

Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation

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Quarterly Meeting of the Commissioners

June 24, 2019 7 PM

Minutes

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Attending were Chairman Bookout, Treasurer Hobson, Secretary Lerner, Bookkeeper Carr and Katherine Tyler.
- B. Pledges
- C. No questions from attendees
- D. Approval of Minutes from the March Quarterly-Mrs. Carr made the observation that the minutes presented from the March meeting was mistakenly dated June 24, 2019. Commissioner Lerner said she would change that when she types up the minutes. Commissioner Hobson made the motion to accept the minutes with that change. Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
- E. Financial Report – Mrs. Carr
1. Commissioner Lerner commented that the list of payments should have the initials ISC rather than NM Stream. Mrs. Carr explained the \$396.00 overpayment. There were overpayments to IRS during the time of the previous bookkeeper. We are waiting for the final decision from IRS about our case. The balance should be \$18,669.37. Commissioner Hobson questioned the expense for the QuickBooks Online and whether it was the \$683.56 every month. Mrs. Carr explained the billed amount was for the year and set up fees. We decided to stick with the online program as it is more complete and has better online assistance. She will be buying the desktop program from the Ditch. Mr. Hobson asked if the program can be downloaded to two different computers. She will check on that.
Mrs. Carr talked about the regular money going out each month, almost \$5,000 because of payroll taxes and mileage.
Commissioner Hobson made the motion to accept the report as presented.
Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
2. Tax Explanations - Mrs. Carr and Commissioner Lerner are dealing with the taxes sent in by Shelly Thomas involving the 941 and the 941-Xs. Both ladies went to Las Cruces to the IRS office. The Ditch still needs to clarify the 2016 reports. We will terminate our filing of any 941s and only file the 943s for the Ditch as we only have two employees. The agent at the IRS explained that the 941 report is for the very large agricultural business with hundreds of employees. Commissioner Hobson said

we are to be commended for our efforts to correct the problems left by the previous bookkeeper.

3. Bills Presented - Treasurer Hobson signed the bills presented by Mrs. Carr for the monthly expenses.

F. Old Business

1. Kathy Tyler and the Hearings with the State Engineer – Mrs. Tyler reported that the new State Engineer has set back the meeting with the extension being on October 9, 2019. Our lawyer AJ Olsen, said no to the extension. The Kelsey Smith issues have stopped for now. According to our Mayordomo, Smith is no longer pulling out water for the two ponds and they are drying out. He is building a new pond but Robert Baca thinks the issue will be nullified. Chairman Bookout said he went by and they are still pumping. Mrs. Tyler says Smith is paying and that Andy Salazar, the mayordomo from Bent, should be charging Smith \$3 an acre from 6am to 6pm. Chairman Bookout said that Andy is supposed to open and close head gates but Kelsey is pumping from the Creek and he has had confrontations with him because of that.

2. Mayordomo Report-No report was presented as this is Town week and the ditch boss is running water.

G. New Business

Commissioner Lerner talked about the project for the pipeline replacement. We will have to get extra money from ISC to complete the project. Also, it is important to speak with the property owners and an engineering company to get an idea about the scope of the project money wise. We agreed to have a meeting with Mayordomo Baca on July 11th for that purpose.

H. Other Business

1. Mrs. Carr reported that 49 of the Town users have not paid their dues and 6 of the farmers are in arrears. Chairman Bookout and Commissioner Hobson took the delinquent list and were going to follow them up. Also, a list came up from the county that farm property Owen Shaiffer owns is up for sale. He also owns a farm right and is delinquent on that also. The renter in the Town property has spoken with Shaiffer so he is available but does not answer our letters.

Lynn Vigil has property up for auction for delinquent taxes. Mrs. Tyler is interested in that property. The auction is to be held on July 16th. Kenneth Owens also needs to pay for the farm rights of his mother's, Viola Owens. We will contact his office manager, Evelyn.

I. Adjourn

Commissioner Hobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55