

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Directors of Timberon Water and Sanitation District
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.
Timberon Community Center, "Lodge"
1 Bobwhite Circle, Timberon, NM 88350

Chairman Cruey 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 Cruey, Vice Chair Mark Harding, Director Terri Borzoni, Director Paul Hagemann, Director Edward Hardesty.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Vice Chair / Interim General Manager Mark Harding gave his report.

1. Water production for January: Filtration plant produced 1,462,965 gallons. Well #1 produced 3,536,400 gallons. Well #2 produces zero gallons, total production was 4,999,365 gallons.
2. 869,635 gallons were sold. Our water loss was 4,129,730 gallons for an 82.5% water loss.
3. Water production for all of 2023 was 60,401,453 gallons. Water sold in 2023 was 15,134,800 gallons. Water loss for 2023 was 45,266,653 gallons for a yearly water loss of 75%
4. Cost to produce that water loss in 2023 was \$129,734.22 (based on AWWA estimate).
5. The Good News. Water loss for 2022 was 82%. Water loss for 2023 was 75%. So, we had a 7% decrease in water loss from 2022 to 2023.
6. What has the district done to reduce water loss? We have found and repaired several long-term leaks. We are isolating line breaks sooner. We are repairing line breaks with new pipes instead of repair clamps. We are locating, isolating and repairing meter box leaks as soon as possible.
7. I want to give credit to the guys on the water crew for busting ass, working overtime and weekends and in the crappy weather. Thank You Guys.
8. I also want to thank the Timberon Community for reporting leaks in the roads and in the meter boxes. Even if it is a small leak, they all add up.
9. Since our last meeting - 6 line leaks were repaired, 1 line leak is pending repair, 1 line leak has been isolated and under repair (at the Lodge). And 2 meter box leaks have been repaired.
10. The water line to the Lodge is being replaced (270 feet) due to a line break, or breaks, between the Lodge and the water meter down by the Stables.
11. I&C Solutions is scheduled to be at the Treatment Plant on Thursday the 15th to complete modification to the SCADA system. This will bring Well #2 online as a third source of water for the community.

12. NewGen Strategies has completed their rate study. NewGen along with our PRC attorney Sunny Nixon will be presenting the new rates to PRC staff within the next few days. The District will be mailing a Notice to all of our water customers on or before March 15th.
13. The EPA and the New Mexico Environment Dept. have issued new regulations that require the District to inspect, identify and document every water service line in the system for lead piping. We will start this work as soon as the ground thaws. This must be completed by October 31, 2024. We've posted a flyer on the TWSD website regarding lead in your drinking water and a link for additional information.
14. The new TWSD website is up and running. It is still a bit of a work-in-progress. Please join our mailing lists for updates and notifications. www.timberonwater.com
15. I want to thank State Senator Ron Griggs and State Representative Harlan Vincent for introducing Senate Bill 200 in the New Mexico Legislature. If passed, this appropriation of \$2.5 million will fund the planning, design and construction of water system improvements in Timberon in 2025 through 2028. The bill is available for viewing at the TWSD website under the PUBLIC NOTICES > NEWS menu.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss / Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2024

Director Hagemann made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 23, 2024. Vice Chair Harding seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. the motion to approve the January 23 minutes carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss / Approve Resolution 2023/2024-011 Approval Of Increase For Water Line Extension Fees.

Chairman Cruey read the resolution aloud. Vice Chair Harding made a motion to approve the resolution. Director Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve Resolution 2023/2024-012 carried.

2. Discuss / Approve Resolution 2023/2024-012 CIP Notice Of Intent Fiscal Year 2023/2024 to apply the Colonias Infrastructure Program for assistance with funds to repair the leaky and broken pipes within the water distribution system.

Chairman Cruey read the resolution aloud. Admin. Assistant Brad Howard explained it in more detail. Director Hardesty made a motion to approve the resolution. Director Hagemann seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. the motion to approve Resolution 2023/2024-012 carried.

3. Discuss / Approve / Reject 4 Standby Liens in the amount of \$1,646.63.

Director Hagemann made a motion to approve the 4 Standby liens. Director Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to approve the 4 Standby Liens carried.

4. Appoint a new Treasurer of the Board.

Vice Chair Harding nominated Director Hagemann for Treasurer. Director Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. Vice Chair Harding voted yes, Director Hardesty voted yes, Director Borzoni abstained. There was no vote from Director Hagemann or Chairman Cruey. As there were only two votes, a majority was not reached, the vote was invalid and there was no appointment for a Treasurer.

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

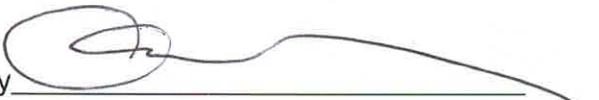
An audience member asked about the status of foreclosures for properties with liens. There was much discussion about the 32 Demand Letters that were sent out, the cost involved for the attorneys to produce and mail the letters, and whether it was advantageous to the District to spend money to foreclose on properties with liens on them.

DIRECTORS REMARKS

Director Hagemann brought up a previous issue regarding a requested report from the Treasurer on the movement of F&S fees. As there had been no reports from the treasurer in the past few meetings, Director Hagemann remarked that Director Borzoni should be impeached for not following the resolution, specifically that 'no F&S money should be used without prior approval from the board'. There was much discussion on the resolution and how it was implemented. Chairman Cruey asked to see the resolution. There was no resolution written or signed. Since the resolution was incomplete, it was decided to gather more information to be brought up at the next board meeting.

Vice Chair Harding made a motion to adjourn. Director Hardesty seconded the motion. A vote was called. All voted in favor, none opposed. The motion to adjourn carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Approved Feb. 27, 2024

Chairman David Cruey 

Secretary Nanette Thorell 

