

Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation
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Office: 512 St. Frances Street
Quarterly Meeting of the Commissioners
March 19, 2018 7 PM
Minutes

Attendees: Chairman Bookout, Commissioners Hobson and Lerner, Mayordomo Baca, Accountant Thomas, Joan Price and Michal Gruger.

A. Meeting opened at 7:03

B. Pledge

C. Public Comments-

Joan Price handed out a pamphlet she wrote she would like the Board to review for accuracy now that she is part of the Tularosa Historic District. Commissioner Lerner noted that the initial highlighted top of the opening page is incorrect and needs to be changed as the Tularosa Acequia is not the "last remaining traditional acequia system". Commissioner Hobson noted there are over 380 traditional systems in the state, mostly up north. Commissioner Lerner commented that many are over 400 years and have been in constant use since then. Chairman Bookout asked where the picture on the brochure was obtained. Ms Price stated that it was taken up on the northeast side of Tularosa where the recently identified Kiva discovered by David Greenwald. Ms Price told the attendees that the pamphlet will be available at the museum in Alamogordo and other events around the area depending upon the decision of the museum.

D. Approval of September 25, 2017 Meeting

The quarterly meeting of September was cancelled due to illness of the board members therefore no minutes were presented. No meeting was rescheduled until the following Special Board Meeting of the Commissioners' November 2, 2017.

E. Approval of Financial Report September 2017 through February 2018

Commissioner Lerner questioned Mrs. Thomas whether the petty cash amount, \$6.67 was enough to keep in the office or if we should have more in the office for making change. Mrs. Thomas said there was not a reason to have more.

Commissioner Hobson made the motion to accept the report as presented

Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion

Motion carried

F. Old Business

1. Letter to the Title companies in Lincoln and Otero Counties-Commissioner Lerner told the group that letters were sent all the title companies but not one has

responded. The old Fribley Dry Cleaners building just sold and in spite of having one on one conversations with the realtor who listed the property, no past due bill was paid nor communication to the new owners who as yet have not been in to pay their past due bill and register their new house.

2. Michael Gruger wished to know about the upcoming clean up on the laterals and if post cards were sent out to the residences of the 49 Blocks. Commissioner Lerner said that she had not but that the mayordomo has spoken to those who are behind in their cleaning. The properties are those of Blazer and Guilez on Fresno between First Street and Second Street east of the long house. Raymond Guilez recently passed and his widow is alone, Libby Guilez. Kenny Blazer does keep his property up and has overpaid for the year. The Pritchard property presents another problem. Mr. Pritchard is ill and lives alone. He does not water at this time but his property is a pass through for the Wedigs next door. Michael is in good communication with both parties and will watch out for the water.

Commissioner Hobson offered to speak with the First National Bank to have it posted on their marquee.

3. Booster Box for the Office-Due to the problems of wi-fi reception, Mrs. Thomas cannot use her computer in the office. Commissioner Lerner will order one off the internet and try to improve the reception with that one for \$21. Michael Gruger suggested we speak with TBC across the street. Commissioner Lerner told him that we had already spoken with the company but the monthly fee was over \$100 as we are a business.

4. ICIP Priority List-Commissioner Lerner filed the priority list with the New Mexico Acequia Association for the chance that we might be fortunate enough to get legislative money to continue with Phase 2 with our pipeline replacement.

G. New Business

1. List of Water Users-The list that Mrs. Thomas had put together was discussed but returned to commissioners due to privacy matters. Chairman Bookout informed Commissioner Lerner that there had been a change in certificates and this week it was due to be turned over. Mayordomo Baca and Chairman Bookout will need to go back to the Sheriff's office to keep them informed as to squatters and make sure their office continues to support the state statutes. As we are under the District court and previous judges from the Magistrate court have supported our need to go on private property to protect the ditch. It is important that there be probable cause to prosecute offenders. Mr. Suggs and Mr. Guthrie are the current judges.
2. By-Law revision with NMAA-Commissioner Lerner is in communication with Olivia at NMAA to set up meetings. They will be set up for later in the year as Commissioner Hobson would like to attend.

H. Other Business

1. Gates in need of repair-Large cement pipes were moved to Chairman Bookout's property to use later for the ditch. Lawrence Chavez did the work with a bobcat and submitted a bill for \$576. The cement pipes are 24" and weigh about 3,000 pounds. They can be used in the ditch for the reservoir and to put into the ditch in the case there is a need to create a driveway.

Commissioner Lerner made the motion to pay the bill as submitted

Commissioner Hobson seconded the motion

Motion carried

2. Gate on Terri Belke's Property-There are problems with keeping her property safe from trespassers and our need to get through as the road goes down through the property. We can use the cement pipes to blockade and remove the danger.

3. Michael Gruger asked the Robert Baca about the cement gate on the corner of Second Street. Robert told him that cutting the cement to even out the part where a gate fits in will assist the water flow adding another board on the west side of the weir to control it. Robert told Michael that with an increase of water flow he would have to be more vigilant so it would not go out on the street. On the southwest side is the Gutierrez family and Joe Ben Sanders who does not water. All that makes it difficult for the water to run very slowly. Robert said the blade to cut the cement was \$52 and could be purchased in Tularosa.

Commissioner Lerner made a motion to buy the blade and proceed with the repair.

Commissioner Hobson seconded the motion

Motion passed

I. Adjourn

Commissioner Hobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion

Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:21PM