

Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation

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Quarterly Meeting of the Commissioners

September 23, 2019 7 PM

Minutes

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:02. Those attending the meeting were Chairman Bookout, Commissioner Hobson and Commissioner Lerner, Bookkeeper Nancy Carr, Kathy Tyler, Robert Danke, Jim Davis and Kenneth Owens.
- B. Pledge
- C. No comments were asked by the attending public.
- D. Approval of Minutes from June 24th, 2019 Commissioners Quarterly Meeting.
Commissioner Hobson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.
Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion
Motion carried
- E. Financial Report from June 30, 2019 to August 31, 2019.
Mrs. Carr read the report and explained what encompassed the tax preparation and employee payroll reporting problems caused by the previous bookkeeper, Shelly Thomas. At this point, the books are completely up to date with payroll reporting and we have finally been cleared completely for our federal tax reports.
Commissioner Lerner said that going back to the reports of 2015 is also completed. Robert Danke asked about our state taxes. Mrs. Carr will be investigating those next. Commissioner Lerner asked about our standing with Edward Jones and the dip in the market combined with our having to take out from our savings to get through the end of the year. She checked our interest income and reported that the money made by our investments covered the amount we had to take out so it is a wash for any gains and it did not lower our initial amount of investment money. Mrs. Carr also told the group that the amount of money owed by the residents of the 49 Blocks of the current year and going back to previous years is still stands at \$8,197.36.
Commissioner Lerner made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. Robert Danke seconded the motion
Motion carried
- F. Mayordomo Report
Robert Baca was not present therefore no report was presented
- G. Old Business
1. Captial Outlay Project-Pipeline Replacement Update – Commissioner Hobson told the group that the new pipeline will be 30” upgrading it from 20”. The engineering design could make changes and shorten the line by 30 to 40 feet. Jim Davis asked

how long the entire pipeline will be when finished. Commissioner Hobson told him that it will be approximately 900 feet. He said he appreciates us for the work we do. He also asked about installing a third diversion down on the Westside of Tularosa. Ken Owens said he already got a no from the Cathay in the Las Cruces office of the regional State Engineer. Mr. Owens says the SE has never even read the 1914 Supreme Court decision on water rights. They still question our legitimacy of being an acequia. At one time there were 1,700 acres under cultivation outside of Tularosa but that is not the case now. Mr. Owens feels the 1914 Supreme Court decision should be the rule and ratified by the Ditch as the purveyor of agricultural water. Mr. Bookout stated that the Supreme Court authorizes our water as well as metering the Village usage. Mr. Owens says all the water needs to be put to use as it was before. There is evidence of old ditches from before.

H. New Business

1. Engineering designs on private property – The Board is looking at the state statutes on easements and will use the laws established to proceed with the easements that already exist.

I. Other Business

Robert Danke asked Commissioner Lerner about the reports on the over water usage by the Village Commissioner Lerner told him that she had gone to the Village and spoke with the Village Clerk, Margaret Lucero about getting the reports now in arrears since March of the year. Ms Lucero did not have an answer for that. He then asked where the metering of that usage should be placed. Chairman Bookout told him that it should be at the settling tank. It is essential that it be protected and read jointly with the Village for accuracy. Mr. Owens asked how much the meter costs. Chairman Bookout told him that about \$1,500 and with the protection to enclose it, another \$700. Commissioner Hobson said the City of Alamogordo had several placed along their pipelines coming down from the mountains.

J. Adjourn

Commissioner Lerner made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Hobson seconded the motion

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.