

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1999, 6:00 P.M., BRINSON BOARDROOM,
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE,
FLORIDA.

Present were Chairman Walter, Director Toro, Director Hord, Director Gant, Attorney Brinson, General Manager Welsh and Recording Secretary Fizer. Mayor Attkisson was absent. Vice-Chairman Guthrie was not present for the applicant review part of the meeting because he was one of the applicants.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Walter. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. BOARD APPLICANT REVIEW

Chairman Walter stated that there were two applicants to be interviewed for the five-year Board seat that would open on October 1, 1999. It was noted that as in the past General Manager Welsh would ask the questions and the Board would judge the applicants partially according to their answers. All board members agreed with this procedure.

While waiting for the first applicant to arrive, General Manager Welsh discussed a scheduling conflict for the June 2 and August 4 board meetings. Final discussion was delayed until Director Guthrie could be present.

Don Shearer arrived at 6:15 P.M. and General Manager Welsh welcomed him. Chairman Walter thanked Mr. Shearer for applying and explained the interviewing process. Mr. Shearer expressed appreciation to the Board for giving him the opportunity to apply for a second time. General Manager Welsh asked Mr. Shearer questions and he responded accordingly.

After Mr. Shearer left, the Board discussed the answers given.

Kenneth Guthrie arrived at 6:30 P.M. and General Manager Welsh welcomed him. Chairman Walter thanked Mr. Guthrie for applying. Mr. Welsh asked Mr. Guthrie questions and he responded accordingly.

C. DISCUSSION OF APPLICANT REVIEW

After Mr. Guthrie left, the Board discussed his answers. Chairman Walter commented that he felt Mr. Guthrie had done a good job for the utility over the last five years and he has the experience with the utility that may be lacking in the other candidate. They concluded that Mr. Shearer would make a good board member in later years but Mr. Guthrie was the more qualified candidate for this position.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Gant, to authorize the General Manager to submit Kenneth Guthrie's name to the City Commission for their approval at their next regular meeting.

Motion carried 4 - 0

Chairman Walter asked that General Manager Welsh express to Mr. Shearer the Board's appreciation for his application and to encourage him to continue to apply as positions become available.

Chairman Walter recessed the meeting from 6:40 P.M. to 6:46 P.M. after which Director Guthrie was present.

D. TEN YEAR PLAN UPDATE WITH INFORMATION SYSTEMS & ISP (Internet Service Provider)

Joe Hostetler, director of Finance, and Dennis Wick, director of Information Systems, gave a presentation that illustrated the changes between what was shown at the Ten Year Plan Workshop held in March versus the revised numbers prepared by Mr. Wick. Also, a presentation was given illustrating a scenario that might be possible if KUA can realize the full potential of the ISP business.

Discussed were staff needs for Information Systems, net reinvested earnings, reserve for future capital outlay, debt service coverage ratio, and deregulation/rate stabilization. Mr. Wick also reviewed the needs of the ISP over the next 10 years as well as the department goals.

Space requirements for the ISP personnel were discussed and Mr. Wick noted that space is shared due to the 24-hour/7-day coverage of the help desk.

Mr. Welsh explained that the figures reviewed by Mr. Wick and Mr. Hostetler are conservative. Chairman Walter noted that Chris Beck, director of Marketing, had given a presentation at the last board meeting about the future of ISPs and how they relate to KUA. General Manager Welsh said he would have Ms. Beck give the report again at the next board meeting for the benefit of those who were absent.

E. SETTLEMENT OF PERSONAL INJURY CASES

Ed Brinson, Attorney for KUA, reported that on April 28, 1999, the last of the seven personal injury cases in the Amtrak train wreck case was settled. The amount exceeded what the Board had approved earlier (\$350,000) and he asked that an additional amount be approved.

ACTION: Motion by Director Hord, seconded by Director Gant, to approve an additional \$72,325 for the settlement of the personal injury cases connected with the train wreck.

Motion carried 5 - 0

Attorney Brinson noted that the remaining property claims would be tried in September 1999.

F. HEAR GENERAL MANAGER, ATTORNEY, DIRECTORS

As was discussed earlier in the meeting, General Manager Welsh noted that there is a scheduling conflict for the June 2 Budget Workshop meeting. **It was the consensus of the Board to move the June 2 meeting to July 7 and incorporate the budget public hearing into that meeting. It was also determined that the August 4 date would be canceled if all issues could be resolved in the July meeting.**

Mr. Welsh noted that there would still be a regular meeting on June 16 and a regular meeting on August 25, with the July 7 meeting serving as the July regular meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SECRETARY