
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY FOR THE
THORN CREEK BASIN SANITARY DISTRICT
HELD JULY 19, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.**



CALL TO ORDER

The following committee members were present at the meeting of the Special Committee on Local Government Efficiency of the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District, held July 19, 2023:

Francisco Perez, District Trustee and President
Raymond C. Robertson, District Trustee and Vice President/Treasurer
Frank V. Alston, District Trustee and Clerk
Jennifer Hindel, District Executive Director
John Pina, District Resident
Ray Wiley, District Resident

Also present were: Eric T. Stach, District Attorney; Lucas Streicher, District Director of Operations; Jeremy Stubbs, District Technical Services Director; Norma Cash, District Finance Director; and Nora Rhein, District Administrative Assistant/ Human Resources Coordinator.

GUESTS: None.

Committee members introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on matters related to the agenda. Each individual must state his or her name and will be limited to five minutes. Comments from the public will not be allowed during the remainder of the meeting, except as allowed during the Public Resident Survey portion of the meeting.

No comments were made.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The following items were discussed:

- In accordance with the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act, the purpose of the committee is to study local efficiencies, and to report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county boards of Cook and Will counties.

- Per the Act: the duties of the Committee “include, but are not limited to, the study of the [District’s] governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State. The committee shall also collect data, research, and analysis as necessary.”

The end product of the Committee is to produce a report. The report “shall summarize its work and findings,” which “shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency.” The District shall provide a copy of the report to the administrative office of county boards of both Cook and Will counties “no later than 18 months after the formation of” the Committee. The report shall also be available to the public.

- A draft scope of work for required report was identified, including:
 - Introduction
 - History of the District
 - Annual Budget
 - Five Year Capital Plan
 - Statutes and Laws Governing the District
 - Statement on Efficiency
 - Statement on Accountability
 - Conclusory Statements
 - Committee Meeting Minutes
- Regarding current District efficiencies and increased accountability, a chart comparing annual residential charges for northern Illinois wastewater agencies shows that TCBSD has low annual costs among identified agencies.
- Regarding future meetings:
 - Meeting #2 will be on or near July 2024 to review/discuss the draft report.
 - Meeting #3 will be on or near October 2024 to finalize and approve the report.

SURVEY OF PUBLIC RESIDENT ATTENDEES

Per the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act, immediately prior to adjournment of each Committee meeting, the committee “shall conduct a survey of residents who attended [the meeting] asking for input on the matters discussed at the meeting.”

Public resident attendees will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on matters discussed at the meeting. Each individual must state his or her name and will be limited to five minutes.

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alston, Sr., that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Frank V. Alston Sr.
CLERK

APPROVED:

[Signature] PRESIDENT

Raymond Roberts TRUSTEE

Frank V. Alston Sr. TRUSTEE