MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009 at 3:30 P.M., BRINSON BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 W CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA.

Present were Chairman Fred Cumbie, Vice Chairman Nancy Gemskie, Director Reginald Hardee, Director George Gant, General Counsel Grant Lacerte, General Manager James Welsh and Recording Secretary Leticia Rivera. Mayor Jim Swan was not present.

A. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>

Chairman Cumbie called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. BOARD MEMBER APPLICANT REVIEW

At 3:45 p.m. Mr. Lacerte escorted Jim Kasper into the board room to start the interview.

Mr. Welsh presented the standard questions to Mr. Kasper. Mr. Kasper answered the questions and stated that he had learned a lot the past five years while sitting on the Board and would welcome the opportunity to sit on the Board again.

The Board thanked Mr. Kasper and he left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m Mr. Lacerte escorted Ms. Beulah Farquharson into the board room to start the interview.

Mr. Welsh presented the standard questions to Ms. Farquharson. Ms. Farquharson answered the questions and stated that no one from the community she lives in, Buena Venture Lakes, has ever sat on the KUA Board and she would like to see representation in the future.

The Board thanked Ms. Farquharson and she left the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Chairman Cumbie advised the Board there was a third candidate, Kathleen Thacker; however, Ms. Thacker advised that she would not be able to attend. Chairman Cumbie requested to review her application.

Director Gemskie advised that Ms. Thacker seems very qualified; however, the Board should concentrate on the two individuals that showed up for the interview and in the future Ms. Thacker can be called back. The Board agreed with this statement.

ACTION: Director Gant made a motion, seconded by Director Hardee to nominate Jim Kasper to serve a five-year term to the Kissimmee Utility Authority Board of Directors.

Director Gemskie asked who is eligible for this seat as per the Charter. Mr. Welsh advised that one member may reside outside the City limits of the City of Kissimmee, and Chairman Cumbie is that member. If the Board nominates an individual who resides outside the City limits it would go against KUA's Charter.

After additional discussion a vote was made.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

D. <u>OTHER</u>

HEAR GENERAL COUNSEL, GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTORS

Mr. Welsh advised the Board that he has some information to review regarding the Board application, newspaper ads and the fees. However, since Jim Kasper is not seated

with the Board because of the interview process, Mr. Welsh and the Board agreed to review this at next month's regular meeting.

Mr. Welsh advised if any Board members have any updates or changes to the Board applicant questions to forward them to him so he can work on them and bring this item back to Board for review.

F. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

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