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NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of Twin Forks MDWCA Board of Directors will be 09-17-05 at 10 o'clock a.m., at the office.

OFFICIAL MINUTES for the 07-16-05 Board of Directors Meeting and 08-04-05 Special-Called Board of Directors Meeting, together with the **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES** for the 08-13-05 Board of Directors Meeting have been forwarded to Lynn Melton and are posted on the website <http://www.pvtmnetworks.net/twinforks/>.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: We appreciate all the members who have provided their e-mail addresses to help defray our mailing costs. Please submit your e-mail address to twinforks@pvtm.net or schultz@pvtm.net. It will not be disclosed to anyone without your consent.

GARAGE DOOR: We finally purchased the garage door for \$299 to convert the barn to protect the new work truck from the weather. Jared Mitchell has completed the basic installation but still has to finish some window dressing.

SPECIAL-CALLED BOARD MEETING 08-04-05: The Board of Directors held a special called meeting on 08-04-05 to review bids received from 2 well drillers to drill a new well located near the office and to complete the Blanscett Well in accordance with NMED specifications. Hydrotech's bid to drill a well to 550' was \$32,921.10 and David Eoff's bid was \$19,262.50 for an identical well with SDR 21 heavy wall PVC casing. Hydrotech bid \$3,671.95 and David Eoff bid \$1,500 to complete the Blanscett Well in Twin Forks West. The Board selected both bids submitted by David Eoff.

BAD NEWS: The bad news is the first well was drilled to 400' and encountered red clay like the well by the office. That formation is about 150' thick and there wasn't any water from that depth to 600' in the existing well, so we pulled out of that hole and moved to a location East of the apple orchard across the street from the office. 30' down the ground heaved and a 50' void was encountered. The rig was moved a few feet to the West and that hole was at the edge of the void. When air was shot in that hole, the bucket over the other hole floated up and down. Another location has been chosen for one more try to find water for Sixteen Springs and Forest View. Several dowers have declared there is water at this location so we are still trying to reclaim it.

MORE BAD NEWS: The Water Trust Board turned down our request for grants totaling \$805,380. The good news is that paperwork is being prepared to request additional grants from Otero County Commissioners, USDA, Capital Improvement Outlay from the Legislature, and

Homeland Security. County Commissioner Mike Nivison submitted a request for a \$350,000 legislative grant for Twin Forks. Hopefully, our name will be drawn from the hat sooner or later.

If successful, Twin Forks MDWCA would continue to replace existing old lines for reduction of losses by leaks (16.75 miles); add 100,000 gallons more storage facilities; secure all facilities with fencing; purchase property to drill additional exploratory supplemental water wells; and purchase additional water rights. All of these things have been recommended in the Souder, Miller & Associates Preliminary Engineering Study.

SOUDER, MILLER & ASSOCIATES HYDROLOGICAL STUDY: A meeting is scheduled with Souder, Miller & Associates 09-01-05 to review the Preliminary Reports for revisions prior to finalization.

BOARD TRAINING: Rick Bela, NMRWA Board Training-Corporate Compliance, is scheduled to meet with the Board of Directors on Saturday, 09-24-05.

PURPORTED VIOLATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT: Loy C. Owens filed a complaint with the Attorney General alleging that the BoD violated the OMA at its 01-08-05 BoD Meeting. A response letter with copies of requested documents was sent to the Attorney General and a copy was furnished to Mr. Doughty for his review.

SYSTEM SANITARY SURVEY BY NMED CONDUCTED 05-05-05 UPDATE: On 08-02-05 Joe Savage, NMED (DWB) and Don Castillo (NMRWA) were in the office to review the NMED System Sanitary Survey and compliance with the remaining requirements of the Tier 1 Capacity Development Assessment Study dated 11-29-04 for a Written Policy on Service Level, which was forwarded by Fernando Martinez, Chief, NMED (DWB) on 01-27-05 and which was due by 07-01-05.

By letter dated 08-03-05 to Mr. Doughty, Brent Moore, Assistant General Counsel for NMED (DWB), again requested submission of an authorized service plan and documentation verifying training of a certified operator. By letter dated 08-09-05 Mr. Doughty stressed the importance of satisfying these items to get the moratorium lifted.

UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE SURVEY AND APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION FOR UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION submitted by NMED on 06-17-05 was completed and returned 08-10-05. Jared Mitchell attended the RWA Small Water Systems Training Seminar in Silver City on 08-16 & 17-05 and will test in Albuquerque on 09-16-05.

WRITTEN POLICY ON SERVICE LEVEL: Lynn Melton has begun preparation of drafts of a Written Policy on Service Level for review and approval by the BoD.

MORATORIUM: A provision of the moratorium is that a sanitary survey be conducted on an annual basis. You will recall that this moratorium was the result of the NMED (DWB) Hearing held in March 2004 although we connected a water well in May 2004 producing 20 gpm, which increased our supply by 133%. **To date this moratorium is preventing 7 residents from hooking up to water and \$10,500 income to the Association.**

SECURITY & PROTECTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY: In order to prevent terrorist activities and vandalism to Twin Forks Water System, wells, storage tanks, and treatment plants should be locked up. In the case of wells, chlorination units, and spring boxes, a fenced area should be

installed to prevent entry. Erin Glover, NMRWA Well Protection, plans to attend our 09-17-05 BoD Meeting and will tour our facilities following the meeting.

SPRINGBOX #1: The spring box for Spring #1 is in a state of disrepair which allows contamination in the form of snowmelt, storm runoff, insects, and debris to enter the water supply. Repairs must be made to this spring box to prevent contamination.

STATE MANDATED AUDIT: The Auditors were in the office on 08-10-05 to pick up records to begin the State Mandated Audit. This is the 3rd annual State Mandated Audit at a total cost to the Association of \$9,000. Even though the Auditors have found no wrongdoing on the part of Twin Forks MDWCA, we will be subject to these audits for 2 more years and have been advised that the cost is going up the next 2 years. The total cost will exceed \$15,000. This mandate came on the heels of the NMED (DWB) Hearing in March 2004.

WATER LOSSES: Other critical issues include reduction of losses. An analysis prepared for July 2005 reflected water loss of 42.09%, down from 46% the previous month, 49% reflected in the capacity study performed by New Mexico Tech and 61% reported by Souder, Miller & Associates in its PER dated April 8, 2005. A monthly analysis will be prepared from this point forward.

We believe this reduction is the result of aggressive response and repair of leaks within 24 hours after detection. If you see a wet spot in the middle of a dry road, please report it to the office at 687-3621.

LEAD & COPPER MONITORING PROGRAM: Lead & Copper Samples must be collected from residential homes between June and the end of September. Full-time residents will be contacted to allow samples to be collected from their homes.

IT'S STILL LEAKING! Don Castillo (RWA) ran his leak detector on North Loop Road and Oak Glen where massive leaks (estimated up to 20% loss) were detected in the 6" and 8" lines. Jared Mitchell has prepared a tentative plan for replacement of approximately 2,300' of line and has solicited bids for 4" PVC and 4" HDPE (black welded poly pipe), including tools, miscellaneous fittings, backhoe rental and bedding material. Estimated cost figures are slightly less than \$20,000. Additional labor will be required. This project needs to be completed by mid-October before the ground freezes. We must file a modification to system form for approval by NMED reflecting a Project Engineer on board prior to beginning this project, which will make the cost even higher. As soon as all information is gathered, a special BoD meeting will be called.

NEW PUMP FOR WELL #1: July Meter Readings reflected that the pump had gone out on the well by the office. The pump was replaced by David Eoff and Jared Mitchell on 08-04-05 at a cost of \$2,135. A Pump Tech similar to the one on the Blanscett Well was purchased for \$640 and will be installed. A Pump Tech reveals if the pump is working without opening the control box and prevents damage to the pump during thunderstorms.

REQUEST TO BURY LINES ACROSS FOREST PROPERTY: On 08-11-05 Evelyn Schultz, Perry Daily and Jared Mitchell met with Frank Martinez, Forest Service, to discuss burying lines currently lying on top of the ground across Forest Property where Twin Forks MDWCA has permits. One line is used to pump water from Tank 2 to Tank 3 at the West end of Twin Forks West and the other line pushes water from Tank 3 across the mountain to Sixteen Springs. Another meeting is scheduled for a review tour 09-06-05.

SANITARY PROJECTS ACT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: On 08-10-05 Evelyn Schultz, Perry Daily and Lynn Melton attended a RWA Sanitary Projects Revisions and a facilitated conversation about implications of Sanitary Projects Act changes for water systems and next steps for legislative action at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge located approximately 20 miles North of Socorro.

SECURITY LIGHTS: Jim George and Ben Schultz installed a security light over the door at the office. Additional security lights will be installed on the side facing Hwy 82 and at the barn.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: Certified Letters were mailed to 28 members with delinquent accounts totaling \$10,280.79. Only 4 members had to be disconnected for non-payment.

AUGUST 2005 WORK COMPLETED BY JARED MITHCELL: In addition to attending RWA Small Water Systems training for 2 days class in Silver City, Jared installed the garage door in the barn; assisted David Eoff with the installation of a new pump in Well #1; met with Joe Savage, NMED (DWB), regarding the Sanitary System Survey; met with Don Castillo, RWA, regarding the Sanitary System Survey and checked for leaks in the 6" and 8" line on North Loop Road and Oak Glen; met with NMED (DWB) to take special water samples; met with Frank Martinez, Forest Service, to give a tour of the system; repaired the Blanscett Well several times when the elk broke the line; completed numerous Work Orders, which included placement of Valve Locks, replacement of several leak-through Ball Valves, repaired miscellaneous leaks requiring operation of the backhoe, measured tanks twice daily and monitored the wells during pumping, monitored pumping of water from the Blanscett Well into the tanker and transport to Tank #9 by the office; took Water Samples to Alamogordo; and read Meters the last week in August so bills could go out with the Newsletter 09-01-05.

BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SPEEDY RECOVERY: GEORGE SMITH is enjoying his summer here with his many friends and JACOB (BOATIE) BOATENHAMMER had more extensive surgery but reports he is doing ok.

If you wish to volunteer to assist any committee or with any planned project, please contact the office and leave your name with Judy Henderson, the Office Manager.

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA: 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.

KEEP THESE TELEPHONE NUMBERS HANDY!

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: If you notice LOW WATER PRESSURE or have an OUTAGE, please call 687-3621 and leave a message (your name, address and telephone number where you can be reached). 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 (your name, address and telephone number where you can be reached); then
- (2) Call EVELYN SCHULTZ @ 687-2479 or 430-9930.

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

