

**Minutes
Water Advisory Board
August 17th, 2021**

The Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at the Village Hall in Capitan, New Mexico at 4:30 PM.

Steve Osborn called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

Roll Call: Steve Osborn – present, Samuel Townley – present, Gary Tregembo – present, Sherry Gowen – not present, Wanda Schmidt – present. Angela Autrey – Court Clerk/Human Resources Clerk, J. Leinneweber – Administrative Assistant and Sherry Hair – Mayor’s Appointment to the Board were also present. A list of others in attendance is attached.

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

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

Item #2 on the Agenda: Approval of the Minutes – June 22nd, 2021.

Samuel Townley made a motion to Approve the Minutes – June 22nd, 2021. Wanda Schmidt seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #3 on the Agenda: Approval – Resignation of Steve Osborn from the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board.

Gray Tregembo made a motion to Approve the Resignation of Steve Osborn from the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board. Samuel Townley seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #4 on the Agenda: Approval – Appointment of Sherry Hair to the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board.

Gary Tregembo made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Sherry Hair to the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board. Samuel Townley seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #5 on the Agenda: Discussion/Action – Election of Officers of the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board.

Wanda Schmidt made a motion to Discuss the Election of Officers to the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board. Gary Tregembo seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Board decided on the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman with Wanda Schmidt continuing to serve as Secretary of the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board.

Samuel Townley made motion to Elect Gary Tregembo as Chairman of the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

All were if favor, motion carried.

Item #5 on the Agenda: Discussion/Action – Election of Officers of the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board. (Continued)

Gary Tregembo made motion to Elect Samuel Townley as Vice Chairman of the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board. Wanda Schmidt seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #6 on the Agenda: Discussion/Action – Set a Regular Meeting Schedule for the Village of Capitan Water Advisory Board.

The Board decided it would be beneficial to meet prior to the Planning Board and subsequent Board of Trustees Meetings as items passing through the Water Advisory Board then go on to the Planning Board, then to the Board of Trustees. They decided on the Third Tuesday of each Month at Village Hall at 4:30 PM provided there are items they need to discuss or approve.

Samuel Townley made a motion to Approve Holding Water Advisory Board Meetings on the Third Tuesday of the Month at 4:30 PM. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #7 on the Agenda: Discussion/Possible Action – Recommendation of Water Assessment Quote.

Samuel Townley made a motion to Discuss Possible Action – Recommendation of Water Assessment Quote. Wanda Schmidt seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: While reviewing the 2 quotes received, one from Glorieta Geoscience, Inc. and one from Balleau Groundwater, Inc., the Board observed that because of the different approaches by the two companies it was difficult to adequately compare the proposals. The Board chose to hold off on their recommendation until their next meeting and asked Steve Osborn to request new quotes from the companies in the format used by Glorieta Geoscience as this worked best for them.

Wanda Schmidt made a motion to Postpone Action on Recommendation of Water Assessment Quote and to Direct Steve Osborn to Obtain New Quotes in a Comparable Format. Samuel Townley seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Item #8 on the Agenda: Discussion – Water Programs, Community Involvement in Cooperation with Other Agencies.

The Board discussed community involvement in education and incentive programs for water conservation. For instance, Steve advised the Board that the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has a Harvesting Cost Share program.

Wanda Schmidt who works at the SWCD said they will pay 75cents a gallon on 2,000 gallons of water to homeowners that participate in rain water harvesting. The homeowner would purchase their own harvesting system and they would have to actually harvest 2,000 gallons of water. SWCD would measure the amount of water harvested to confirm and pay them. This is a one-time payment. However, Wanda said their funds are limited and they may not be able to pay all the homeowners depending on the number that participate.

Item #8 on the Agenda: Discussion – Water Programs, Community Involvement in Cooperation with Other Agencies. (Continued)

Steve Osborn said maybe the Village of Capitan can apply for Grants for these types of programs that encourage citizen participation and/or to pay for public education in water conservation.

Sherry Hair said it would be a benefit to the community if they could be educated on how they could conserve and reclaim water, be shown a physical demonstration of how a Water Harvesting System works and how the water could then be used. She said NM State University could also be approached to give presentations but, in any case, support from the Village would be important to inform the public of these tools and drive public interest and support.

Steve Osborn said the Village may be willing to come on board with a public education program on water conservation and harvesting and could see if there are Grants for this purpose and apply for them or match them.

Wanda Schmidt said that the SWCD has just moved to a new location on Main Road and is setting up a harvesting system there to be used for the purpose of educating and providing physical demonstrations of what the public can do to collect water.

Gary Tregembo thinks it's important and beneficial to educate the students on water conservation and harvesting through field trips for education in science, provide demonstrations to them. He said Capitan Schools do this with Mesa Lands Community College. They have wind generators and solar energy generators and students are getting their certification. Hopefully the Village would be able to contribute to water conservation education for our students.

Sherry Hair agreed, our students are our future. She mentioned how Arizona is now buying water from New Mexico because they sold their water to California. She thinks it important for students to be aware and educated on the consequences and how it affects New Mexico's water supply now and in the future. Sherry said water conservation and water rights education is important. It's important to look at for the future.

Gary Tregembo suggested they all come back with their ideas and they can draw up an outline at their next meeting.

Samuel Townley made a motion to continue Discussion – Water Programs, Community Involvement in Cooperation with Other Agencies at the next meeting. Sherry Hair seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no further discussion
All were in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Gary Tregembo adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM



Gary Tregembo, Chairman



Wanda Schmidt, Secretary