

Regular Meeting Minutes–October 15, 2025

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:00 P. M. in the Court Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

Present: Mayor Deborah Cooksey
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz
Trustee Manuel Brusuelas
Trustee Mark Garwood-Absent

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk

At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Deborah Cooksey called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Trustee Garcia made a motion to accept the agenda; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled Correspondence:

Jeff Trembly: Stated that he lives in the 49 blocks and that the irrigation water that is provided by the Tularosa Ditch Corp. was inadequate to irrigate his property as well as the properties of many of his neighbors. He was aware this would happen based on the schedule TCDC provided this year, he sent them three letters informing them of the problem and they ignored all three letters. He is taking the following three actions to the that the 49 blocks irrigation schedule is corrected prior to the next irrigation season which starts in April 1, 2026. He sent a letter to the NM State engineer asking with the accordance of statute 72-2-1 to issue a finding that the 2025 schedule was no equitable and to instruct the mayordomo to implement a proper schedule in 2026. He has sued TCDC in district court and at the hearing yesterday the judge stated that he would like to have the matter decided prior to the next irrigation season. He has also helped organize a small group of citizens for fair and equitable water delivery, and they are campaigning to replace the TCDC commissioners with folks who believe that water should be distributed in accordance with the decree and that lawsuits with the TDCD should be avoided. He is holding a potluck at the senior center Saturday November 8th from 4-7pm that will focus on members and share holders of TCDC, anyone is welcome to attend except the commissioner and mayordomo as that would be ex-party. He will be providing information on the 25 year irrigation schedule and why the deliveries were completely unjustified. As part of the education program he has sent letters to some of the larger property owners

within the 49 blocks and will be sending letters to the farmers. They will also talk about the potential candidates for the new commissioners. He has a draft flyer for this event and will be posting the final flyers after the Halloween on Granada event

Joan Price: Stated that we have a comprehensive plan and it features a big emphasis on the history of Tularosa and how we can be a destination for history. She is with a research institute, and they have had five conferences and each conference features scholars contributing papers on histories of the Tularosa Basin, the old wagon tracks, missiles, ranchers and what happened to their water. She is simply inviting everyone and wants to make it available to the public this exhibit and maybe give a little talk on whatever event the public may have. She can give tours of the acequia as she has in the past and has done public speaking as she has a lecture and a power point on this particular history.

Larry Berry: Wanted to make the board aware that the \$5,000 they were allotted for teen court driving program and DWI people brought their vehicle and it is set up in the courtroom. He believes Trustee Garwood was the only one able to make it and it is still set up if anyone wants to go check it out. He stated that it was really informative and that Vivian has got their packet ready to go find more funding for it.

Rusty Helton: Stated that he just wanted to put a good word in for Dean Lester he is on the agenda tonight. He was the first officer to show up when his house go broken into and he is one of the hardest working people he knows. Also on the agenda is Isaiah Chavez and you know how I love the roses and I was just about to give up and he texted me he's ready to go full force and he is going to help him.

3. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2025-2026-8 adopting the FY 2027-2031 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Trustee Sainz made a motion; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

4. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2025-2026-9 a request to amend the co-operative agreement with the NMDOT for an extension of time for CN: L200599 project from December 31, 2025, to June 30, 2026, to complete the planning, design, and construction of a new 24' wide paved roadway for approximately 1,000 liner ft from St. Francis Dr. east on Gallegos Ln. including the intersection of Santa Fe Ln. to include Marin Rd. Including subgrade prep, crushed aggregate base course, hot mix paving, and drainage improvements within the village limits of Tularosa, Otero County, New Mexico. Trustee Garwood made a motion; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

- 5.** Anna Vigil, Senior Center Director asked for approval of the appointment of Deborah Ostic as a part time SEP Driver at a pay rate of \$12.00hr. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
- 6.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for closure of all village offices on November 28, 2025, and December 26, 2025, leave will be taken by employees. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
- 7.** Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked for a pay raise for Andrew Yarborough in the amount of \$1.00. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion; Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
- 8.** Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked to add a position of Police Service Aide and have Dean Lester fulfill the position. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
- 9.** Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked to pay the outstanding bill from Motorola from the general fund. Amount to be paid is \$7,184.81. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
- 10.** Casey Otero, Individual asked for confirmation that the village is going to produce a piece of property for the residents of Tularosa to utilize for any extracurricular activities. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
- 11.** Isaiah Chavez, Individual wanted to give a presentation to reintroduce the Rose Festival events. He stated that he is going to get everything started and hoping to have everything done to have it in May.
- 12.** Old Business: Get estimates for a plat survey.
- 13.** New Business: Try to figure out how to handle the situations occurring at the veterans park.
- 14.** Adjourn: 7:07pm

Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk