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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Twin Forks MDWCA Board of Directors will be July 16, 2005 at 10 o'clock a.m., at the office. Guest speakers will be MIKE NIVISON and PAUL ELDERS. They have been working very hard to implement the Governor's plan for regional planning and are very knowledgeable about obtaining grants. Coffee and cake will be served.

The Unofficial Minutes for the June 11, 2005 Board of Directors have been forwarded to LYNN MELTON to be posted on the website. Other items that can be found on the website include:

- (1) Resolution to Abide by the Open Meetings Act;
- (2) Bylaws amended by the membership April 9, 2005;
- (3) Rules and Regulations revised to comply with the amended Bylaws;
- (4) Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies signed by Board of Directors and Employees; and
- (5) Twin Forks 2004 CCR Report out in 2005.

The new work truck has arrived! Additional expenditures include a sprayed on bed liner \$375; receiver hitch \$114.63; Headache Rack \$298.80; Kobalt Deep Crossover & 2 - 48" side mount toolboxes \$604; Floor Mats \$25.58; and hitch-mounted pipe vice \$185.

Auto insurance was dropped to liability only on the little red truck but with full coverage on the new work truck.

Miscellaneous tools totaling \$396.31 were purchased to replace personal tools previously furnished by BOB BILLHARTZ.

A heavy-duty office model facsimile was purchased for \$199.95 to replace the worn out residential model. Also, the office has a new Pitney & Bowes Postage Meter & Scale for \$19.95/month plus postage. The second telephone line has been reconnected for the internet and facsimile. Everything is working again, thanks to 2 retired telephone men - JERRY SMITH and JIM GEORGE. Thanks again, Jerry and Jim!

A 10' fiberglass stepladder was purchased for the shop area for \$178.

TAXES! New Mexico State Sales Tax is increasing from 5.6875% to 5.8125% effective 07-01-05.

Please help us reduce our ever-increasing mailing costs. If you haven't given us your e-mail address yet, please send it to twinforks@pvtm.net or schultz@pvtm.net. Your e-mail address will not be disclosed to anyone without your consent.

We are receiving many inquiries about why the payment for May and June is so high. This interim period was necessary to move the Association to a new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005. The RIP Loan Repayment in the amount of \$20,164.71 had to be paid June 6, 2005.

PRENTICE BLANSCETT'S request for County approval of the Shadow Glen Park Subdivision is still pending. As soon as approval is given, Twin Forks will schedule installation of the infrastructure in accordance with our Agreement, which was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 10, 2004.

SHARON JUSTICE has completed an internal audit covering the period May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005 in preparation for the State audit. THANKS, SHARON!

On May 5, 2005, NMED conducted a system sanitary survey. Results of the survey have not been received but will be shared with the membership when available.

We are still soliciting bids for affordable employee health insurance.

The Board completed Job Appraisal Reviews with JUDY HENDERSON and JARED MITCHELL. A salary increase was approved for both employees effective 07-01-05. JUDY HENDERSON'S salary will be increased to \$8.50/hour or \$17,680/year. JARED MITCHELL'S salary will be increased to \$9.50/hour or \$19,760/year.

Two (2) top priorities approved by the Board:

- (a) Drill water well in 16 Springs/Forest View this summer to test the Yeso Formation or 1,000' unless water in quantities of 10 gpm or more is found at a lesser depth. It will select a location, solicit written bids from three (3) drillers and apply for grant(s) immediately. This well needs to be drilling prior to August 1, 2005. Our Drilling Permit expires October 31, 2005.
- (b) Shadow Glen Park Subdivision – Complete well as required by NMED, install well house, water storage tank, pump and infrastructure plus a dedicated transmission line from the well to either Tank #2 or Tank #3. This project needs to be completed before October 1, 2005, prior to inclement weather. We need preparation of a cost estimate and application for grant(s) right away.

Other matters approved by the Board:

- (a) Solicit bids to sell mobile home only (old office) located at 35 Groesbeeck to be moved.
- (b) Letter dated 05-11-05 from Robert M. Doughty, Attorney at Law, advising of a rate increase from \$150/hour to \$175/hour. He does not charge Twin Forks a retainer.

Several matters were postponed until the next meeting. The Unofficial Minutes are posted on the website <http://www.pvtmnetworks.net/twinforks/>.

Twin Forks MDWCA welcomes 4 new members: CARLOS & BLANCA MOLINA @ 13 Turkey Trail; RALPH A. ADELMANN @ 22 Groesbeeck; MARICELA & RICARDO RINCON @ 19 Twin Forks; and ROBERT & PHYLLIS CORNELL @ 26 Apache.

We extend our best wishes to get well and for a speedy recovery to several members: GEORGE SMITH; JACOB (BOATIE) BOATENHAMMER; STEPHEN SCOTT.

EVELYN SCHULTZ, PERRY DAILY and CHARLISS RANDALL met with County Commissioner MIKE NIVISON and others involved in Regional Planning for preparation of application for grants for Cloudcroft and James Canyon Water Systems.

In line with conservation measures now being put in place, we will strive to dig out and repair all leaks within 24 hours after they are detected. Conservation is being stressed to everyone participating in regionalization planning and obtaining grants. If you see a possible leak (a wet spot in the middle of a dry road), please report it to the office at 687-3621.

Meter reading is scheduled during the last 7 days every month. Your meter will be read approximately the same day every month. This allows a little extra time to handle those unexpected emergencies. The meter reading sheets will be turned in to the office the last day of the month so billing can go out the first day of each month. Your bill is due upon receipt and becomes delinquent the last day of the month. 24-hour cut-off notices are issued on the 15th day of the following month.

We have priced a garage door at Lowes to convert the barn into a garage to park the new work truck but construction hasn't started yet.

If you wish to volunteer to assist any committee or in any other way, please contact the office and your name will be submitted to the Committee Chairman.

If you have a matter you wish to have reviewed by the Board of Directors at any regularly scheduled meeting, please submit it in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

REMINDER

When members "forget" to shut down their cabin properly, it causes a tremendous loss of water, which puts other members out of water. The member causing the outage will be disconnected and charged for the water that went through their meter plus a \$300 reconnection fee.

Please remember to close all drain valves when you arrive and turn on your water – and to turn off your water at the meter (and other shut-off valves) when you leave.

If you are leaving and think you have shut off your water at the meter, please look at the little silver wheel to be sure it is not moving. If it is moving, then water is going through the meter.

8,000 gallons were lost by one member in 16 Springs through an open meter during the time we were unable to get water to 16 Springs through the line causing several members to be out of water.

PLEASE CONSERVE OUR WATER

IT WAS A VERY BIG LEAK!

We apologize to everyone who was inconvenienced this past two weeks with outages. Also, we thank all of the members who called in and left messages to let us know what areas were out of water.

A major leak was found. In fact we think this just might be the “big leak” we have been searching for that caused the 52% water loss reported in the capacity study. It isn’t over yet.

The leak involved the 8” and 6” main distribution line from Tank 3. JARED MITCHELL and EVELYN SCHULTZ began working on the 6” line June 16th at 9 a.m. and water service was restored Friday morning at 3. Two leaks were repaired in the 6” line but 5 hours later a split in the next up line joint of 8” pipe caused the pipe to explode losing more water than anyone can imagine. Water pressure in that line is tremendous.

PERRY DAILY, BEN SCHULTZ, JIM GEORGE and BRAD GEORGE began helping JARED MITCHELL and EVELYN SCHULTZ throughout the rest of the day Friday until around 8 p.m., and everyone was back on the job all day Saturday until about 8 p.m. and water service was once again restored. More leaks at joints requiring repairs were made during the next 5 days requiring more long hours. This line just would not stay fixed! There is still a small leak in the 6” line, which will be repaired after the July 4th weekend.

Parts for 6” and 8” pipe are not stock items by any local outlets. Special orders and parts borrowed from Cloudfcroft Village and trips to Alamogordo and Artesia, and a special donation by a member, RON VARNELL, who made a special delivery from El Paso, repaired the line again and again.

During this period of 8 days we were unable to send water to 16 Springs (approximately 69,120 gallons). A telephone call to County Commissioner MIKE NIVISON quickly arranged for the use of the potable water hauling truck for \$125 per day on days we hauled water from our well in Shadow Glen Park Subdivision to 16 Springs. In just 4 days, as of June 27th we have hauled over 40,000 gallons of our own water to 16 Springs at a cost of \$500. It would have cost \$5,200 to haul 40,000 gallons from Alamogordo! The line across the mountain is moving approximately 8,640 gallons per day to 16 Springs. If everyone is careful, we should all have an enjoyable July 4th Holiday with water for everyone!

KEEP THESE TELEPHONE NUMBERS HANDY!

Please! Don’t assume that we know about the problem. We don’t know there is a problem until someone calls in. If you notice LOW WATER PRESSURE or have an OUTAGE, please call 687-3621 and leave a message. Messages are checked regularly, even after office hours, evenings, weekends and holidays.

EMERGENCIES AFTER HOURS, WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS:

- (1) Call 687-3621 and leave a message; then
- (2) Call EVELYN SCHULTZ @ 687-2479 or 430-9930.

IF NO ANSWER, CALL: PERRY DAILY @ 687-4165; or CHARLISS RANDALL @ 687-2088.