

**Minutes
Water Advisory Board
October 18, 2022**

The Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Village Hall in Capitan, New Mexico at 5:45 PM.

Gary Tregembo called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Roll Call: Sherry Gowen – not present, Sherry Hair – present, Wanda Schmidt – not present, Samuel Townley – present, Gary Tregembo – present. Mayor Lowrance, Al Cavazos – Village Clerk, and Donna Weekley– Administrative Assistant. A list of others in attendance is attached.

Item #1 on the Agenda: Approval of the Agenda.

Sam Townley made a motion to Approve. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Sherry Hair – yes, Sam Townley – yes, Greg Tregembo – yes
All were in favor, 3-0 yes, motion carried.

Item #2 on the Agenda Discussion/Action – Approval of the Minutes Regular Meeting September 20, 2022.

Sam Townley made a motion to Approve. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion of this item.

Roll Call: Sherry Hair – yes, Sam Townley – yes, Greg Tregembo – yes
All were in favor, 3-0 yes, motion carried.

Item #3 on the Agenda Discussion/Action – Recommend for Approval Extra-Territorial Water Service for Patsy Drive – 108 Patsy Drive – Debora Strader

Sherry Hair made a motion for Discussion. seconded the motion.

Discussion: Greg Tregembo explained it is plot 17 on the curve of Patsy Drive. He also shared Mrs. Strader had asked him about right of ways and he told her she would need to go to the County because the property is in the county. Mayor Lowrance confirmed she needs to ask them. Mrs. Strader said Patsy Drive is a private drive. She talked to the Dixie Brown, the last person of the group that sold the original lots. Dixie says she no longer has ownership interest in that property. Mrs. Strader takes that to mean the Village can run water up Patsy Drive. Mrs. Strader is also wondering if the water will have to go up the road or through and easement on private property. Mr. Tregembo and the Mayor recommended she contact the County Manager. Mayor Lowrance explained the plan was to run the water pipe up the side of the road to Mrs. Strader's property and placing the meter there. He also explained it is her responsibility to get the water from the meter to her house. Mrs. Strader said if the water pipe is going up the hill, it will be going through the front property.

Sam Townley made a motion to Approve. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Sherry Hair – yes, Sam Townley – yes, Greg Tregembo – yes
All were in favor, 3-0 yes, motion carried.

Item #4 on the Agenda Discussion/Possible Action – Meeting Time for Water Advisory Board

Sam Townley made a motion to postpone. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion of this item.

Roll Call: Sherry Hair – yes, Sam Townley – yes, Greg Tregembo – yes

All were in favor, 3-0 yes, motion carried.

Item #5 on the Agenda: Discussion – Water Programs, Projects, Services, Studies.

Mayor Lowrance said there was a request for special meeting to approve extra territorial water for marijuana growers. Greg Tregembo asked if it would be a commercial tap? The Mayor said it would. Mr. Tregembo asked if the Village provides extra-territorial water to a commercial project outside of the village limits, does the Village have any ordinances? They Mayor said not for extra territorial. He explained a water survey was done for changes to the water and there will be a presentation in November and December. There will be residential, agricultural, industrial, and commercial accounts. Mr. Tregembo said he does not want to approve a commercial tap until he understands. Sherry Hair said she thinks the board needs to have a decision on the rates before they vote for to approve a commercial tap when it could be agricultural instead. She is willing to have a special meeting but they do not have enough information. The Board does not want to grandfather anyone in when it effects the rates. Sam Townley asked how much bulk water is and was informed it is \$0.03 a gallon. He then asked what an agricultural rate would be. Mayor Lowrance explained that is being figured out and will be shared in the public meeting. He also said they are looking at changing the 6000 gallons included in the base rate. Mr. Tregembo asked if there would be changes to the ordinances. Ms. Hair explained there would be changes to the water ordinance which would affect the cannabis ordinance. Mayor Lowrance explained once the Village accepts the recommendations from the rate study, the lawyer will look at the changes to the ordinance and it will be sent to Municipal League. Mr. Tregembo has been asked if the Village could run out of water. He shared Texas is upset because New Mexico is not giving them enough water. People need water to survive and water is a big thing.

Adjournment:

Sam Townley made a motion to Adjourn. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

All were in favor, 3-0 yes, motion carried.

Gary Tregembo adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.



Gary Tregembo, Chairman



Wanda Schmidt, Secretary

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