

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Directors of Timberon Water and Sanitation District
Tuesday February 11, 2025, at 4:00 pm
Timberon Community Center, "Lodge"
1 Bobwhite Circle, Timberon, NM 88350

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Vice Chair Edward Hardesty

Pledge of Allegiance

Salute to the New Mexico Flag *"I salute the flag of the state of New Mexico, the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures."*

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Edward Hardesty, Treasurer Jesse Duckett and Director Derenda Robb were present. Chairman David Cruvey and Director Allan Burmeister were absent. GM Otis Price and Secretary Nanette Thorell were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Robb moved to approve the agenda as written; Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Director Robb voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes; the motion to approve the agenda passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

GM Price reported that Director Robb is working on the grants and positioning the District for new grant applications. He asked Director Robb to elaborate. Director Robb reported that she had applied for the reauthorization of \$266,415 in capital outlay funds which is currently in process. Additionally, \$39,660 remains available from the Golf Course project and can be allocated toward water infrastructure to be used within one year. She went on to confirm that we now have an Assets Inventory, and will have a Procurement Officer in place shortly, both are needed to collect on that money.

GM Price continued, reporting that Otero County is actively working on road improvements. A substantial stockpile of road material has been placed near the slash pits for shared use, and they have some good quality caliche for road base.

He further noted that the recent freeze has caused damage to water meters and mains, and repairs are ongoing.

A total of 1,372,723 gallons of water were sold. Production amounts are not yet available, so the water loss amount is undetermined.

Lastly, he provided an update on the springs project. The collection system has been cleaned and restored, and JoeBob reports that it is now producing over 100 gallons per minute. This water will be used to fill the golf course ponds so the town should have ample water supply as the area enters fire season.

Audience member Mark Harding asked about the status of the filtration system. GM Price responded that it was operational, and Aaron, the current Level 4 is overseeing the system.

A new Level 4 operator is set to start in the next few weeks. Aaron has agreed to stay on until he is comfortable with the system. Joe Savage is agreeable with the plan for transition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Duckett gave his report. Bank balances: F&S savings \$31,865.30; Operations checking \$70,152.53; USDA pass-through \$218.56; USDA debt service \$1,837.46; USDA short-term \$167,138.30; Water Restricted Reserves \$10,132.52; Water Standby \$67,654.35.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss/Approve minutes of the February 6th Special Meeting.

Director Robb moved to approve the minutes of the February 6th Special Meeting; Treasurer Duckett seconded; there was no discussion, a vote was called; Director Robb voted yes, Treasurer Duckett voted yes; the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6th Special Meeting passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

TDC (Timberon Development Council) President Chance Guiles inquired about the plans to open the pool for the upcoming season. GM Price responded that they would schedule a meeting to discuss plans for moving forward.

Mr. Guiles provided an update on Deer Park, which the TDC has taken over from the county. He spoke on the plans to turn it into an actual park and has already established a Community Garden on site. He then asked if TWSD would be willing to donate a water meter and cover the water costs for the park which would be needed for irrigation and for fountains. Vice Chair Hardesty noted this request and stated that it will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Audience Member Fred Masters requested to speak on an issue. He read aloud a written statement expressing dissatisfaction with TWSD's current procedures for involuntary water service disconnections. He also voiced concern about the lack of information on the district's website regarding water bill assistance programs. Mr. Masters stated that he intends to file a formal complaint with both the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) and the State Attorney General's Office.

Audience member Marty Myers inquired about Director Burmeister. It was noted that he remains absent due to illness. Ms. Myers then asked about a grant for a dumpster, which she had heard about from a former employee. Director Robb stated that she was not aware of any such grant. Regarding Norwood road repairs, GM Price explained that road repairs are ongoing and are scheduled in the order they are received. Ms. Myers also asked about the seals on the water truck. Treasurer Duckett confirmed that the truck does leak, as it

always has. Finally, Ms. Myers inquired about the audit status. Vice Chair Hardesty responded that the district has received an extension. Audience member Arden Schug asked about the main well output. Response: the well is currently producing 79 gallons per minute (gpm).

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Vice Chair Hardesty introduced David Hunter, who will be the new Level 4 Water Operator.

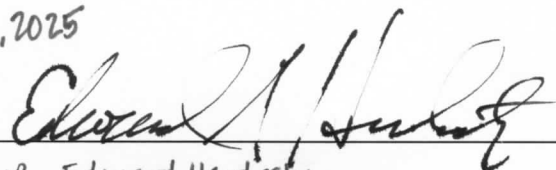
Director Robb asked the audience if anyone had information regarding the grants that Brad had been working on. She requested that any relevant details be shared with her so she can take over those efforts.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Director Robb moved to adjourn the meeting; Treasurer Duckett seconded; a vote was called; Director Robb voted yes, Treasurer Duckett voted yes; the move to adjourn the meeting passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

March 11, 2025

Approved



VICE CHAIR Edward Hardesty
Chairman David Gruoy

Secretary Nanette Thorell



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