

# **TYRONE WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 17, 2024 – 6:30 P.M. – TYRONE COMMUNITY CENTER  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Website: [tyronenmwater.org](http://tyronenmwater.org)**

1. Call to order and declare a quorum. Alan Berg who was on Zoom identified David Stapp and Doug Gorthy as present. Angie Roach Board Secretary was absent for medical reasons. Alan Berg declared a quorum was present.
2. Approval/disapproval of Agenda-Deletions. Doug Gorthy moved to approve the agenda with no deletions. Seconded by David Stapp. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
3. Approval/disapproval of minutes of the June 19, 2024, monthly meeting. Doug Gorthy moved to approve the draft minutes for the June 19, 2024 Board meeting. Seconded by David Stapp. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
4. Approval/disapproval of the May 2024 and June 2024 financial reports. Resolution 2025-01 (attached). Doug Gorthy made a motion to approve the May 2024 financial report. David Stapp seconded the motion. Alan Berg presented the information that the 11 month revenues were \$332,162.17. \$112,000 of the reported revenue was from a Freeport McMoRan grant for the water tower rehab. May 2024 assessments were \$19,168.38. End of discussion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The June 2024 financial report, in draft was presented. David Stapp moved to accept the draft financial report. The motion was seconded by Doug Gorthy. Discussion was called for. Morones & Associates will begin to convert to accrual accounting in July 2024. July 1, 2024 is the first month of the new fiscal year 2025. We have been using cash accounting methods since the inception of the TWWA in January 2022. In our exit conference with Carney Foy CPA, for our fiscal year 2022-2023 audit, he informed the board representatives at the meeting, Alan Berg and Doug Gorthy, that the State of New Mexico requires the accrual method of accounting. The accrual method gives us a more accurate picture of the financial situation. Doug Gorthy offered an example of our insurance being billed and paid for annually and not being allocated monthly, which would give us a more accurate picture of our financial conditions. Alan Berg stated that the monthly financial reports by Morones are unaudited, and the State Auditor reviews them quarterly. The annual audits confirm the accuracy of the revenue and expenses as part of the process. Discussion ended. Motion carried by an unanimous vote.
5. Resolution 2025-01 was discussed. Doug Gorthy made a motion to accept the Resolution. David Stapp seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the Resolution. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote.
6. Old Business
  - a. Final acceptance of lift station is pending with outstanding punch list items still being worked out. The new lift station is functioning as designed. There is still an outstanding punch list that is being worked on by File Construction and their sub-

contractors. Outstanding issues are wires not in conduit and the ability to monitor the emergency generator when it is in operation. Eddie Mendoza stated that the pumps are working well, but there are still issues with disposable wipes. General dissatisfaction with the management of the project by Stantec was expressed by all board members present. We will be investigating the complaint process with the State Engineer. Several errors or omissions were identified during the execution of the project with no apparent consequences.

- b.** Disposition of excess diesel fuel from the former lift station. Alan Berg reported that we have several hundred gallons of off-road diesel in the elevated fuel tank. We are in discussion with the local rancher to purchase the diesel fuel. Fuel Center Plus will not buy back the diesel.
- c.** HEI has been contracted to scope the sewer lines in the townsite to determine their condition. No laterals to homes will be inspected in this project. The inspection and report by HEI will be used by Bohannon Huston Inc. to develop a technical memorandum. This project is funded by a 100% grant from the New Mexico Environment Department Construction Services Division. TWWA will need this data and recommendations by BHI if it is determined that the lines need rehabilitation or replacement. The sewer lines were relined in 2013 by ProPipe as part of the USDA/RD project. There is some evidence that some of the linings are failing. This information was provided by New Mexico Gas Company as part of their cross connection survey a couple of years ago. Their contractor surveyed the main lines and some laterals and provided TWWA with videos of their survey.

## **7. New Business**

- a.** Consideration of Elizabeth Gonzales as a TWWA board member. Elizabeth made a short presentation on her interest in being a board member of the TWWA. She recently purchased a home on Covellite. She works at Gila Regional Medical Center and has a BA degree in Mathematics and computer science from WNMU. Alan Berg made a motion to accept Elizabeth Gonzales as a board member. David Stapp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

## **8. Report and Approval of Officers and Committees**

- a.** President's Report. Streamline will be managing the tyronenmwater.org website. Alan has participated in two Zoom calls related to uploading data and the technical methods of managing certain aspects of the input. It is the TWWA boards intent to move to having our monthly assessments collected by Streamline using online financial tools. We have received the requirements for the water tower and water line grants from Colonias Infrastructure Fund (CIF). We have been awarded the grants conditional on our reporting of our financial situation, other loans, audits, and other financial elements detailed in the award letters from the CIF. We have been made aware of funds available in Grant County for fiber optics installations in the townsite. We would like to determine if this activity could be integrated into our water and waste line replacement project. The SWNMCOG is working with the State of New Mexico to see if we can refinance our USDA/RD loan through the State of New Mexico Board of Finance. No progress to date.
- b.** Vice President's Report-No Vice President

- c. Secretary's Report-not present
  - d. Treasurer's Report-No Treasurer
  - e. Doug Gorthy-member-no report Doug was taking minutes this month.
  - f. David Stapp-member David wants to be sure that we have uniformity in the padlocks at the lift station. David will monitor Fowler Brothers who will be placing gravel on the road to the lift station and making a pad for vehicles. This area gets extremely muddy when we received rain or snow. David talked about using the existing metal shed for the new lift station. We have a pad that was placed in an area that makes it unusable by the operator. David wanted to place a water tank near the lift station for wildlife. Alan explained that there is a stock tank at the extreme eastern portion of our property and it is owned by Pacific Western Land Company (Freeport McMoRan).
  - g. Water Operator - Eddie Mendoza-Lead and Copper Rule and Consumer Confidence Report schedule. New EPA polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Rules. Eddie reports the lift station is working well and that disposable wipes continue to be captured in the lift station basket in Basin 1.
9. Input from property owners and residents. Kirk Drager suggested a tour of the lift station by community members.
10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Doug Gorthy to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David Stapp. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.