

Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation
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Office: 512 St. Frances Street Hours 3:30-5:30 Thursdays
Annual Meeting of the Shareholders
Municipal Building 609 St. Frances Street, Tularosa, NM 88352
December 2, 2019 7

Minutes

- A. Call to Order. No Quorum reached at this point

- B. Pledge

- C. At 7:07 pm Commissioner Hobson invited Representative Zac Cook to come forward to receive an acknowledgment for his continued support of our Acequia in legislature. Representing the Board, Mr. Hobson presented him with a plaque outlining the esteem for his achievements in getting \$200,000 in Capital Outlay for pipeline replacement. As emphasized by Commissioner Hobson, the Tularosa Acequia would not have been able to go forward with their projects without his help and support. Representative Cook was very surprised at the lovely plaque and admitted that he had not received anything like it and pledged to continue his support in the legislature in January for the continuation of our pipeline replacement. Commissioner Lerner explained the details of the pipeline replacement and where we are with the engineering and how Capital Outlay will pay for that facet. Dan Abercrombie raised the question of the NRCS having already done the engineering for free several years ago, so why pay for it again. Commissioner Hobson told him that the design of the NRCS was meant to straighten out the two dog-legs in the current pipeline but due to the resistance of one homeowner, it would not be possible to change the design. We will use the existing one and round out the dog-legs to avoid jam ups. Don Davis asked about the exposed pipe along the Creek and as it was now a muddy white, were we going to protect it from damage? Chairman Bookout mentioned that there were special paints that can be applied that will protect it.
Quorum was reached at 7:28 with 59.

- D. No public comments

- E. Approval of Minutes from Annual Shareholders, 2018.
Dan Abercrombie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.
Doug McPherson seconded the motion.
Motion carried

- F. Approval of Minutes from September Quarterly, 2019
Kathy Tyler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented
Commissioner Hobson seconded the motion

Motion carried

G. Quarterly Financial Report ending November 30, 2019 and Questions

1. Commissioner Lerner introduced Mrs. Nancy Carr, the new bookkeeper for the Acequia. Mrs. Carr color coded all the financial reports in order that they are easier to identify for the purposes of explanation. She pulled up the green one first to outline the expenses and identify the ending balance as of the close of the year, \$6,220.04. No questions were entertained at that juncture.

Commissioner Lerner introduced the resolution to accept the Quarterly Financial Report as presented. Kathy Tyler, Joan Price, and Don H. Davis signed as representatives of the shareholders' acceptance of the report.

Next Mrs. Carr presented the gold paper for the yearend report of total expenses, income and payroll. The \$6,220.04 is broken down for the year. As the report was reflective of every Quarterly meeting, no resolution was included for signature and no questions were asked of the bookkeeper either.

H. Presentation of the 2020 Budget

The final presentation by Mrs. Carr was the Proposed Budget for 2020. The purple sheet included the office expenses, payments for our ISC grant/loan, payroll, income from maintenance, and Mother Ditch clean out. Also, it showed the carryover of non-payments from the residents of the 49 Blocks

2. Mr. Ray Sanchez asked about the ISC payment. Commissioner Lerner explained that the Interstate Stream Commission is part of the State Engineer's office. It handles all the projects for Acequias in the state. This year, there are 70 projects on going as money was allocated by the new governor for water projects. Tularosa Ditch borrowed \$14,500 from ISC for the first phase of pipeline replacement in 2014 and will borrow another \$16,800 for this phase. We are paying the installments one payment a year as shown in the budget proposal.

Dan Abercrombie made a motion to accept the budget proposal as presented.

Commissioner Hobson seconded the motion

Motion carried

The Board of the Acequia and six parciantes signed the resolution to accept the 2020 Budget Proposal as well as the following people: Don H. Davis, Rory Walker, Douglas McPherson, Louise Sanchez, Stella Brusuelas and Dan Abercrombie.

I. Open Meetings Act for 2020

Commissioner Lerner explained that we renew our acceptance of the rules for the Open Meetings Act and keep a signed displayed copy in the office. The Board and Mayordomo Baca signed the resolution. In that way, we stay in compliance.

Mrs. Hobson made a motion to accept the Open Meetings Act

Don H. Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried

The OMA was signed by the members of the Board and will be submitted to the State of New Mexico and for the Department of Financial Administration to have in their files.

J. Mayordomo Report

Mr. Robert Baca began by thanking the parciantes who have begun the process of cleaning their laterals. He then clarified his phone number as being the 575 446-8097 instead of the one listed on the invoices. He then informed the public that the new watering season will begin March 30, 2020. The head gate on Alamo Street will need repair from wood to metal similar to the head gate on 8th Street. Kenneth Owens paid for that 8th Street repair and the Board thanked him for his contribution. Shut down for the pipeline replacement is going slowly. Mr. Baca said the winter crops are already out of danger. He also told the public that we are in need of a crew to dig out the Mother Ditches for this upcoming watering season. Commissioner Lerner was asked if there was a date for the pipeline but it is later than anticipated and may be until a January to February to begin. Water lines and gas lines could be in the way which will delay the construction with a backhoe. He emphasized the need for manual labor as there are large roots that must be cut by hand rather than machine. He thanked the public again.

Old Business

1. Pipeline updates were discussed in the section of the meeting with Representative Cook so he would also be informed as he was not able to stay for the whole meeting.
2. Resolution for ICIP – The resolution was presented to the board for their signatures and Commissioner Lerner explained the need to continue with that resolution in place in order to qualify for Capital Outlay. We update our 5-year plan with the help of the New Mexico Acequia Association. They submit our request to the Department of Financial Administration for us in Santa Fe.

K. New Business – None at this time

L. Other Business

1. Voting for a new Board of Commissioners – Chairman Bookout called for nominations. Commissioner Lerner put forth Harlene Newhart. She told the public that as a water user, she is protective of the rights here in Tularosa. She is the daughter of Buster Shaw, a past commissioner and grew up here in Tularosa from farming and ranching family. Chairman Bookout nominated Kathy Tyler. Kathy Tyler told the group that she is the daughter of the mayordomo, Mr. Brusuelas who was a water boss in the sixties. Commissioner Hobson nominated Robert Danke. Mr. Danke spoke on his connection to Tularosa having been born here and gone through high school also. Mr. Hobson mentioned Mr. Danke's stellar participation on the high school football team.

Mr. Danke spoke on his desire to be part of the ditch organization and help in any way he can. No other persons asked to be nominated so the nominations ceased. No other names were put forth so Chairman Bookout called for a vote by acclamation. A general response of Aye was given by all. Elections closed. Commissioner Lerner told the public that the current board will stay on as advisors as the project for the pipeline is on-going.

M. Adjourn

Commissioner Hobson made the motion to adjourn

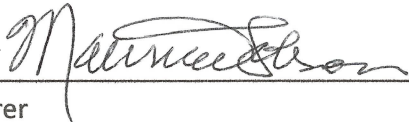
Don Davis seconded the motion

Motion to adjourn passed at 8:38 pm,

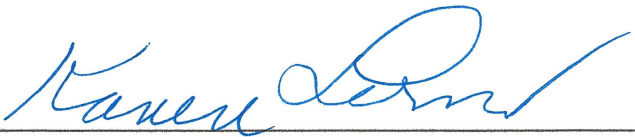
Signed by the Board of Commissioners, Tularosa Community Ditch,
on this day December 17, 2019



Chairman



Treasurer



Secretary