

The Village of Tularosa Board of Trustees met in a work session on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 7:00 P. M. in the Court/Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

Present: Mayor Ray S. Cordova, Trustee Thomas McKean, Trustee Gloria R. Sainz, Trustee Patrick Garcia as well as Dianna R. Brusuelas, Village Clerk.

Absent: Trustee Margaret Trujillo

At 7:10 Mayor Cordova called the meeting to order dispensing with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Mr. Raymond Aguilar who is a contract employee of the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Aguilar made a presentation on the Tularosa Creek Watershed and 319 Grants.

Mayor Cordova stated that he was impressed with what had been done with the Salt Cedar problem in this area

Mr. Aguilar proceeded to say that he grew up with some members of the Board as he was originally from Tularosa but had worked with the Bureau of Land Management for 36 years before being contracted out by the same agency. Mr. Aguilar explained the 319 Program is a Federal program under the Environmental Protection Agency that restores watersheds and helps improve the quantity and quality of water. What is requested from the Village is to try to identify project work that the village would like to get done so it can be implemented into the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy document. The planning document will identify all the issues, concerns and problems that are seen within the watershed and determine ways to fix them. The document will identify everything that wants to be done within the Tularosa and Three Rivers Watershed.

Mr. Aguilar also stated that a tour to look at some of the project work has been set up for Thursday the 16th of August at 9:00. The committee will then meet again. Under practices in the document recreation and public education and outreach would be added.

Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas asked Mr. Aguilar if there was a required local match once the village applied to the EPA. Mr. Aguilar said that it was a 60/40 but the National Resource Conservation Services from Alamogordo (Vicki Mills) has enough funds for the local match. The Board of Trustees asked Mr. Aguilar to change the wording on paragraphs two and four of the Introduction page. On paragraph two, the last sentence include the words 'the primary and only' municipal water supply... and on paragraph four change the word *owned* to *administered* on the second to the last sentence. On the last sentence, the water rights are owned by the *farmers, 49 Blocks and the Village of Tularosa* for use as...

The question arose as to whether the village would qualify for funds for a Sedimentation Pond. Mr. Aguilar reminded the Board that the 319 Grant Funds are for Watershed Restoration but is also there to help enhance the water quality.

Mayor Cordova explained that with rains the water runs muddy and is not diverted into the plant, it is closed off at the intake. If a Sedimentation Pond was there, on good days good water could be diverted to the pond and on rainy days water could be pumped from the Sedimentation Pond into the plant and advised that preliminary engineering was already being done. Mr. Aguilar said he would include it in the document.

Trustee Thomas McKean asked if they could include cutting the trees on the embankment within a five mile limit and emphasize that the village would like a
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certain type of grass to grow. Mr. Aguilar asked for a list and then he would expand on it. It was also decided to include putting a park by the Water Plant signing it.

There being no further business Trustee Thomas McKean moved to adjourn, Trustee Patrick Garcia seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

The written minutes are the official minutes of the meeting. The recorded tapes are part of the minutes only for interpreting any ambiguity in the written minutes. When the minutes are approved and signed the written minutes are the official minutes of the meeting.

Ray S. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianna R. Brusuelas, Village Clerk

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees at the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2007.