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Get to know Bill Earnest and learn why he should NOT be considered for the Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corp. (WOWSC) Board of directors.

Bill Earnest sat on the WOWSC board for almost a decade prior to his leaving Windermere Oaks in 2016. This would include the time when the egregious TOMA violations occurred, that being the sale of the 3.868 acres of land to the WOWSC vice president, Dana Martin via an insider deal that ended with a lawsuit, two Texas Open Meetings Act violations and the WOWSC being shorted between \$500,000 and \$1.1 million dollars according to the recent WOWSC commissioned forensic Bolton appraisal. Mr. Earnest may attempt to avoid responsibility by telling the members that he wasn't at the 12/19/15 meeting (how convenient) when the board voted to sell WOWSC assets to a board officer in total secret, however he never opened his mouth to sound the alarm bells as our representative. Bill was also on the board when the 2015 Hinton appraisal was commissioned and completed. The 2015 Hinton appraisal which was used to justify the lowball sales amount, stated that the 3.868 acres had a best use as rural single-family use land, not that of airport use which shorted the WOWSC and its members out of at least \$500k per the recent appraisal. How could Mr. Earnest who sat on our water utility board for nearly a decade, not know this? Did he not read the appraisal? In 2015, Mr Earnest was also an airport property owner at the time of the sale of the 3.868 acres and knew that airport property was selling at a premium and in fact helped negotiate the WOWSC purchase of a taxiway easement for \$25,000. The sole purpose of that acquisition (per the WOWSC minutes) was to increase the value of the WOWSC land (3.868 acres) giving it direct access to the airport runway.

Mr. Earnest in his long tenure on the WOWSC board never took the Texas Open Meetings Act training (per WOWSC records) even though it was required by law and he signed multiple director applications stating that he would. The current WOWSC financial problems would not exist if the WOWSC board had sold its asset in the required public process and had let the market drive the price.

In 2017 the WOWSC Board informed its members that they needed to raise the rates at a minimum of 35% to simply pay the bills. Bill Earnest was on the board up until 2016 and didn't realize that a financial problem was looming.

Is this really someone we should consider electing to our member owned utility?