**Town of Estancia**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:15 pm**

**Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016**

**Minutes**

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm and Roll Call was taken:**

**Trustee Lovato- Present**

**Trustee Sedillo- Absent**

**Trustee Chavez- Present**

**Trustee Hall- Present**

**Mayor Dial - Present**

1. **Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item**

Clerk Michelle Jones asked the agenda item #4 be moved down on the agenda to be heard after agenda item **# 6.0 EVEDA UPDATE - Myra Pancrazeo- Information Only**.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Chavez made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 agenda as amended above. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the January 21, 2020 Bill List – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 Bill List. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**No Public Comment.**

**Old Business**

1. **New Lights at the Park – Action Item**

Mayor Dial told the Board that he met with a representative from CNMEC at the park to get an estimate on getting more lighting there. CNMEC gave the Town an estimate for installing two lights of $3,138.28, less our $150.00 engineering deposit. The Town currently has a $6,750.00 allowance, so this repair will be free to the Town. CNMEC will have to do more research on the additional lighting request. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the CNMEC work order estimate for two lights at the park. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**New Business**

* + 1. **EMWT Water Issues- Jason Quintana, President Manzano Land Grant- Discussion/Possible Action**

Mr. Jason Quintana addressed the Board about concerns he has about some of the current actions of the EMWT Board. He read the EMWT Mission Statement to the Board:

 ***EMWT Regional Water Association’s mission is to supply safe water to the Estancia***

 ***Valley by implementing a regional water distribution system- protecting groundwater***

 ***Resources and keeping the water in the Valley.***

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Mr. Quintana spoke at length about his concerns. Among other things, he said that lately, it is very hard for him to get a straight answer. He said that on the EMWT map, they have moved their lines out of the area, which concerns him very much. He said that EMWT want to purchase the Sunset Acres water system, a failing system in his opinion. He is very concerned about the Land Grants and the rest of the Estancia Valley.

Mr. Gerald Chavez also spoke. He has experience with water utilities and water authorities. He too, has serious concerns about the ramifications of EMWT’s current actions. He is against supporting EMWT’s attempts to purchase Sunset Acres. He worries that EMWT’s power will grow and our power will diminish.

Mayor Dial commented that the mission statement does not address keeping water in the basin. He said that when he questioned the EMWT, he was satisfied with their answers at that time. He said that they agreed to change the lines to keep the water in the basin.

Mr. Quintana said that Willard has written a letter 100% opposing the buying of a failing water system. He asked that the Town of Estancia consider doing the same. Trustee Hall suggests hearing from our EMWT Representative Art Swenka before making a decision. The Mayor will contact Mr. Swenka to see if he can attend the next meeting. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Chavez makes a motion table this item pending more information. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **EVEDA Update- Myra Pancrazio – Information Only**

Ms. Pancrazio, the Executive Director of EVEDA, addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for asking her to come to the meeting to give an update. She said that she is not allowed to come to a meeting unless she is formally asked to attend. She talked about Estancia’s continuing need for a bank and a grocery store. She said, in summary, that these needs are on-going and that her organization is continuing to try to work on these. She said that the chances of getting a bank in the Town are slim. She was asked about the rumor of the bank building being sold. She said she was not aware of a pending sale and she said that there was not a non-compete with reference to the bank building. She ended her comments by thanking the Board again for inviting her to the meeting and she told the Board that these things take time. **INFORMATION ONLY**

1. **Economic Strategy Ambassadorship- Commission Sanchez- Action Item**

Commissioner Sanchez is not in attendance. **NO ACTION**

1. **P&Z Job Description Amendment and Job Posting request- Action Item**

Trustee Hall submitted a draft P&Z job description for the Board to consider. The Board reviewed the draft and agreed to a few more changes. The Clerks office will update the Job description and present it again at the next meeting for review. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Trustee Hall seconded the item. **ITEM TABLED**

1. **Dispatch Proposal- Discussion and Possible Action**

Mayor Dial has not received a complete Dispatch proposal yet. This item will be added back to the agenda when it is ready for presentation. **NO ACTION**

1. **Approval to apply for 2020/2021 NMDOT Road Coop**

Deputy Clerk Michelle Dunlap told the Board that it is time again for apply for NM DOT COOP funding. This funding is essential to the many needed repairs to our roads. She requests that the Town of Estancia request $50,000.00 in funding. In this way, of the Town does not get the COOP match waiver, we can still afford to move forward with the request. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to apply for 2020/2021 NMDOT COOP funding in the amount of $50,000.00. Trustee Hall seconds the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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1. **Presentation and approval of 2nd qtr quarterly Town Financial report- Action Item**

Clerk Michelle Jones presented the Board with a copy of the Town of Estancia P&L ending December,2020 and a copy of the 2nd qtr qtrly report for submission to the State Department of Finance and Administration. She told the Board that we are 50% through the fiscal year. At the end of the 2nd qtr, we were at 37% of our budgeted revenues and 39% of our budgeted expenditures. We are beginning to see higher monthly GRT revenues as the prison has re-opened, which is very good for the Town. She said that in summary, we are in good shape.

A copy of these reports is included in the file for this meeting. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the Town of Estancia 2nd Qtr Qtrly report. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**11.0 Approval of Resolution 2020-02 Accepting the donation of a PD Vehicle from Mountainair- Action Item – Roll Call Vote**

Clerk Michelle Jones reminded the Board that the Town of Mountainair has very graciously offered to donate a PD vehicle to the Town of Estancia. Part of formally accepting this donation is to have it approved by the Board of Trustees by Resolution.  **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 Accepting the donation of a PD Vehicle from Mountainair. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato- yes, Trustee Chavez- Yes, Trustee Hall- yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

 **12.0 Mayor/Council:**

 **Trustee Hall** informed his fellow Trustees that he is on the EVSWA Board.

 **Trustee Chavez** asked about the PD moving to the building across the street from Town Hall.

 The PD is still considering this move.

 **Trustee Sedillo** is absent.

 **Trustee Lovato** has no update for this meeting.

 **Mayor Dial** told the Board that he will be going to Santa Fe to the Legislature to request Capitol

 Outlay funding for the Town. He will be meeting with Senator Stefanics, Representative Salazar,

 and Representative McQueen.

 Mayor Dial will also be questioning CNMEC about their coop credits.

He informed all that there will be a Second Amendment Rally at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe on

Friday at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe. The Rally will be sponsored by Pro-Gun Women and the

New Mexico Shooting Sports Association. All Pro-Second Amendment Americans are invited.

Tomorrow, he will be attending the Rosary in Moriarty for the two young brothers from their

community who recently passed away.

Lastly, he told the Board that we recently received a quote for a cover for the pool: $32,000.00.

1. **Executive Session – Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H) (8) Real**

**Property and Pending Litigation**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to go into Executive Session, as per Motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978- 10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H)(2) to discuss Real Property and Pending Litigation. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato- yes, Trustee Chavez- yes, Trustee Hall- yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

 Executive Session began at 9:00pm.

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**Return from Executive Session-**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to return to Regular Session at 9:26pm. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED** Trustee Hall stated that the only item discussed in Executive Session was the item listed on the agenda and no action was taken.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Lovato made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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