

Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation
PO Box 925, Tularosa, NM 88352
September 26, 2016 Quarterly Meeting 7PM
Minutes

- A. Call to Order 7PM
- B. Pledge
- C. Public Comments-Commissioner Hobson questioned Joseph Penn to comment on the Elephant Butte water levels. He responded that the level is down to 6% and was scheduled to drop down to 4% before the end of the year. Caballo Lake has been emptied for repairs and that will be the refill amount when the time comes.
- D. Approval of Minutes from 2016 June Quarterly Meeting
Maurice Hobson made motion to accept the minutes as presented
Karen Lerner seconded the motion
Motion carried
- E. Financial Report June to August, 2016
Maurice Hobson questioned Mrs. Roberts as to the amount in the checking account. She told him \$9,227.03. That was a stable amount because there will be no more taken out to pay off the ISC loan on the north lateral as that was finalized last month. As a result of the audit it appears as if we owed the \$4,823.44 because the ditch paid it up front but it is a wash because Commissioner Lerner secured the grant to pay for the audit. No other questions came forth.
Karen Lerner made a motion to accept the financials as presented
Maurice Hobson seconded the motion
Motion carried
- F. Old Business
 - 1. Change of Ditch office-Commissioner Lerner let them know that we are moving out of the current location and seeking another place for our offices. We are looking at a space in the jewelry store with Terri Bilke on Granada Street. Another suggestion was an office in the back of the Dry Goods Store on Granada owned by Tony Wedig. Maurice Hobson will follow up that lead and Karen Lerner will pursue the Bilke lead. Chairman Bookout will look into the availability of a space in the Community Center. Commissioner Lerner stated she was interested in a space where we have security and our own key.
 - 2. Update on citations pending from Mayordomo-Robert Baca was not present to inform the board. Commissioner Hobson did report that Eva Ortega was verbally cited for flooding the street numerous times. Follow up will be during the annual meeting.

3. People interested in earning Commissioners' jobs-Commissioner Lerner told the group that it was urgent that people step forward and begin to learn the jobs the commissioners are doing right now. The board is not leaving and their elections are not coming up for a year, but now is the time to begin the process of training others for what they do for the ditch. Lerner is writing a letter that will go out with the bills to emphasize the need for people to step forward and help. Mr. Lightle concurred with the need to get more people in to help and said that the current board is doing a great job.

G. New Business

1. By-laws Modification for Commissioners' positions and staggering terms. The discussion included the need to change the notion of terms coming to the reelection all at the same time. This will require a change in the by-laws and will be posted on the December agenda for the shareholders to consider.

2. Squatters on Ditch easements around the diversion area; public complaints. Commissioner Lerner received a complaint concerning the problem of people pitching tents and squatting on our land in that area. The neighbors are very upset. Mr. Hobson called the sheriff's office but as yet we have no resolution. The Mayor is not here at the meeting but this is a problem that must be settled. "The squatters have cut the steel pipes that blocked access and removed the no trespassing signs", commented Chairman Bookout.

3. Parciantes cutting in on watering times in the 49 Blocks. This will be discussed at the December meeting when Robert is there.

4. Information concerning the position of accountant Danielle Roberts. Karen Lerner told the meeting that Mrs. Roberts is leaving the position as our accountant but has found a replacement for her. She introduced Shell Thomas who has helped out Danielle and knows the work required. She is getting her BA in accounting and is interested in working for us.

H. Other Business

1. RCPP application: Commissioner Lerner submitted an application for the ditch in order to get on a list of interested investors and funding sources for our pipeline projects. These are for a federal level request. The State is not funding anything. Commissioner Hobson is in communication with Santa Fe and there will be no funding for capital outlay concerning water projects.

I. Adjourn

Karen Lerner made the motion to adjourn.

Maurice Hobson seconded the motion.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.