

# **Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation**

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Board of Directors Meeting  
October 22, 2011

## Minutes

### **Board Members Present:**

Pat Mulligan, President  
Kerry Spradley, Vice-President  
Gary Martin, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bill Earnest, Director

### **Board Members Absent:**

Ewell Jackson, Director  
Dorothy Taylor, Director

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President Pat Mulligan called the meeting to order promptly at 9:30 a.m. with numerous residents/guests present.

President Pat Mulligan then asked Kerry Spradley for an update on registering a non-potable water truck. Kerry explained that he has been working with the TCEQ and since Judge Klaeger has helped get them “energized”, they have been very receptive in helping WOWSC obtain a variance. The TCEQ wants to know exactly what type of tank that we are considering. Kerry explained that he had filled out an application for a variance on a steel non-potable water tank, however, after further consideration and research he felt that a certifiable poly tank made much more sense. The poly tank is both cheaper and lighter. A trailer with a tank has also been given some consideration as well.

Gary Martin then offered some additional information regarding a conversation and research that he had with a long-time DOT officer in the Houston area. After further discussion among Board Members, it was determined that the best use of WOWSC resources would be to consider a medium-duty truck that was capable of safely hauling the payload required. Kerry Spradley explained that a NSF-61 certified plastic tank is easily accessible.

Kerry Spradley then explained that the TCEQ has requested that we retract our request for any variance until we have decided on any modification. Kerry again assured the Board that our County Judge’s involvement has motivated the TCEQ to be cooperative.

Gary Martin then expressed his concern as to why the LCRA has not taken a more aggressive posture regarding their Drought Contingency Plan with respect to Ridge Harbor and other utilities they own along the Highland Lakes. President Mulligan replied that perhaps Windermere has just taken a more progressive position.

Water level today 628.08

President Mulligan explained that WOWSC has (3) options available:

- 1) Skimmer Barge – will allow us to pump water down to a level of 617 with a 50 gpm pump positioned over the “bowl” in the lake bed. Extensive explanation given by Larry.
- 2) Contracting to haul water
- 3) Purchase our own water truck

**ACTION ITEM:**

After discussion by the Board, President Mulligan called for a motion to construct the skimmer barge at a cost of approximately \$1,500. The motion was made by Gary Martin and seconded by Bill Earnest. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Board.

President Mulligan shared information about a meeting that he and Bill Earnest recently attended at Opies B-B-Q. The LCRA has agreed to keep water flowing down the lake for power generation and also told President Mulligan about this “bowl” in front of Windermere that holds approximately 66 acre/ft. of water.

President Mulligan reinforced that the WOWSC Board had agreed **not** to purchase a truck at the present time, however, that we now know how to proceed with the TCEQ should this need arise. In addition, Gary Martin mentioned that there were many issues that our Board has not discussed such as the cost of a driver, insurance, etc. Gary’s opinion was that the purchase of a truck should be our last alternative and that we would be better served to concentrate our efforts on the skimmer barge. Larry then gave an explanation of what would be involved in moving/adjusting the barge as the lake level moves.

Gary Martin suggested that we might get an idea of insurance cost in the event of a future truck purchase. President Mulligan said that he would consult with Kerry Spradley and attempt to obtain a quote.

**Old Business**

None

**Burnet-Llano County Regional Water Facility Study**

President Mulligan expressed his opinion that Windermere should stay autonomous and not “go in this direction”.

**New Business**

Concern was brought to the attention of WOWSC Board by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Booth regarding any easements between Werrick Armstrong and WOWSC. President Mulligan explained prior discussions by WOWSC to interact with Ridge Harbor whereby this easement would be necessary. In return, it was explained that Mr. Armstrong wanted the right to tap into Windermere Oaks affluent (gray water) for the purpose of landscaping. The Booth’s explained that WOWSC would first have to cross their property before accessing Mr. Armstrong’s. After continued discussion, it was

determined that additional research needed to be done prior to making any agreements with Mr. Armstrong. President Mulligan assured Mr. & Mrs. Booth that it was not the intent of WOWSC to do anything illegal. Mr. & Mrs. Booth were very courteous and expressed themselves as willing to work with WOWSC to achieve a positive outcome for our community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary N. Martin  
Secretary/Treasurer