

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Directors of Timberon Water and Sanitation District
Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 4:00 pm
Timberon Community Center, "Lodge"
1 Bobwhite Circle, Timberon, NM 88350

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairman David Cruvey.

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

Chairman David Cruvey, Vice Chair Mark Harding, Treasurer Edward Hardesty, Director Terri Borzoni and General Manager Renee Hamilton were all present. Director Allan Burmeister attended by telephone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Ed Hardesty made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Vice Chair Harding seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Renee Hamilton gave her report:

1. The crew has repaired 3 line leaks in the last 2 weeks.
2. They have repaired 1 meter box leak.
3. They have completed 2 meter installations with 3 meter installations pending.
4. There was 1 unauthorized water connection found. The meter was disconnected and locked. The customer was billed a \$500.00 unauthorized connection fee.
5. The crew has closed out 2 road maintenance work orders. They hauled materials and graded Norwood, Surcingle, Rocky Trail, Shallow Creek, Spur, Cedar and Mountainair.
6. There is an upcoming pool inspection scheduled for May 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM.
7. Updates on the pool include minor repairs and installation of a new pump.
8. The Crew has been working diligently to address the low water pressure on Perch and surrounding areas since Sunday April 21, 2024.

FUNDING: The District has received a \$500,000.00 capital outlay from the state legislator. We also received \$300,000.00 in grant funds to be used to replace tank #3 in the coming year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ed Hardesty gave his report on the bank balances:

Standby \$26,066.10
USDA accounts \$166,928.78 and \$7,924.80 and \$882.14
General Operations \$78,629.73
Emergency Fund \$86,020.92

F&S \$51,007.66

The board had previously authorized up to \$1,500.00 for inspection of the High Country building. The actual cost was \$752.00.

The First National Bank accounts have been updated and corrected – removing obsolete board members.

On April 15th a transfer of \$6,000.00 went from Standby to General Operations for payroll.

Treasurer Hardesty will be meeting with Ruby at Granite Mountain Accounting to clarify some questions he has.

Treasurer Hardesty indicated that he has signed up for five continuing education courses dealing with water operations to be held over the next 3 months through the New Mexico Environmental Department.

The Budget Committee, which consists of Mark Harding, Ed Hardesty and Renee Hamilton, is in process and going well and they should be finished with it on or before schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss/Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024.

Vice Chair Harding made a motion to approve the April 9th meeting minutes. Treasurer Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve the April 19th meeting minutes passed.

2. Update and Discuss Lease Negotiations with DTI (aka High Country Lounge) Management.

There were no updates. A meeting is scheduled for April 29th 3:00 pm at the Lodge between the board negotiating team and the DTI negotiating team. Vice Chair Harding made a motion to table the Update and Discussion until after the meeting. Treasurer Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to table passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss TDC (Timberon Development Council) proposal to operate the pool.

Herman Daniell introduced himself as president of the TDC which is a 501c3 non-profit organization established for the purpose of promoting and developing projects to improve the amenities of Timberon. As the Community Swimming Pool fell under the scope of the TDC Mission Statement, the TDC had agreed, at their regular monthly meeting April 13th, to submit a proposal to the TWSD, to manage the community pool as a joint effort with the TWSD with a simple management agreement. The TDC would supply 2 Lifeguards and a Pool Manager, plus additional manpower for cleanup and repairs of the pool. The TDC is also requesting to use the funds already available in the TWSD pool budget and will work in full cooperation with the TWSD board. The intent is to benefit Timberon by working together, not to work as adversaries. Providing the approach to operating the pool is successful, TDC would likely step up to operate other projects such as the golf course, parks, etc. Once again, this would relieve the burden on TWSD of operating non-water related items.

Chairman Cruey expressed his personal thanks on behalf of the citizens of Timberon, to the TDC for coming forth with this proposal.

Public Question and Answer Session: Have a question and want an answer? Ask the Board.

Audience member Clark asked if we were having any more luck collecting back Standby fees. Vice Chair Harding answered that, yes there are about 50 properties a month that change ownership and we generally get paid through the title transfer.

Audience member Nicole asked why the ponds on the golf course are so low or empty. Vice Chair Harding answered that the springs that feed the ponds were down to about 15 gallons per minute according to BLM, they are filling up slowly, but it will take a while. The fishing lakes get priority, and it takes about a million gallons to bring the pond level up one foot.

Audience member Bob questioned the state of the roads on Oakmont and Winter specifically. Vice Chair Harding answered that he had about 100 roads that needed repair and the guys will get to them as time allows.

Audience member Paulette asked when the potholes on Sacramento would be repaired, as it was causing damage to the vehicles. This is a county road, one of several that the county is supposed to maintain, and a few audience members volunteered to give the Otero County Road department a call.

Audience member Patricia asked how the road grading in Timberon was prioritized. Vice Chair Harding answered that the first priority was to be sure an ambulance could get up the roads.

DIRECTORS REMARKS

Chairman Cruey thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Treasurer Hardesty made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Harding seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to adjourn passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM

Approved 5-14-24

Chairman David Cruey 

Secretary Nanette Thorell NThorell

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