

**Minutes
Water Advisory Board
September 21st, 2021**

The Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at the Village Hall in Capitan, New Mexico at 4:30 PM.

Gary Tregembo called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

Roll Call: Gary Tregembo – present, Samuel Townley – present, Wanda Schmidt – present, Sherry Gowen – not present, Sherry Hair – present. Grace Centrella – Deputy Village Clerk, J. Leinneweber – Administrative Assistant and Steve Osborn – Water Utilities Supervisor were also present. A list of others in attendance is attached.

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

Sherry Hair made a motion to Approve the Agenda. Wanda Schmidt seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #2 on the Agenda: Approval of the Minutes – August 17th, 2021.

Wanda Schmidt made a motion to Approve the Minutes – August 17th, 2021. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #3 on the Agenda: Discussion/Possible Action – Recommendation of Water Assessment Quote.

Sherry Hair made a motion to Discuss and Take Possible Action – Recommendation Water Assessment Quote. Wanda Schmidt seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Board compared and reviewed the revised Quotes received from Glorieta Geoscience, Inc. (GGI) and Balleau Groundwater, Inc.

Wanda Schmidt observed that while the Balleau Quote looked cheaper it leaves a lot of room for changes that would add up quickly. She preferred the GGI Quote because they had their amounts more “locked in” for the Tasks they were requested to supply the quotes for.

Steve Osborn advised the Board that there are a lot of variables that would influence the cost.

The Board observed that even the GGI quote had some “contingency” costs, costs that couldn’t be determined until after a previous process was completed.

Steve Osborn advised the Board that he received a call from Balleau after they received his request for the costs of the Tasks he sent them. Regarding the Return Flow Credits, Task #2, the 2 options, return it the same aquifer or to the river being affected, in this case the Rio Bonito, returning waste water to Rio Bonito would be 4 miles and mean changes to the Village’s Waste Water Permit, Ground Water Permit and Ground Water Discharge Permit and one other permit which “would be a very significant process.” Returning the waste water to the same aquifer would require the drilling of a Well at an approximate cost of \$600 to \$800 and discharging into the Well with new constraints on treatment because certain rules have to be met. The Return Flow Credit may not be “doable” floats being required to measure the flow and aquifers infiltrate. It would be expensive and not worth the Credit received.

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Steve Osborn said It could have been valuable for the 4 months that the Village does not have access to Government Springs water. This was something that Steve was interested in but again may not be worth the expense.

GGI didn't offer any information about the Return Flow Credit. Steve wasn't sure of the reason for that. Steve thought that after meeting with GGI and obtaining more information on Return Flow Credits from them, then the Board could decide on this Task.

Sherry Hair asked if GGI should be approached and asked for their perspective of the Return Flow Credits? Steve offered to do this but didn't want it to delay the Board's recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Steve said once a firm is chosen he could follow up with that Firm on the Return Flow Credits and make a recommendation then as to whether it's feasible or not.

Gary Tregembo asked if the Water Board could call a Special Meeting to address this task, after getting more information, prior to the next Board of Trustees Meeting on October 12, 2021? He was told yes, the Water Board could do this.

The Board decided that they would meet again on Wednesday, September 29th at 5:45 PM, the Return Flow Credits are an important component of the Assessment.

Gary Tregembo felt it was important for the public attendees of the Meeting to understand what was being discussed. He explained what the Water Assessment would achieve, why it is necessary and, Water being a natural resource would be expensive to assess as natural resources always are. He advised them that this Board was only making a Recommendation to the Board of Trustees and that it was up to the Board of Trustees to make a final decision.

Sherry Hair made a motion to Table Item #3 – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommendation of Water Assessment Quote to allow time to obtain additional information from GGI regarding the Return Flow Credits until a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 at 5:45 PM. Wanda Schmidt seconded the motion.

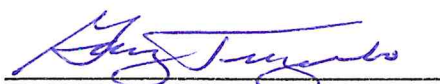
All were in favor, the motion carried.

Item #4 on the Agenda: Discussion – Water Programs, Projects, Services, Studies

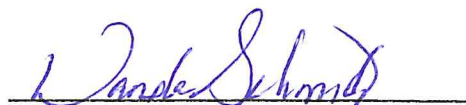
The Board approved of having this Item on all future Regular Meeting Agendas. This would give Members the opportunity to introduce these types of items and possible community involvement to the Board and add to future Agendas to Discuss and Recommend to the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment:

Gary Tregembo adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM



Gary Tregembo, Chairman



Wanda Schmidt, Secretary

4:30 PM

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