

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Directors of Timberon Water and Sanitation District
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 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 Chairman David Cruey.

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 Cruey, Vice Chair Edward Hardesty, Treasurer Jesse Duckett were present, Director Allen Burmeister was absent. General Manager Otis Price and Board Secretary Nanette Thorell were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Hardesty moved to approve the agenda as written. Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion to approve the agenda as written passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Chairman Cruey welcomed the new general manager, Otis Price. GM Price thanked the board for the opportunity and gave a brief account of his past experience and his future plans for improvements to the Timberon water system.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Duckett read the bank balances:

F&S \$16,045.02; Operations Checking \$39,816.82; USDA Construction Loan Pass-through \$850.00; USDA Debt Service \$3,737.46; USDA Short-term asset replacement account \$167,075.24; Water Restricted Reserves \$50,102.37; Water Standby \$5,189.39.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve minutes of the October 22 Regular Meeting

There was no discussion. Vice Chair Hardesty moved to approve the minutes of Oct 22nd as written. Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion to approve the minutes of Oct 22nd passed.

2. Discuss TWSD debt to Rodey Law Firm.

Vice Chair Hardesty gave an update on the current status of the TWSD debt to Rodey Law Firm and described a telephone conference with Justin Horowitz regarding the outstanding invoices and a payment plan to pay the current balance of \$91,000.00. Vice Chair Hardesty requested that the board consider and approve payments of \$20,000.00 this week and another \$20,000.00 in December. There was some general discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss/Approve 16 Standby liens in the amount of \$4,509.60 (cost to file will be \$400.00)

There was no discussion. Vice Chair Hardesty moved to approve the 16 Standby liens in the amount of \$4,509.60. Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion to approve the 16 Standby liens passed.

2. Discuss/Approve paying the delinquent CWA Union dues for three employees.

There was some discussion. The amount of delinquent union dues is \$494.20. Vice Chair Hardesty moved to pay the delinquent CWA Union dues for the three employees. Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion to approve the payment of the delinquent CWA Union dues for three employees passed.

3. Discuss/Approve reenacting the Water Systems Advisory Committee. Submitted for board approval by Arden Schug. List of action items is attached.

Chairman Cruey read the action list aloud and proposed referring this item to the General Manager for review and consideration. A discussion followed, during which Arden Shug shared his vision for the Water Systems Advisory Committee, outlining its scope, responsibilities, and the current setup of the water tanks for distribution. Treasurer Duckett moved to approve reenacting the Water Systems Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion to approve the reenacting of the Water Systems Advisory Committee passed.

4. Discuss/Approve proposal to rent the large room adjacent to the annex in the Timberon Lodge (previously known as "Poppy's") to the Timberon Development Council (TDC). Submitted by Jessica Roberts on behalf of the TDC.

There was some discussion. Vice Chair Hardesty moved to approve the proposal to rent the lodge room adjacent to the annex to TDC for \$1.00 a year. Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion to approve proposal to rent the lodge room to TDC for \$1.00 a year passed.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Audience members raised questions to the new General Manager regarding communications, plans for the swimming pool, and the budget committee.

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Chairman Cruey addressed the requirements for the Bingo group's use of the lodge, emphasizing adherence to the terms outlined in the contract. Audience member Meredith Greene agreed to sign a new rental agreement prior to the next scheduled Bingo night.

Vice Chair Hardesty inquired whether a representative from DTI was present in the audience. He noted that negotiations for the High Country Lounge property remain pending and requested that someone convey to DTI the need to meet with the TWSD board to finalize the details. Kristy Dankert, an employee of High Country, volunteered to relay this message to Tony McWilliams of DTI.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Vice Chair Hardesty moved to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Duckett seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Hardesty voted yes; Treasurer Duckett voted yes. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Approved November 26, 2024

Chairman David Cruey 

Secretary Nanette Thorell 

