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The following are the condensed minutes of the Special Membership Meeting of the Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association Board of Directors, April 21, 2016, convened at 7:00 P.M. at the Radium Springs Community Center located at 12060 L B Lindbeck Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007:

Call to Order:

President- Mr. Melton called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. and introduced our Guests in Attendance.

Presenters:

Vice President - Jamie Stull
Secretary/Treasurer - Kurt Anderson
Executive Director - Jennifer Horton

Guests in Attendance:

Legal Counsel – Lee Peters; Peters Law Firm, LLC
Engineering Firm – Lilla Reid and Karl Tonander; Souder, Miller, and Associates
Videographer – Guy Tubbs
Colonias Infrastructure Board Member – Oscar Vasquez Butler

Proof of Notice of Meeting & Proof of Quorum:

President Melton asked if we have Proof of Notice and Proof of Quorum. Executive Director Jennifer Horton confirmed we have both Proof of Notice and Proof of Quorum, with forty-four (44) members present.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Dianne Garcia moved to approve the agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Butler. The Chair called for a vote on the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Introductions, Acknowledgements, & Procedures:

Mr. Melton advised it appears he was ahead of the agenda with his early introductions.

Minutes:

Ms. Sandy Tatum moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of the January 27, 2016 Annual Meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd Geery. The Chair called for discussion of the motion. No discussion was brought forward. The Chair called for a vote on the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Melton explained this Act requires the Association to pass a resolution each year defining what our minimum notice to our membership is for all meetings; membership, regular, special, and emergency. There has been an update with regard to the Approval of the Second Amended Resolution 2016-03 Open Meetings Act; the date of the regular board meetings changed from the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to the first and third Thursday in order to avoid conflict with meetings of the Dona Ana County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Melba Shumate moved to adopt Resolution 2016-03 Open Meetings Act; the motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Johnson. The Chair called for discussion of the motion. No discussion was brought forward. The Chair called for a vote on the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

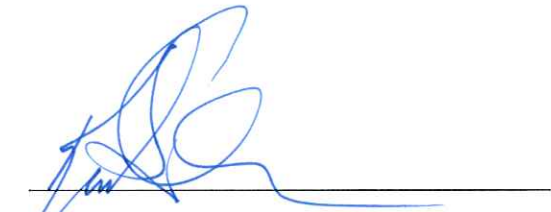
Mr. Melton moved on to the Approval of USDA RD Form 1942-8 Resolution of Members or Stockholders (Radium Springs Water System Improvement Project). This is an improvement project in the form of a \$3.1 million grant. In order to accept the grant the Association will have to commit to an \$800,000 loan with a 40-year lifetime in order to improve the water system in the Radium Springs and Fort Selden area. This would involve replacing all two (2) and four (4) inch mains with at least six (6) inch main; improvement of fire protection with the installation of approximately fifty (50) fire hydrants; installation of an eight (8) inch fill line from our well field, and a new booster station to assist with pressure. A member in the audience moved to approve the USDA RD Form 1942-8 Resolution of Members or Stockholders (Radium Springs Water System Improvement Project); the motion was seconded. The Chair called for discussion of the motion. Mr. James Henry asked for clarification as to why the location of the improvements specifically in Radium Springs are not listed on the form; as well as what the impact would be for member rates. Executive Director Horton advised the application is part of a package that does list the details; not all forms list the specifics, however the agenda does. Mr. Melton advised the Board has received a new rate study that is currently in review. This particular project will not result in a rate increase; however the Association has not had a rate change since 2008 and there is discussion with updating the rates due to the lengthy time since the last adjustment. Ms. Eva Lujan contested that in 2010 a prior Board Member stated he did not foresee major expenses. Mr. Melton advised that this area is woefully underserved and not currently capable of proper fire suppression. Ms. Tatum inquired as to how these funds are distributed and would this reduce membership costs for some? Mr. Melton explained in a mutual domestic all members are charged the same for the same services. The Mr. Hayhoe and Mr. Butler voiced their support of the grant. The Chair called for a vote on the motion; the motion carried with 50 for the motion and 5 opposed.

Public Input:

Mr. Melton called for public input. None was brought forward. Mr. Melton wished to invite everyone out to the Radium Springs Community Center tomorrow for the acceptance of the grant. A representative from USDA in Washington, D.C. will be here to present the grant.

Adjournment

Mr. Butler moved to adjourn at 7:34 P.M.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hayhoe. The Chair called for a vote on the motion: and the motion carried unanimously.



Dr. Kurt Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer

3/02/2017
Date