November Patron to Patron Newsletter
Election Divisions 2, 4 & 5 / November Board Meeting

ELECTION NEWS: In case you have not read the news elsewhere:

In Division 2 **Dave Hampton** who was appointed in April to fill the vacancy ran unopposed and therefore will continue as a Board Member.

In Division 4 **Jeff Stuermer** ran against former board member Ron Cochran.
Jeff Stuermer won 83 to 12.

In Division 3 **Micki Olsen** ran against current board member Martin Warbington.
Micki Olsen won 35 to 13.

In my opinion, **Dave, Jeff and Micki as Board Members is a WIN for Patrons.** If you want to know more about why I believe that, please see the letters from me and others.at **https://tidpatrons.com**

BOARD MEETING 10 November 2026

For the full meeting please see the official Minutes once they are posted.

Key issues that were addressed included:

- *Making sure we fulfill all Federal & State requirements in spending Grant Money for piping so that Feds don't require that we pay then back all the money in the* Grant. Even though DM Schull states that there was an RFP, as required, to hire Black Rock to do our engineering, neither DM Schull nor Black Rock can find a copy of it and the pursuant award. Since the Feds could easily say that this lack of record keeping on both sides indicates that it was never done as required, our current highly skilled board is requiring a legal opinion as to next steps to ensure that we meet Federal requirements and/or that an actual RFP be done immediately, and therefore did not approve the contracts presented today by DM Schulll. Only Martin Warbington wanted to move ahead without verification of meeting Federal requirements, thus willing to put Patrons at risk for having to repay the Feds millions of dollars if the Feds find us deficient in meeting their requirements.

- A proposed Travel Policy was presented by Director Teirlynck. I was pleased that this gap in policies is being addressed as travel issues and spending during travel has been an ongoing issue for several years.

- A proposed Delegation of Authority Policy was also presented by Director Teirlynck. Again another issue that has had great ambiguity resulting in violations by previous board members of ByLaws and of DM Schull being found guilty by OGEC of violating proper procedure. It is a well layed out proposal and includes a 12 page matrix to follow regarding each type of decision that might come before the DM. Director Warbington voiced stong disapproval of the Policy saying it should not be more than 1 page. So Director Teirlynck asked Director Warbington to condense it to 1 page for the Board to compare. My opinion is that the 12 page Policy presented today covers so many items that have not been in writing and that whenever DM Schull does something inappropriate he claims there is no policy that says he can't or that gives alternate guidelines. Let's see if a 1 page Policy can close those gaps as the 12 page Policy clearly does.

If you would like to see the proposed Travel Policy and proposed Delegation of Authority Policy just email april@tumalo.org and request a copy of the November Board Packet.

- Since there are so many items on the agenda and many that still need to be voted on the Board will have another public meeting on **MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER @ 1000AM.**

PLEASE COME TO THE BOARD MEETING. THE PATRONS ARE THE OWNERS OF TID. BOARD MEMBERS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE OWNERS. IT IS BECAUSE YOU GOT INVOLVED THAT WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITTMENT TO HAVE COMPETENT BOARD MEMBERS!

Respectfully,
Susie Hart This will be posted on tidpatrons.com where you can find other info also.