

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Directors of Timberon Water and Sanitation District
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 4:00 pm
Timberon Community Center, "Lodge"
1 Bobwhite Circle, Timberon, NM 88350

Chairman David Cruvey called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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, Director Terri Borzoni, Director Ed Hardesty were all present. Director Paul Hagemann attended via phone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Vice Chair / Interim General Manager Mark Harding gave the managers' report:

1. During the past two weeks, five line leaks were repaired, two line leaks were isolated (there was no customer outage) and two meter box leaks were repaired.
2. Two new meter installations are pending.
3. The water service line to the Lodge is near complete. There is still some landscaping to be done and we need to put in a hydrant for the bulk water, we are waiting for that to be delivered. This will be expensed to F&S Building Repair / Maintenance.
4. The 2024 Legislature approved \$500,000. Capital Outlay to replace Tank #3 if the Governor does not veto it.
5. Well #2 is operational, it is providing water to the people of Timberon and is producing 65 to 125 gallons per minute.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Borzoni read the bank balances:

Standby \$106,026.46
Loan Reserve \$166,887.73
Loan \$7,924.80
Operations \$49,856.35
USDA Loan \$870.02
Savings \$85,999.59
F&S \$58,888.94

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss / Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024.

Director Hardesty made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13. Vice Chair Harding seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve the February 13 minutes passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominate and appoint a Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Chairman Cruey nominated Director Hardesty for the Treasurer position. Director Hardesty accepted the nomination. Chairman Cruey made a motion to appoint Edward Hardesty as Treasurer. Vice Chair Harding seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to appoint Edward Hardesty as Board Treasurer passed.

2. Cost of Service Study Status Update and Approval of Additional Funding to NewGen Strategies & Solutions for Continuing Services to the Completion of the District's PRC Rate Filing.

Vice Chair / Interim General Manager gave a report on the status of the COS study: An advice notice has been filed with the PRC with the new rates which will be an additional 12% increase over the current temporary increase. This will result in a 42% increase over what the water rates were last year.

Sometime in May, there will be a hearing with the Commission. NewGen will testify, and the cost of the study will be rolled into the customers water bills.

Vice Chair Harding made a motion to approve additional funding for NewGen to complete the COSS. Treasurer Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve additional funding to NewGen passed.

3. Discuss Operation of the Swimming Pool for the 2024 Season and Necessary Repairs.

The current status of the pool and the pending repairs were discussed. The pump, the area around the main drain, etc. Vice Chair / Interim General Manager Harding commented that we do have a lot of leftover supplies and chemicals that were not used last year, so we don't have to buy them again. Chairman Cruey volunteered do some investigation on pumps and filters. There was more discussion on lifeguards, and converting the pool to a 5-ft depth game pool.

4. Discuss / Approve / Disapprove an increase to the trash dumpster fees.

Vice Chair / Interim General Manager Mark Harding gave a report on the current dumpster costs:

Southwest Disposal invoices for the last year totaled \$102,795.00. The trash fees we collected in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 were \$68,071.00 We received an Otero County Community Service Grant for \$15,000.00 This adds up to a shortfall of \$19,764.00/yr or a monthly shortfall of \$1,647.00. As of today, we have 590 trash customers, so what we would need to do to make up that shortfall is to increase trash fees of \$2.79 a month

minimum. There was much discussion on the current dumpster situation, the costs, the wages spent for compacting and clean-up that is done by TWSD personnel, an option for a commercial trash rate, improvements to the dumpster area and other suggestions. Director Hagemann made a motion to increase the monthly trash fee by \$5.00. Ed Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair voted yes, Treasurer Hardesty voted yes, Director Hagemann voted yes, Director Borzoni voted no. The motion to increase the trash fees by \$5.00 a month passed.

5. Discuss / Approve / Disapprove 20 Standby liens in the amount of \$18,349.12

Vice Chair Harding made a motion to approve the 20 Standby liens. Director Hagemann seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve the 20 Standby liens passed.

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

Terri Borzoni asked about the golf course ponds being filled. Vice Chair Harding said the ponds have been filled. Terri Borzoni asked about the status of the TWSD water truck. Vice Chair Harding said that the truck runs but it needs welding to repair the broken areas, so it holds water.

DIRECTORS REMARKS

Vice Chair Harding thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Chairman Cruvey asked about the signers on the bank accounts, Vice Chair Harding answered that they were all in order.

Director Borzoni made a motion to adjourn. Director Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to adjourn passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Approved 3-12-24

Chairman David Cruvey 

Secretary Nanette Thorell 



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