



## **Tesuque Water Association (TWA) Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

Board Members Present: Randolph Buckley, President; Robert Martinez, Vice President; Marge Garcia Loehr, Treasurer; Allen Lewis, Secretary; Dominick De Santis.

Board Members Not Present:

Members Present:

Non-Members Present: None

Operator Present: Rudy Martinez

Bookkeeper Present: Ana Berry

- 1) Call to Order at 5:58pm
- 2) Verification of Quorum, Quorum verified.
- 3) Approval of March 9, 2016 Minutes
  - a) Robert moved to approve last meeting minutes. All agreed. Minutes approved.
- 4) Financial Report
  - a) Finances are in good order due to some members' long past due accounts being settled although some are again 90+ days in arrears. Action will be taken to request members please work with Ana to settle their accounts.
- 5) Water Operator's Report
  - a) 3/31/16 Meters were read and recorded on time.
  - b) 3/24/16 Checked Well one with Fred Black NMRWA.
  - c) El Nido (or whatever new name will be) meter has arrived and will be installed as soon as possible.
  - d) No other activities to report this month.

## 6) Old Business

### a) Discussion of TWA Well #1

- i) Rudy has TMDWA Board's permission to use pump to test the well water, quote is \$1872.00 to remove all equipment, pipes and wiring that is there to gain access. There is power and the meter is energized, pump and piping is still connected but pump is too old and seized. All old equipment will be pulled out. Test pump will be lowered to pump 5-6 hrs to ensure best sample for water testing. Lab test cost is \$350 for full spectrum analysis. This will help decide if old well should be abandoned or can be retained as a backup well.

### b) Discussion on Supplemental Well

- i) Should the decision be made to move forward with a new well it could take at least a year from time of decision of date to start the process until operational. Cost of well easement, drilling, installation of needed equipment would be a burden on TMDWA Membership. We would also want to determine availability of State funds to help. Drilling of second back-up well must be discussed with State Engineer's Office due to the Aamodt Settlement Agreement that has resulted in a moratorium on new wells, subject to specific conditions.

### c) Discuss Next Step for Aamodt Communication Plan/Material

- i) Still no date specified for deadline to get vote done for independent water association decision. There is possibility it may be required by Jan 2017 but this is not confirmed.
- ii) Latest settlement agreement decision information chart mailed with contact information needed should any members have questions.
- iii) Marge mentioned how we need to stress this is a membership owned water system and how important it is to be informed and be active as it is in their best interest to keep their water system. Allen agreed and stated that if lack of interest in TMDWA matters and upcoming water decisions as well as lack of support to keep board staffed with volunteers continues then having control of something as important as our own independent water system must not be of interest or concern to the membership.

- iv) All agreed that neighborhood group or one-on-one meetings are important to be sure all understand what is happening with Aamodt and how important the upcoming vote will be. Robert is continuing his efforts to meet with and inform as many members as he can and Mary Helen Perea is also assisting with neighbors in her area.
- d) Membership Certificate Project
  - i) Ana reports she has been getting responses and also stated that the annual tax statement that shows ownership and plot ID number is acceptable for proof. She still needs many members to send in proof of property ownership.
- e) Finalize July Member Meeting Agenda
  - i) Sandra Ely will be invited to attend 13 July membership meeting to help further explain Aamodt and help answer any questions.
  - ii) Representative Carlos Trujillo will also be invited to speak and answer questions.
  - iii) Randy will create draft agenda for 13 July meeting and invitation letters to Santa Fe County Community Relations Manager on Aamodt Ms. Sandra Ely and Representative Carl Trujillo.
- 7) Robert motioned to close, Marge seconded. All agreed. Meeting adjourned 7pm.

Next Board Meeting May 11, 2016