

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Board of Directors of Timberon Water and Sanitation District**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 4:00 P.M.**  
**Timberon Community Center, "Lodge"**  
**1 Bobwhite Circle, Timberon, NM 88350**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Vice Chair Mark Harding

**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 Mark Harding, Treasurer Terri Borzoni, Director Paul Hagemann and Director Jess Radle were all present. Chairman David Cruey was absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Audience Member Tony McWilliams requested a change in the order of agenda items, moving the discussion of the repairs to the High Country Lounge up, so he could attend a forestry meeting. Director Radle made a motion to accept the agenda with the changes to the order as suggested. Director Paul Hagemann seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve the adjusted agenda carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting General Manager Mark Harding gave his report: The water crew repaired 10 line leaks in the past two weeks, and also repaired one 6" line which was the main line from the plant to tank 2 that caused an outage in the tank 2 area for a few days and then caused an outage in the tank 3 area for about a week. It took longer than normal, because 3 to 4 hundred thousand gallons of water came back through the cut line from all the distribution lines, that's what all the water running down the road last week was about.

Three new meter installs came in last week. In the past few weeks, Travis our water operator / grader operator worked on Gila, Dixwood, Norwood, Buckwood, Birdman and Chresta Loma. Took about 14 hours working time and the cost for that was \$3,332.00 for those 6 roads, so those are your F&S fees at work. Also, Chris had the backhoe out working on the asphalt approaches on Arrowhead Loop. Cost for that was about \$500.00. For some perspective on what is involved in road maintenance up here – it takes about 5 hours to maintain each mile of road with the grader, 3 hours with the backhoe to haul material, 2 hours with the dump truck, 2 employees hourly wages, all works out to \$2,556.00 per mile to maintain the 186 miles of road up here. The cost to maintain all the roads within the year, would be a total of \$475,416.00. Last year we collected \$206,000. In F&S fees. So we don't even receive enough in F&S fees to even think about maintaining all the roads in a years' time - let alone, taking a water operator to do it. TWSD does not have the manpower or the funds to grade all the roads every year, which is the reason it takes so long to get to all the road requests and why we try to do the worst roads first. I wish we could do better than that, but it is what it is. We can only work with what we've got.

There was some discussion, a question from an audience member about follow-up the patched potholes on Sacramento Rd.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Terri Borzoni gave her report:

Bank balances: Standby \$20,292.15; Loan \$166,782.89; Short Term Assets \$7,924.80; Operations \$107,940.81; USDA Loan \$224.80; Emergency Savings fund \$85,956.25; F&S \$71,125.53.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Discuss / Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2023**

Director Hagemann made a motion to approve the minutes from September 12. Director Radle seconded. A vote was called. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

### **2. Discuss / Approve the annual audit and audit firm.**

Treasurer Borzoni stated that we sent out about 15 letters to audit firms, the most likely is a firm out of Las Cruces, Beasley, Mitchell & Co. We are looking at close to \$13,000.00 for the audit, and there will be other additional costs, travel etc. Director Hagemann made a motion to table this agenda item until the upcoming Special Meeting. Director Radle seconded. A vote was taken. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **(moved up from item 4). Discuss repairs to the High Country Lounge.**

Audience member Tony McWilliams reported on the issues with the High Country Lounge building: The front deck is falling apart; it has been patched and repaired several times and needs to be replaced. He provided a drawing and a plan with a cost. He proposed a metal structure instead of wood, and supporting posts cemented in instead of sitting on rocks. Total estimate was \$3,200.00 which includes parts and labor. The cost sharing split will be approximately \$2,000.00 from TWSD and \$1,000.00 from DTI for replacement of the deck. For the roof underneath the deck, he recommended we coat it with silicone paint, which will be an additional cost. There was some discussion on the merits of silicone paint, permits, and procedures. Vice Chair Harding noted that there was going to be an insurance inspector up to look at the building shortly, Tony said he would make himself available to the inspector to get his input. Director Harding voiced some concern that the project being done at such a low cost that we might be right back in the same place in 10 years. There was some discussion about hiring a contractor, which would add significantly to the cost and the time frame for completion. As the agenda item had been discussed thoroughly, Treasurer Borzoni suggested that we move on to the next agenda item so Tony could go to his other meeting. Director Hagemann made a motion to table the issue until the upcoming Special meeting. Director Borzoni seconded. A vote was called. All in favor, none opposed. The motion to table carried.

### **1. Approve / Disapprove 1st National Bank Resolution By Corporation to assign communication privileges to TWSD Admin Assistant Bradley D. Howard.**

Treasurer Borzoni spoke on the importance of having access to the bank personnel for questions about the accounts, etc. Treasurer Borzoni made a motion to approve. Director Radle seconded. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

### **2. Paul Hagemann to discuss the results of the investigation of the non-operational sewer plant on Pounds Rd.**

Director Hagemann reported that there was not much to discuss, because the TWSD does not own anything up there. The sewer is on private property. The manholes have been filled in. The

Environmental Department in Alamogordo inspected it years ago, and they were not interested in coming up again, whatever had to be done has been done.

**3. Approve the Amendment of TWSD Bylaws, Article 3 (3.03) which will read as follows: "No person shall become a candidate in a regular local election unless the person physically resides within the boundaries of the district, or districted area in which the person desires to be elected or to represent, and the person's record of voter registration shows that the person is both a qualified elector of the state and was registered to vote in the area to be elected to represent on the date the proclamation calling a local election is filed in the office of the Secretary of State."**

Vice-Chair Harding read the resolution aloud and stated that this brings our bylaws compliant to the New Mexico state laws. Director Radle made a motion to approve the amendment as read. Director Hagemann seconded. A vote was taken. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

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

Audience member Arden Schug wanted to know if all the information that the PRC wanted was sent in. Vice Chair Harding answered that, yes, it was sent in on time, and now we are working on a Cost of Service Study due to present to the PRC by the end of October.

Director Hagemann left the meeting at 4:55 on an emergency call. As a quorum was still present, the meeting continued.

An audience member asked what the cost is to keep the pool open, and will it be open next year. There was some discussion to partially fill the deep end of the pool with cement to make it 5 feet deep all around, where we would not have to have lifeguards on duty and the pool could be open for longer hours during the day.

An audience member asked when the General Hydronics project will be finished. Vice Chair Harding answered that it had to be extended a couple weeks, and the new completion date is in November.

**DIRECTORS REMARKS**

There were no directors' remarks. Treasurer Borzoni made a motion to adjourn. Director Radle seconded. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM

Approved October 10, 2023

Chairman  David Cruey

Secretary  Nanette Thorell