

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MANCHESTER WATER DISTRICT – COMMISSIONER POSITION 3 APPOINTMENT

April 22, 2014

## REGULAR MEETING

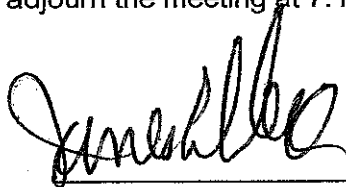
- 1.0 **Call to Order** - Board Chair Steve Pedersen called the special meeting of the Manchester Water District Board of Commissioners (Board) to order at 5:45 p.m. Also present were Commissioner James Strode and Dennis O'Connell, General Manager. Members of the public present included Paul and Janice Gilligan, and Joe Guariz. Also present were four of the five potential commissioner appointees that had submitted letters of interest to the Board. They were; Jerome "Tony" Anelli, Abigail Cates, Robin Christman, and Paul Drotz. Excused due to illness was Robert Lamb.
  
- 2.0 **Role of Commissioner & Selection Process Overview** – Dennis O'Connell introduced himself to the audience and briefly described the history of the District, projected revenues, and overall function. He then introduced Board Chair Pedersen to explain the purpose of meeting, the role of commissioner within the organization, the level of commitment expected, compensation, and duration of the appointment. Pedersen explained that the purpose of this meeting was to appoint a new commissioner to assume the role of Commissioner Position 3, recently vacated by the resignation of former Commissioner Galpin. The new commissioner will serve until November of 2015, or the next regular election for that position. Chair Pedersen also explained that the only compensation for Manchester Water District commissioners is the minimum monthly meeting fee, which is currently \$114.00 per meeting. After further discussion regarding the expectations for the position and the selection process; he then offered all potential appointees an opportunity to withdraw their name from consideration. All interested parties reaffirmed their desire to be considered for the position.
  
- 3.0 **Commissioner Candidate Meet & Greet** - Chair Pedersen then gave each of the potential appointees an opportunity to address the Board with further information about themselves and their qualifications, and any further questions they may have about the position. Topics discussed included teamwork, conflict resolution, and community involvement.
  
- 4.0 \* **Executive Session** – Chair Pedersen called an executive session at 6:52 p.m. with an estimated duration of ten minutes. The special meeting was called back to order at 7:03 p.m.
  
- 5.0\* **Selection Announcement** – Chair Pedersen addressed the audience thanking all in attendance for their community spirit and willingness to get involved in local politics. He then announced the Board's selection of **Paul Drotz** as our next commissioner to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Position 3. Pedersen explained that the oath of office would be administered at the next regular business meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**6.0 Future Meeting Dates**

- 6.1 May 13, 2014, 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting, Manchester Library
- 6.2 June 10, 2014, 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting, Manchester Library
- 6.3 July 8, 2014, 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting, Manchester Library

**7.0\* Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



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Steve Pedersen,  
Chairman

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James E. Strode,  
Secretary

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Paul Drotz  
Commissioner