

## ATTACHMENT 4 to SPCL BOD MEEING MINUTES from October 11 , 2023

**Date: September 15, 2023**

**To: Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation Board**

**Through: Rene Ffrench – WOWSC Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Charges in the Removal Petition of Dorothy Taylor – Vice-President of Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation Board: Presented in Person during the WOWSC Open Board Meeting – Sept 15, 2023**

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We, the concerned members of Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation, are resolute in our commitment to safeguard our water company from continued mismanagement and financial instability. We petition for the immediate and necessary removal of Dorothy Taylor from her position as a director and vice president of the Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation and request a call for a Special meeting to exercise our rights. The charges are listed below.

#### **The Issues:**

Dorothy Taylor has been a constant presence in our corporation, holding various leadership positions, including President and Vice President. Regrettably, under her extended tenure and watch, our water company has experienced significant issues that have eroded the trust of our membership. Ms. Taylor's silence and inaction during board meetings have raised doubts about her commitment to safeguarding the interests of our membership. It is with great concern that we bring forth this petition to address her involvement in the ongoing challenges facing our corporation. The charges are listed below.

#### **Charges:**

- **Unfettered Authority for Surcharges:** Ms. Taylor voted to add a surcharge to the tariff, granting the board unfettered authority to impose surcharges on the ratepayers for various purposes without limitations or accountability to the membership. This decision effectively allows the board to take additional money from the ratepayers at their discretion, without checks and balances in place.
- **Inconsistent Enforcement of Membership Requirements:** For years, Dorothy Taylor has advocated for stringent membership requirements, insisting that board members and voters must possess deeds and membership applications that are identical. She has developed election procedures that reiterate this policy. However, Ms. Taylor's own actions and decisions have demonstrated a lack of consistent application of this policy. Some members have been allowed to vote without having their names on the application or deed, while others have been denied this opportunity. Ms. Taylor herself does not possess an application that matches her deed, highlighting the inconsistencies and the lack of adherence to the standards she advocated for.

- **Involvement in the PUC Rate Appeal:** Dorothy Taylor voted in favor of raising our rates to cover her own legal fees which is the subject in the PUC rate appeal. This self-serving decision is in direct conflict with the interests of our membership. Notably, Ms. Taylor neither recused herself from this vote nor signed a conflict of interest policy prior to voting, as outlined in the recent PUC Compliance Filing. This failure to adhere to proper procedures and her decision to prioritize personal interests over those of our members is a grave concern.
- **Support for High Rates and Threat of Bankruptcy:** Ms. Taylor has consistently supported maintaining high rates, including legal fees in our rates and has endorsed the position in the rate appeal that if these rates are reduced by the PUC Commission, she supports declaring bankruptcy. This stance is alarming and places our water company's financial stability at risk.
- **Lack of Proactive Leadership:** Despite her extensive tenure and leadership positions within the corporation, Ms. Taylor has failed to provide proactive leadership or address the systemic issues that have plagued our membership. Her consistent presence during these challenging times calls into question her ability to effectively lead and protect the interests of our members.
- **Failure to Speak Up:** Dorothy Taylor's silence during board meetings has been conspicuous, especially when it comes to addressing issues that directly impact our members. A lack of vocal advocacy on matters of importance raises concerns about her willingness to stand up for the good of the membership.

### **Petition to Remove Dorothy Taylor**

We, the undersigned members of Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation, formally request the immediate removal of Dorothy Taylor from her position as a director of the board. We believe that her extended tenure, inconsistent enforcement of membership requirements, involvement in the PUC rate appeal, unwavering support for high rates, endorsement of bankruptcy as a solution, and failure to adhere to her own advocated policies have contributed to the challenges our water corporation faces today. It is essential to our membership that we address these concerns and seek new leadership dedicated to transparency, integrity, and the welfare of our corporation.

**(51 Signatures on File)**