

Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation  
PO Box 925 Tularosa, NM 88352  
Quarterly Commissioners Meeting  
Tularosa Municipal Building  
609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, NM  
June 29, 2015 7PM

A. Call to Order 7:03 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Joan Price spoke about the Jornada Research Institute led by Dave Greenwald, currently doing excavations on ancient acequias and prehistoric irrigation systems. She reported that he has found pit houses and a village with kivas. Ms. Price invited the commissioners to contact Mr. Greenwald and tour the sites he is excavating and view the power point he has put together. She mentioned that many of the prehistoric sites are being destroyed such as the glyphs at Three Rivers. She would like to include information on the Tularosa Acequia system and the discovery of those ancient acequia systems Jornada Research Institute discovered in a school presentation she is working on now because the information on the acequia system is unknown to most people.

Joseph Penn commented on the need education on the Tularosa Acequia system especially the newcomers who have never been part of one. He called it a handout on the 101 level, as so few people come to the meetings. Mrs. Roberts told him that people stopped coming to the meetings when things were being run well. Joan Price suggested that we put it on the First National Bank announcement marquee.

D. Approval of Minutes from March Quarterly Commissioners Meeting

Commissioner Hobson made the motion to accept them as read.

Joseph Penn seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

E. Approval of Minutes from May ICIP Meeting

Steve Lightle asked about the nature of the May meeting. Commissioner Lerner explained the purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the future projects of the Ditch and to pass a resolution supporting those needs. Also, the public forum

introduces the public to the list of projects in the order of their priority and their impact on the integrity of the acequia system.

Commissioner Hobson made a motion to accept the minutes as read.

Mrs. Roberts seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

#### F. Financial Report March through May 2015

Mrs. Roberts explained to the public that the unrealized gains and losses reflect the investments, which are long term, and do not add to the net worth unless they are sold. At that point it is determined whether they are a gain or a loss.

#### G. Old Business

1. Cleaning Laterals in the 49 Blocks-This discussion was limited by the fact that Mayordomo Baca was tending to water and was unable to attend. Maurice Hobson said that many of the problems we face are due to leaky gates on laterals and within private property. Leaks diminish the power of the water run and lessen the amount of water for the next user. Robert Baca will need to make an assessment as to which properties are in need of the owners' attention and they will be notified of those problems. Chairman Bookout reminded the public that only 4 inches of water may run over property and many times that is not the case.

2. Pipeline project. Phase One Completion-Ms. Lerner told those present that we have completed the first phase of the new pipeline and did it in record speed. The volume of water has already increased in delivery.

3. People interested in commissioners' jobs and mayordomo's jobs-The commissioners tried to bring up the urgency of getting people to train for our jobs. We need to find and train a substitute for the mayordomo's job with the 49 Blocks. Mr. Hobson reiterated that we need younger people to understand the work and be involved.

4. ICIP Submission and acceptance to Local Government Division-We are on schedule to begin our second phase ground work to get the financial help from Interstate Stream Commission and legislature by completing and getting our ICIP priority list submitted. It was accepted by the Department of Financial Administration.

#### H. New Business

1. Set-Aside money for repairs-As Robert Baca was not present; Commissioner Lerner explained that he would like us to line-item money for yearly repairs in order to continue with the gate repair. If we put it off until we are ready to ask for government help, it could be 4 or 5 more years to wait. Until we settle the on-going law suit with Dávalos, money has to be available for the lawyer's expenses. Mrs. Roberts suggested we bring it up at the annual meeting.

2. 49 Block Disputes-Steve Lightle asked what process was in place when a new home owner buys a home in the 49 Blocks and is unaware of the way the ditch works? Danielle told him that most of the real estate companies do not share information about the need to transfer ownership. She ends up making calls when she finds out there is a new resident. Joan Price wants that information in the introductory package for new owners and to update the by-laws. Commissioner Lerner stated that not all of the new owners checked in with Danielle for the purposes of changing billing status. The commissioners agreed that the by-laws need reviewing and it will be included on the upcoming agenda for September. Mr. Bookout said that it was important to take the water when it comes to your property at your time but many people do not take care of it and disputes follow. If the water is low, water high spots with a hose!

I. Adjourn

Commissioner Lerner made the motion to adjourn

Commissioner Hobson seconded the motion

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.