

- Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 7:15pm

Estancia Public Library, 601 S Tenth St, Estancia, NM 87016
minutes

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order regular BOT meeting and Roll Call

Trustee May - Here
Trustee Lovato- Here
Trustee Sanchez - Here
Trustee Hall - Here
Mayor Dial - Here

1.0 Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item

Mayor Dial requested that it basically be a combined agenda. He will make an opening statement and then open public comment, and then back to the discussion. That was his request for approval for the agenda motion.

1st: Trustee Hall
2nd: Trustee May
All in favor: Motion Passed

2.0 Discussion / Approval Water Emergency Situation- Action Item

Opening statement, first mayor dial wanted to apologize for the small space. There was asbestos removal at Town Hall, and we need to get the boardroom back together and the bathrooms still smell like chemicals. At this point we have representatives from New Mexico rural water, Torrance County, and Core Civic. Right now, the issue that we are having is what we're producing doesn't meet what we are consuming.

We are currently in the process of trying to get money to build a new well. We have been living on one well for about eight to nine months due to one of the wells starting to have some problems. About six weeks ago mayor Dial was notified that the levels were dropping, and 20 is his cut off to are we in an emergency or not. He got a call last Friday that the level in the tanks was dropping to 18 and we were not sustaining. Conclusion is we need to get our current well that is working, pulled out refurbish it and put back in, and build a new well. To do that we need to have enough water in the tanks to sustain the town.

CoreCivic has been very, very helpful and willing to work with us. At the end of the day the tentative plan is going to be we can fill their tanks, and they are going to put in a check valve, and they are going to pay to get their own water hauled. At that point we can get our tanks to a level. Tomorrow, we have a driller coming out to look at the well and see what it would take. If we can get parts and pieces in place, then we can say hey town during this day the water is going to be off. There should be enough water in the tanks to sustain while we do that. Theres going to be a time at night when we are going to be turning the town water off to fill our tanks. There is nothing wrong with the quality of water coming out of your faucets.


Public Comment – At the discretion of the mayor. For information only (No Action can be taken). Comments may be limited to (5) minutes per person on any subject.


Mr. Mayor. How many feet are you in now? In the tank? No, in your well.

So, the existing weld, what we're calling well 8, the main well we were looking at, externally drilled down to right in the 4, 10 range. I don't know where the pump is 4, 10. Yes sir. 8-inch casing down at the bottom was reworked back in around 2005, 20 years ago.

Mr. Mayor, I believe I met with you last week regarding your audit and getting money from the state. And I believe you told me that that money's contingent on the audit, correct? And your audit was supposed to be turned in by December, but you filed for an extension, and your word was because our audit is bad. Mayor Dial said yes, and Mr. Schwebach also said to address that right now, and I don't know if it's been brought up with the council. I talked with the mayor about it. The county is prepared to become the fiscal agent. That is a possibility. That is only prepared. It doesn't change our ownership of the well of the water system. What it does is simply say the county is dropping its resources to where the state frees up those funds sooner.

Adjournment - The Public is welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings. The Town of Estancia is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Approved:  Date: 6/2/2025
Mayor Nathan Dial

Attest:  Date: 6/2/2025
Laura Acosta General Office Clerk/ Interim Clerk