MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2001, 4:00 P.M., BRINSON BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA.

Present were Chairman Walter, Director Gemskie, Director Shearer, Director Toro, Attorney Brinson, General Manager Welsh and Recording Secretary Fizer. Mayor Gant was absent.

## A MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:05 P.M. by Chairman Walter.

## B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## C. BOAR D MEMBER APPLICANT REVIEW SCHEDULE

Chairman Walter announced that there were two board applicants that would be interviewed for the upcoming board vacancy. This five-year term would begin October 1, 2001. He reviewed the procedure for the interviews. Attorney Brinson asked for discussion on whether the applicants would have a conflict of interest if their firms conducted business with KUA.

Bill Hart arrived at 4:20 p.m. Chairman Walter informed Mr. Hart that he would be asked a set of questions by General Manger Welsh and that the Board may ask additional questions.

Mr. Hart answered all questions thoroughly. Chairman Walter asked Mr. Hart if his company was currently or had plans for the future to do work for KUA. Mr. Hart said they did not but he would make sure this conflict does not occur. The Board thanked Mr. Hart for his time and the interest he has shown in serving on the Board for another term.

Upon his departure, the Board reviewed Mr. Hart's qualifications and discussed his application.

It was noted that James Wells, the second applicant, was caught in traffic and would be arriving late. Chairman Walter recessed the meeting from 4:40 PM until 5:00 PM. Mr. Wells arrived at 5:00 PM.

General Manager Welsh asked the board applicant questions. Mr. Wells described his involvement in the community and his desire to serve on the KUA Board. Chairman Walter also asked Mr. Wells if his company would be doing business with KUA and if so, would there be a conflict in his position. He said there has not been in the past and he does not foresee his company doing business with KUA. If this would happen he would handle it appropriately.

Upon Mr. Wells' departure, the Board reviewed his qualifications and discussed his application.

The Board discussed each applicant's qualifications and noted that both candidates were excellent and that it would be a hard decision. It was the consensus of the Board that experience serving on the KUA Board was a plus and Mr. Hart possessed this experience.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Shearer, to authorize the General Manager to submit Bill Hart's name to the City Commission for their approval.

Motion carried 4 - 0

## D. HEAR GENERAL MANAGER, ATTORNEY AND DIRECTORS

General Manager Welsh reminded the Board of several important dates. He noted that he would be requesting that the Board's selection to fill the vacancy would be reviewed at the City Commission's meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd. Also, the Hansel Mural will be unveiled on Saturday, May 19th at 5:00 PM and there will be a ceremony in the Hanson, Walter parking lot. Mr. Welsh stated that the dedication of the Employee's Substation would be at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, May 15th. KUA's annual picnic will be on Saturday, June 9th from noon to 6:00 PM at the Carroll Street building soccer fields. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Welsh reminded everyone that the regular board meeting in May will be on the 23rd and the next evening on the 24th, the special budget meeting is scheduled. The meetings will begin at 5:30 PM.

Chairman Walter asked President Welsh to let Mr. Wells know that the Board would like for him to continue to apply for vacancies because he was an excellent candidate.

**E. ADJOURNMENT** - Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.

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Secretary