?
- 9) In December 2013, AWS&SSC borrowed \$35,000 from a local bank. (One of the Directors is an employee of the bank.) The loan is secured by a CD that the corporation has at the bank. The corporation only has three CD's. At the time this loan was obtained, two of the CD's were piedged to the USDA for outstanding loans and each are less than \$30,000. The third CD was made up of membership deposits. The value is in excess of \$38,000. I do not know for sure, but I believe that the CD containing member deposits was piedged as collateral for this loan. Is it legal for a water supply corporation to use member deposits for collateral? I believe this is why the 2013 audit has not been completed.
  - In April 2014, AWS&SSC paid off the oidest of the two outstanding USDA loans. One CD is no longer pledged to the loan. However, it does not have enough funds to secure the \$35,000 loan.
- 10) On June 23, 2014, AWS&SSC held a Special Meeting with one topic on agenda "Discuss bids for well repair and decide which bid to accept." The Board voted to pay \$44,652 for well repairs. According to financial reports, at the end of June they only had \$30,986 in the bank account. Where to they intend to get this money?
  - TCEQ has order AWS&SSC to have the weil repaired by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The weil has not been working since July 2013. State law requires water supply corporations the size of AWS&SSC to have 2 working wells.
- 11) The amount to obtain a water meter with AWS&SSC has always been \$\$3800 (\$3500 capital investment, \$200 tap fee, and \$100 membership fee). However, in November 2013 AWS&SSC there is a capital investment amount of \$1858.64. What is this amount? In February 2014, there is a capital investment amount of \$1304 and a \$100 membership fee. What is this amount? Is AWS&SSC now discounting the capital investment?
- 12) I recently obtained copies of several checks AWS&SSC wrote in 2012 and 2013. These were obtained through a legal open records request, but not through AWS&SSC. One check is signed by only one person and two checks are signed by two people. However, one of the people is not an officer of the corporation and never has been. The bylaws state that checks MUST be signed by the secretary/treasurer and the president. If the president is not available, then the vice-president may

sign. Aithough the checks are rather old, I believe that this practice is still ongoing from my observations during meetings.

Two representatives (President and Office Manager) from a neighboring water supply corporation have attended the last two meetings. They have questioned many of AWS&SSC's practices. They are trying to help, but our Board does not like to be questioned. I'm sure these ladies would be willing to speak with TCEQ about their observations.

For these reasons, I am asking that the investigation into Avaion Water Supply and Sewer Services Corporation be re-opened. Or, a new investigation opened. If TCEQ cannot help, please refer me to someone who can. This cannot go. The members of AWS&SSC fear that the corporation is about to go into bankruptcy. The rates were increased earlier this year. A new rate increase is already being discussed less than 6 months later. Our members simply cannot afford to pay the legal expenses incurred by this Board.

I will be happy to discuss this with anyone from TCEQ.

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# Notice of Monthly Meeting for May, 2014

#### To All Members:

The regular meeting of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation for May, 2014 will be held at the First Baptist Church, 206 Giles St., Avalon, Texas, on Thursday May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The governing body of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation reserves the right to adjourn into closed/executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, and authorized by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of an attorney on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation board under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Call meeting to order, determine presence of a quorum, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open I. 2.
- Introduction of guests and visitors and invitation to express any questions or concerns. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. 3.
- Review minutes of regular meeting of April 10th and accept or amend.
- 4. Review financial report and accept or amend.
- Replace Ricky Johnston on Credentials Committee as he is up for re-election next year. 5. 6.
- Discuss interior refinishing of large storage tank.
- 7. Operations Manager's report.
- 8. General Manager's report.
- 9. Presidents Report.
- 10. Open Forum.
- 11. Adjournment.

Robin Donaldson, Secretary/Treasurer

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> PO BOX 70 AVALON, TX 76623 972-627-0044 May 8, 2014

# EMERGENCY NOTICE OF ADDITION TO AGENDA FOR DIRECTORS MEETING OF MAY 8, 2014

The following item is added to the existing agenda for the Directors Meeting scheduled for May 8, 2014:

Adoption of resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the purchase of approximately 1.01 acres of land adjacent to the Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corp. Wastewater Treatment Plant

All other matters remain unchanged.

Robin Donaldson, Secy/Treas.

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Cosp will be held on Thursday May 15: 2014 at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church, 206 Giles St., Avolon, Tx. The governing body of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation reserves the right to adjourn in closed executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agendation the order decimal appropriate, and sutherteed by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of an another or any matter in which the duty of the attempt as Avaion Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation board under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 331 or as between way be permitted under

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  - Open Forum. Each speaker is limited to these rainiums.
- Adjournment.

Robin Donaldson, Secretary Treasurer April 2000 2000 2000

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# Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation

# Corporate Resolution

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Directors of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation, a Texas corporation (the "Company"), acting pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.201 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, adopt by consent the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Ed Hettinger, Manager of the Company, is authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of and in the name of the Company, any agreements, documents or instruments, and to take or cause to be taken any action necessary or appropriate in connection with that certain Farm and Ranch Contract executed as of May 5, 2014, by and between Carol Gillespie, Marcla Gillespie and Mary Grace Gillespie Bates, as Seller, and Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation, as Buyer, (the "Contract") for the property described in that Contract (the "Property") or to accomplish the purchase of the Property by the Company, in the form and with the provisions that Ed Hettinger may deem proper.

Executed as, but not necessarily on, May 8, 2014.

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Printed Name: Jacob Carter

Its: Vice President

Printed Name: Manuel Rodriguez

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Printed Name: Gary Low

Director

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# Notice of Monthly Meeting for April 2014

# To All Members:

The regular meeting of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation for April 2014 will be h Baptist Church, 206 Giles St., Avalon, Texas, on Thursday April 10, 2014, immediately following the meeting. The governing body of Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corp. reserves the right to session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda deemed appropriate, and authorized by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of an attorn which the duty of the attorney to Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corporation under Texas of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with Texas Government Code Chapi

# The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Presiding director calls the meeting to order immediately following the annual members requests verification of quorum being present and declares notices legally posted accordi 2.

Visitors comments and concerns.

Elect President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer for ensuing year. 3. 4.

Select Credentials Committee for ensuing year. 5.

Review and approve regular meeting minutes for March 13, 2014. 6.

Review and approve Financial Report. 7.

- Review and discuss "Drought Response for Public Water Systems" letter from TCEQ. 8.
- Review and discuss "Public Hearing Notice" from Texas Water Development Board. 9.

Discuss and possibly act on change of Power Supplier. 10.

- Discussion of paying off one of the USDA loans. 11. Discussion of obtaining new credit cards for company.
- Discussion of establishing time limit for speakers from the floor. 12. 13.

Operations manager's report.

General manager's report. 14.

. 15. President's report.

16. Open forum Adjourn.

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Open Forum

Adjournment.

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Notice of Special Meeting for May 15, 2014

To All Members

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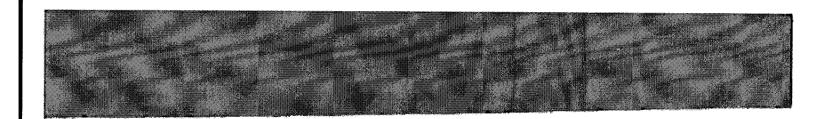
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- 15 Operation Manager's report.
- 16 Géneral Manager's report.
- 17 Executive session to discuss replacement of the Hettingers.
- 18 Return to regular session and take any necessary actions, including voting, if n eded.
- 19 Présidents report.
- 20 Open forum.
- 21 Adjeurment

Robin Donaldson, Secretary/Treasurer

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# Notice of Special Meeting for June 30, 2014

#### To All Members:

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corp will be held on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church, 206 Giles St., Avalon, TX. The governing body of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation reserves the right to adjourn into closed/executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, and authorized by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of an attorney on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation board under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be permitted under 551.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1. Call meeting to order, determine presence of a quorum, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act
- Consideration & action on replacement of office personnel.

3. Adjournment.

Jacob Carter, Vice-President

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# Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corp. FOR RECORD

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# Agenda

<u>Officers</u> <u>Directors</u>

Davis Waishes, President Denice Wimbish

Jacob Carter, Vice-President Manuel Rodriguez

Robin Donaldson, Secretary/Treasurer Ricky Johnston

**Gary Low** 

# **Notice of Monthly Meeting for July 2014**

#### To All Members:

The regular meeting of Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corp. will be held at the First Baptist Church, 206 Giles St., Avalon, Texas on Thursday July 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The governing body of Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corp. reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, and authorized by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of an attorney on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corporation under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be permitted under 551.

#### The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1 Call meeting to order, verify presence of quorum and declare notices legally posted according to TOMA.
- 2 Operation Manager's report.
- 3 General Manager's report.
- 4 Presidents report
- 5 Assignment of responsibilities of personnel.
  - 6 Review minutes of Regular Meeting of June 19, 2014 and accept or amend.
  - 7 Review minutes of Special Meeting of June 23, 2014 and accept or amend.
  - 8 Review minutes of Special Meeting of June 30, 2014 and accept or amend.
  - 9 Review financials and approve or amend.
  - 10 Victor Ledesma to address Board about his meter readings. A of July
  - 11 Jimmy Brown to address Board regarding property on Old Blooming Grove Road. 207-1990
  - 12 Open forum.
  - 13 Adjournment.

Robin Donaldson, Secretary/Treasurer



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The annual meeting of Avalous Water Supply, and Sewer Service Corporation will be held at the First Baptist Church, 206 Gres St., Avalon, Texas, on Thursday April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The governing body of Avalon Water Supply And Service Corp. reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to iscuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order degreed appropriate, and authorized by Texas Government Inde 551 or to seek the advice of an attorney on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to Avalon Water Supply And Sawer Service Corporation under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with Texas Government Gode Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be permitted under 551.

Members will check in with the Election Auditor who will verify whether the member has already submitted a ballot.

Members who want to address the board or the membership must sign in on a separate sheet provided by the presiding risector indicating the topic they wish to discuss. Members will be given three minutes each to speak.

No mortune may be accepted or action taken on issues brought up at the meeting from the floor. All action items must have been encluded on the posted agenda. Members can request that items be placed on the agenda for future annual (or species manufactings or for future meetings of the Board of Directors. This limiterion is required by the public Make requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act and is not an attempt to limit any member's access to address an

# NDA FOR MEMBERS! MEETING

- Presiding director calls the insetting to order at 7:00 p.m.; and requests verification of quorum being present Fresiding dheavy makes a last call for submission of ballots.
- - A residue director sense was the total number of members present as of 7:00 p.m. at the meeting and the used manufact of ballots received prior to the meeting. Presiding director will then announce that quorum of one manufactship is present and that the meeting may proceed. Election Auditor will begin counting the ballons. Members arriving after a querum has been enablished may still vote as long as the Election And has not completed the written report of the election results. Read and approve minutes from previous member meetings
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- - Review 2012 Auditor's report
  - Open forms for members who signed up to speak, limited to three minutes per speaker. Einstian Auditor provides the presiding director with a written report of the election.

- 9. Presiding director announces election results.
- Presiding director introduces newly elected directors, and if no objections, decl 10. to assume the position of directors immediately. 11.
- Comments from newly elected directors.
- 12. Closing comments by presiding director. 13.

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Robin/Donaldson, Secretary/Treasurer

# AVALON WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CORPORATION ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING AND ELECTIONS

# April 10, 2014

## **MINUTES**

- Presiding director, President David Waishes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
  Jimmy Brown declared that a quorum was present. General Manager stated notices were
  legally posted according to TOMA.
- 2. Presiding director made last call for submission of ballots
- 3. Presiding director announced the total number of members present- eleven, number of mailed in ballots sixty eight, and all seven board members present. Presiding director announced that a quorum of the membership is present and that the meeting may proceed. Election Auditor, Tommie Worthy may now begin counting the ballots.
- 4. Read and approve minutes from previous member meeting.
  - Robin Donaldson read the 2013 annual member meeting minutes. Motion by Manuel Rodriguez to accept minutes as written. Second by Denice Wimbish. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. President Report
  - Copy attached
- 6. Review 2012 Auditor's report
  - Ed Hettinger stated that audit was not done last year. However it has been completed. Board reviewed 2012 report at a previous meeting. Ed also stated that we lost approximately \$20K last year. 2013 Auditor's report is not complete at this time.
- 7. Open forum for members who signed to speak limit of three minutes per speaker.
  - Candace Brewster stated her question had already been answered regarding the
     2013 audit.
- 8. Election Auditor provides the presiding director with a written report of the election.
  - Tommie Worthy, election auditor, gave David Waishes the election report.
- 9. Presiding director announced election results

- Matilda Williams 25
  Chris Brewster 12
  Gary Low 41
  Jacob Carter 46
  David Waishes 50
- Jimmy Brown 25
- 10. Presiding director introduced newly elected officers, and asked the board members to assume the position of directors immediately.
  - David thanked Jeremy and Jimmy for serving on the board. They in turn
    expressed gratitude for being able to serve on the water board.
- 11. Comments from newly elected directors
  - Jacob Carter expressed appreciation and willingness to serve the community. Gary Lowe was unable to attend the meeting.
- 12. Closing comments by presiding director
  - None
- 13. Adjourn
  - 7:30 p.m. Motion made by Manuel Rodriguez to adjourn. Second by Ricky Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the board of directors t	his day of
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David Waishes, President	Robin Donaldson, Sec/Treas

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# AVALON WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

# December 12, 2013

## **MINUTES**

Call meeting to order, determine presence of a quorum, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

- The Board of Directors of Avalon Water and Sewer Service Corporation met for their regularly scheduled meeting at the First Baptist Church, Avalon, Tx at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013.
- President David Waishes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Presence of a quorum was confirmed.
  - Directors present were Jimmy Brown, Robin Donaldson, Manuel Rodriguez and Denice Wimbish. Also present Operations Manager, Gregg Rodriguez and General Manager, Ed Hettinger.
  - Visitors present were Carol Gillespie, Marcia Gillespie, Candice Brewster, Chris Brewster, Patsy Russell, Tom Shaw and Gary Smith with TRWA.
- Vice President Jimmy Brown, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Denice Wimbish declared that a quorum was present.
- 2. Visitors comments and concerns
  - Patsy Russell stated that Kevin Mason, who purchased the Gillespie home at the corner of Giles and 55 had planned to come to the meeting with her. At the last minute he had a problem arise and was unable to attend. Patsy asked that discussion concerning Kevin's concerns below, be placed on the next meeting agenda. He has a travel trailer that an ill relative will be living in temporarily. Kevin has questions about water service for this trailer.
- 3. Review and approve of minutes of November 14, 2013 meeting
  - Motion made by Denice Wimbish to accept minutes as written, second by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Review and approve minutes of special meeting held November 18, 2013.

- Motion made by Manuel Rodriguez to table agenda item #4 since the minutes were not present to be reviewed at the meeting. Motion second by Denice Wimbish. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Secretary/Treasurer Report & #Agenda item #6 Financial Report
  - Motion made by Denice Wimbish to accept Sec/Treas report & Financial report, second by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Financial Report (see above)
- 7. Change Article IV and Article XI of the by-laws to establish annual meeting appropriate for new requirements of elections.
  - Table #7 and put on agenda for January 2013. Motion made by Denice Wimbish, second by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Discuss and set calendar for 2014 election
  - Table item #8 additional items to be acted upon not fully stated on agenda.
     Motion made by Manuel Rodriguez, second by Denice Wimbish. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Decide on loan from FSB
  - Motion made by Manuel Rodriguez to make a CD secured loan in the amount of \$35,000.00 for operating capitol at First State Bank. Loan term will be 36 months with an approximate \$1000.00 payment per month. Second by Denice Wimbish. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10. Discuss and change electrical supplier.
  - Manuel Rodriguez made a motion for Ed to research this item and discuss with TXU a possible negotiated price before we decide to change companies. Second by Denice Wimbish. Motion passed unanimously.
- 11. Discuss obtaining a generator for well pump.
  - Ed and/or Gregg will get prices for generator and come back to board with those amounts.
- 12. Discuss Christmas gifts/bonuses for employees.
  - Motion was made by Denice Wimbish to give Gregg a \$500.00 bonus and Joe a \$250.00 bonus. Second by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously.
- 13. Operations manager's report
  - Gregg reported freezing up of one of the wells during extreme cold weather conditions. He also reported on a leak involving a bore on Big Onion Creek.

The company that did the bore stands behind their work and will repair at no charge.

# 14. General manager's report

- Workman's comp insurance will run \$3400.00.
- J.L. Meyers is still doing work on the well that was pulled and had camera
  inspection. Bottom 40 feet is full of sand and trash and must be drilled out.
  It will be drilled out and fracture the pipe. It is recommended that we stay
  with a smaller pump to protect the operation and longevity of this well.
- Cate Welding finished the inspection on one of our tanks. Their bid is \$58,000.00 to repair and coat the tank. Their estimate may be inaccurate due to wrong gallon capacity. Ed and Gregg are checking on bids for tank repair before we accept Cate's bid. Also reported repairs cost \$1800.00 on pump at well #2.

## 15. President's Report

 Motion made by Manuel Rodriguez to table #15 since president was not present to make his report. Second by Denice Wimbish. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 16. Open Forum

There was discussion concerning a Special meeting to discuss and finalize
election calendar and approval of forms for election in order to meet time
lines. The meeting will be on December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Robin
Donaldson made motion to that effect, second by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion
passed unanimously.

#### 17. Adjourn

 Motion made by Robin Donaldson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion second by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the board of directors th	is day of 2013.
David Waishes, President	Robin Donaldson, Sec/Trea

Avalon CD's as of 09/30/2012

Wells Fargo 0.05%	0.05%	ç	1.00% 1.10% 1.20%
Edward Jones 0.30%	0.40% 0.85% %	Ş	Hills boro 0.60% 0.70% 0.90%
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CD Rate/APY Comparison on 10/02/2012

FSB Italy is set up for automatic renewal at rate available on maturity date

Rates in CD comparison above change daily to weekly and are only intended to provide a current comparison prior to monthly board meeting

# AVALON WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SERVICE CORPORATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2012

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Cash on Hand	S	50	
Cash in Banks		7,334	
Certificates of Deposit		85,075	
Total Cash			92,459
Accounts Receivable, net			32,375
Prepaids			6,019
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			130,854
Water Rights			41,510
Property and Equipment, Net		•	8 <b>79,</b> 551
TOTAL ASSETS		:	1,051,915
LIABILITIES & MEMBERSHIP EQUI	TY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable			7,853
Accrued Expenses			714
Current Portion of Notes Payable			21,283
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		•	29,850
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Membership Deposits			36,271
Note Payable			285,564
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MEMBERSHIP EQUITY			
Unrestricted:			
Paid in Capital			117,200
Cumulative Excess of Revenue over Expenditures			583,030
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EQUITY			700,230
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# AVALON WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SERVICE CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

# June 23, 2014

### **MINUTES**

Call meeting to order, determine presence of a quorum, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

- The Board of Directors of Avalon Water Supply And Sewer Service Corporation met for a special meeting at the First Baptist Church, Avalon, Tx at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014.
- Directors present were David Waishes, Manuel Rodriguez, Ricky Johnston and Denice Wimbish. Also present, General Manager Ed Hettinger and Operations Manager Gregg Rodriguez.
- Visitors present were Carol Gillespie, Candace and Chris Brewster and Jan Hettinger.
- President David Waishes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was declared present by Ricky Johnston. General Manager stated notices were legally posted according to TOMA.
- 2. Discuss and act on bids for repair on well #2
  - Three bids were given. Ed recommended soft start motor at a cost of \$44,652.10. This type motor should have a longer life span because there is less stress on it. TCEQ wants well on line by September 2014.
  - Motion made by Ricky Johnston to accept the bid as stated above. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Adjournment
  - Motion made by Manuel Rodriguez to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricky Johnston.
     Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the board of directors this	day of 2014.
David Waishes, President	Denice Wimbish, Acting Secretary

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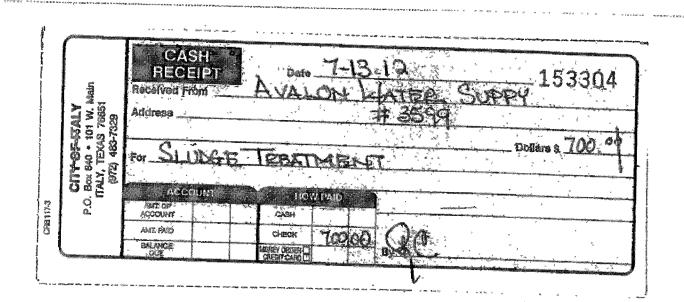
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#### BY-LAWS

# AVALON WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SERVICE CORPORATION

Bylaws of Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation, having been presented to the Board of Directors of said Corporation and duly adopted as follows:

# ARTICLE I

The President shall preside at all Members' and Directors' meetings. The President may, and upon demand of one-third (1/3) of the Members, shall call a special meeting of the Members or Directors. Such special meetings shall be held upon giving the notice required in Article XII of the By-Laws. The President shall perform all other duties that usually pertain to the office or are delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE II

The Vice-President shall, in case of the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties of the President.

# ARTICLE III

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have the custody of all the monies and securities of the Corporation. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep regular books and shall keep minutes of all meetings of Members and Directors. All monies of the Corporation shall be deposited by the Secretary-Treasurer in such depository as shall be selected by the Directors. Checks must be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and the President or Vice-President, in

the absence of the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and affix it as directed hereby or by resolution passed by the Board of Directors or Members. The Board of Directors may appoint an employee as assistant or deputy secretary to assist the Secretary-Treasurer in all official duties pertaining to the office of Secretary.

The position of the Secretary-Treasurer and other positions entrusted with receipt and disbursement of funds shall be placed under a fidelity bond in an amount which shall be set from time to time, but not less than once each year, by the Board of Directors. The fidelity bond coverage amount shall approximate the total annual debt service requirements for all FmHA loans and be evidenced by a position fidelity schedule bond as acceptable to the Farmers Home Administration.

## ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) Directors, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. Upon issuance of the Charter and annually thereafter on fourth Thursday of March, the Board of Directors shall elect a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Directors shall be elected by the Members at the Members' regular meeting provided for in Article XI of the By-Laws. The Directors shall be divided into three (3) classes, each class to be as near as equal in number as possible. The terms of the Directors of the first class shall expire at the first annual meeting of the shareholders after their election, the terms of the Directors of