

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESCUDILLA MOUNTAIN
DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF APACHE, ARIZONA,
April 13, 2024 at 2:00pm at the Alpine Fire Station #2 in Nutrioso, AZ**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Present were Melissa Chivers by phone, John Cochran by phone, Pat Cruse, and David Knobbe. Mike Draper was absent. Thirteen district members were in attendance.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.** Pat Cruse motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Melissa Chivers. Unanimously approved.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2024 MEETING.** The minutes were previously distributed. Pat Cruse motioned to approve, seconded by Melissa Chivers. Unanimously approved.
4. **CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS AND CLERK REPORTS.**
 - Financial Report - Lorie Knobbe reported that \$40,505.69 is the current balance. The two large expenses from last month were both associated with ADEQ requirements. Dan Muth surveyed the well site - \$850.00. An 8 hour pump test was completed and the supplies needed to conduct the test totalled \$3026.87. The upcoming expenses include payments to Clear Creek Assoc. for providing the test results to ADEQ and attending the ADEQ meeting.
 - WIFA - The initial application to WIFA was completed and as soon as the Debt Authorization Resolution is signed they will send us another more in depth Project Finance Application. The next possible deadline is June 6th. Based on Civiltec's \$300,000 conservative estimate for installing a standpipe Lindsay Mills at WIFA suggested we start at \$500,000. We are not required to use the full amount. There is also a Technical Assistance Grant of \$50,000 for eligible expenses that goes with the loan. The loan is for 30 years and we could pay off as early as 10 years from the last disbursement. A handout was passed out and discussed. Based on a \$500,000 at 67% forgiveness the appx cost per property owner would be \$12.70 per month.
 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) - once the Standpipe location is determined an application needs to be completed for the Apache Planning and Zoning prior to going to the Board of Supervisors for approval. One of the requirements is for all property owners within 300 ft of the property where the Standpipe will be located be notified and invited to a Neighborhood Meeting. The meeting is to express support, concerns, issues or problems with the proposed site. This meeting will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 1:00 at the Alpine Fire Station # 2 in Nutrioso.
 - ADEQ - David Knobbe reported that on Tuesday of next week ADEQ and ADWR will look at the data we collected from the well test performed on March 10th and submitted to Clear Creek Associates for analysis using the Aqtesolv modeling software requested by the ADEQ.

- Civiltec, an engineering firm that specializes in water engineering, is working on a project proposal of probable costs for our Standpipe Project. They have given a conservative estimate of \$300,000.
- 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A STANDPIPE LOCATION.** David Knobbe explained each of the considerations listed on the agenda and the reasons for selecting Lot 57(Knobbes). He opened up a Call to the Public on this subject. There were no questions or comments. Pat Cruse motioned to locate the Standpipe on the SE corner of Lot 57 off of CR 2225. Melissa Chivers seconded. Unanimously approved.
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 - 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW FOR ANNEXATION.** David Knobbe explained that this is not the time to address these topics due to the costs associated with hiring the lawyer to draw up the appropriate papers, having a surveyor to modify the boundaries and produce a new legal description, as well as the time it will take. This will happen but right now we have to concentrate our efforts on getting the ADEQ approval. Pat Cruse motioned to table the discussion and vote on De-annexing and Annexing. John Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SIGN THE WIFA DEBT AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION** - up to \$500,000. Pat Cruse motioned to approve. John Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - 9. CALL TO PUBLIC** - Dennis Grady asked how many properties are in the district. Currently 76 but should be 75 shortly. Three properties will soon become 2. Mario Maldonado asked for the breakdown of occupancy. David Knobbe reported soon to be 75 properties, 44 vacant, 8 under construction, 17 full time residents. Phil Crawford asked if the topic of hauling water uphill was a consideration of the Standpipe location. David responded that the residents who currently haul from Alpine go up the hill. Eric Sayer had an annexation question. He asked about the projected demand of the well. David reported the figures given to ADEQ.
 - 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None listed at this time.
 - 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The Conditional Use Permit meeting will be Saturday, April 27,2024 at 1:00. The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 2:00.
 - 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None required
 - 13. ADJOURNMENT**- Pat Cruse motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Chivers seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:48.

Minutes approved at 5-25--2024 Board Meeting
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