

ROBIN HOOD WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2025, at Otero County Electric Co-Op on Burro Street in Cloudcroft, NM

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President, Gloria Villaverde

Board members in attendance: Gloria Villaverde, Steph Snedden, Susan Leeah, Marshall Paul, and Charles Barnes. Tojia Morris and Richard Crain were not in attendance.

Water Master/Operator, Steve Brito and Assistant Water Master, Parker Cheney were also in attendance.

Our President recognized the attending guests: Edd Gauldin, Jack Leeah, and Jonnie Paul.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motioned by Stephanie Snedden, seconded by Charles Barnes, and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING 1/15/2025: Motion by Susan Leeah, seconded by Charles Barnes and unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer: Susan Leeah gave a breakdown of the Association's Profit & Loss Statement. As of today, the total revenue is \$81,186.48. The total expenses are \$46,746.95 leaving a net revenue of \$34,439.53 for the Fiscal Year. The First National Bank checking account balance is: \$60,606.18. The CD is now \$30,213.70, which includes the interest earned. Susan also reported on some tools and supplies ordered for the Water Operator, Steve Brito. The total amount charged to the Robin Hood VISA card amounted to \$815.76

SYSTEM OPERATOR /WATER MASTER: Steve Brito reported on the Water System. The February water sample was obtained, and the results were good. We had several water issues in February and March. We lost some water at 6 Duke Ln. The valve was not turned off and the lines froze in the Benavides' house. Steve replaced a frozen water line and the valve at the Goodman's on Maid Marian in the first week of February. He also replaced another frozen pipe at the Fyock's on Friar Tuck on February 8th & 9th, with the help of Pat Smith and Parker Cheney. A new Valve box was installed as well.

He reported concerns over the lack of overflow within the last two weeks and the well ran intermittently. It was determined the Browns on Friar Tuck had a water leak at their residence. They hired a plumber and the leak was fixed. There is, currently, a leak at the Parker residence on Arrow Drive. We suspected a leak for some time but couldn't be sure, since the Parkers are part-timers. Steve will do the repairs for the Parkers, meantime the water has been turned off. Steve thinks a flow meter in the distribution line, at the tanks, would help isolate water leaks. It is under consideration. We also considered obtaining a list of volunteers who wouldn't mind having meters installed at their homes. These meters would be used as a tool to find leaks.

VICE PRESIDENT: Steph Snedden reported the water produced by our underground spring has remained consistent despite the dry conditions. The production is around 14 gallons per minute. The well ran intermittently from March 13 -17 and pumped about 8000 gallons.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure Committee: Steph Snedden reported that no meetings have transpired. Stephanie did notice some pipe and other supplies collected at the tanks for the Fire Suppression Project but no date as to when the project will get started. It will depend on the weather and manpower.

Communication Committee: Susan Leeah reported no meetings have transpired but we have an updated list. Stephanie said she has the email list up to date.

Financial Committee: Jonnie Paul Reported: The March 2024 audit went well and no deficiencies were noted.

Operations Manual: Gloria Villaverde reported she has collected all the procedures and is working on the manual.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steph Snedden had some information from the US Forestry regarding the Special Use Permit. The thinning around the tanks can be part of our Operations & Maintenance Plan to work alongside our Special Use Permit. We can do our own thinning without notifying the Forest Service, but we are responsible for the cleanup. Per Carrie McDonald at the Forestry Department, we are allowed to use the salvaged wood but not allowed to sell it. Steph also advised of an Online workshop by the Rural Water Perspectives on March 20. Lastly, Steph reported that the visiting NM Rural Water Representative commended Robin Hood Water Users' Assoc. as the Model Water Association. Susan Leeah also advised of grant applications available for private property if anyone is interested.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED @ 7:05 pm by Gloria Villaverde: Motion to adjourn by Susan Leeah, Seconded by Charles Barnes

Next meeting tentatively May 7, 2025