

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
TEHACHAPI VALLEY RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT
TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA 93561**

NOVEMBER 7, 2012

5:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gayle Stewart, Chairperson
Paul Press, Vice Chairperson
Paulette Rush, Secretary
Nick Cyr, Director
Brian Duhart, Director

ALSO PRESENT

Pat Osborn, Legal Counsel
Carrie Champlin, Facility Coordinator
Sandy Chavez, Recreation Coordinator
David Coopriider, TVRPD Maintenance
Claudia Elliott, *Tehachapi News*
Matt Martz, *Tehachapi News*
Clayton Strahan

1. FLAG SALUTE

Paul Press led the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Claudia Elliott from the *Tehachapi News* stated that she appreciates the service of the Board and that she really likes the District. Elliot stated that she believes that the District and what it has to offer the community is important. Elliot also stated that transparency and being certain that you follow the Brown Act is also very important. Elliot stated that she has been watching this process and it was her understanding that the Stakeholder Group and the Ad Hoc Committee were going to screen applicants for the District Manager position. Elliot stated that she thought the Board would be interviewing applicants at this special board meeting. Elliot stated her concerns regarding the announcement Monday by City Manager Greg Garrett that a very qualified gentleman had been chosen for the District Manager position. Elliot stated that it is her understanding that one applicant is being brought to the Board during closed session this evening. Elliot stated that out of respect for this Board, it concerns her that a decision expected to be made tonight has already been announced by someone who is not on this Board.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None
6. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ TIME** – None
7. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

MOTION: Duhart/Rush to open closed session at 7:00pm

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Interview and consideration of appointment of District Manager
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 (b)(1)

Board discussion regarding Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks Districts’
District Manager Ad Hoc Committee-

In the interest of full disclosure and transparency, the Ad Hoc Committee was made aware at the onset that Mr. Strahan is the son of Tehachapi City Council person Susan Wiggins. It was also made known that Susan Wiggins was a former Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District board member. This was addressed with Mr. Strahan and the Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District Board of Directors does not see this as an issue.

Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District Board of Directors unanimously voted to make an offer to Mr. Strahan, contingent on clearing the necessary back ground checks. The offer for Mr. Strahan is a salary of \$80,000.00 per year, District vehicle, health insurance and two weeks vacation a year. Mr Strahans’ start date will be November 21, 2012.

Mr. Strahan stated that he would like to discuss the start date with his wife, but accepts the offer.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Press/Duhart having no further business to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m.
Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Champlin