

NAVAJO DAM DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS & MUTUAL SEWAGE WORKS COOPERATIVE, INC.

AUGUST 12TH Minutes: Location 4B rd. 42670 (Records lock up, next to the water plant)

Meeting brought to order at 6:00pm by: Craig Pilley. **Proof of quorum, board members in attendance:** John-Olav Johnsen, Shelley Karcher, Madeline Henry **Staff in attendance:** Teresa Stevens, Jay Fierman **Association members in attendance:** Gary Henry, Shon Karcher, Neal Richardson, Ana Padilla and Dennis Joaquim, Bambi Pilley. **Guests in attendance:** NONE

Vote on July 8th Minutes: The minutes were sent via email to the board members. A motion to approve July minutes was made by: John-Olav Johnsen and the motion was seconded by: Madeline Henry. Unanimous.

Members Addressing the board: NONE

ON GOING BUSINESS:

Plant Update: The plant is running well. We cleaned the wet well, one of the check valve ball joints was gone. Like it disintegrated which is odd. That's never happened before. Jay got the flow rates back to normal for the lift station. DBPs are going well. Still in compliance with everything. The state is offering free testing for PFOS for the water systems all over the state of New Mexico. I highly doubt that it will affect us, as we are surface water. Luckily, we haven't had a bunch of fire issues. They've found now that it comes from the fire retardant that put to smother fires its in paper and all kinds of everyday items. It'll end up impacting the Rio Chama and then the Rio Grande, and Heron Lake.

We had a new meter installation at Dam Site last week. It was a little different from others we've done up there. The problem is finding the main line. It's not typically done this way. It has water but it had frost free out there. This needs to be found and capped. It can never be tapped into. We put the meter on the Southwest side outside the property line.

Craig: We should have someone on site while they are rerouting the sewer. And while they cap that water line. Maybe we also send a certified letter to Lorraine to have someone just that, that we need to have an onsite to cap the line that they dig up. The owner will need to do the one call (811). How deep is the line?

Teresa: 4ft deep. With a T going off to each spot in the cul-de-sac.

Madeline Henry made a motion to write a letter to the owners of #31 rd. 4227 explaining the above-mentioned. John-Olav Johnsen seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Tank Update: Bob is still working with BLM, and we're a categorical exclusion, Animas environmental, have not seen the permit yet. The state has reauthorized our grant monies but, No response for Eric on this front. What we'll get is a new grant renewal that we all must sign. Lastly, we got the aluminum sulfate delivered and I think that's it for now.

Ana: Have you guys decided where exactly the new tank will go?

Craig: When Shelley pulled the site map for the existing tank we found we had room to put the new tank behind the existing one.

Craig: Echols- once BLM is done, which it pretty much is then we're off and running.

Expense reports:

Jay: I have Expense Reports

Craig: For what?

Jay: From the past few months.

Craig- That doesn't tell me anything. Have you checked with Teresa about this?

Teresa: I have not seen it.

Jay: That's my only copy.

Shelley: I can scan it on my phone and email it to the board and Teresa.

Teresa: What is the expense report for?

Jay: High service pump, valve that was left closed, one of the pump motors from where it spun there and got hot. Lots of other stuff that has been neglected and not done because of Garnet.

Craig: Okay well Shelley, if you will, please scan that into us and send it to the board so we can review and discuss this with Teresa more.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plant Techs:

Craig: On August 5th we had our plant technician, Garnet, put in his two weeks' notice. I suggest we post at the Post office that we are to accept applications/Resumes. Two gentlemen are here tonight that are interested in taking that position. Security camera.

Ana: Put a poster up and advertise that you are looking for applicants and add some of what the job will entail. Put a time limit on it, like two weeks or something.

John-Olav: Legally is that sufficient?

Ana: Yes. Because you're not going out of the state or anything.

New Members: Wilson – was a transfer from the Shockley's on the 07/28/2025, Henry was a transfer from the Schippers on 07/15/2025. There was a new meter install on the 9th of August for Hill/Koike.

Shelley Karcher made a motion to approve the new transfers and meter install. John-Olav Johnsen seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Update On CenturyLink/Sivadnet (vote):

John-Olav: Asked what ever happened with the Century Link bill from May?

Madi: I was able to get credit back for May's bill, after a bit of a fight. But in the end CenturyLink credited \$126.00 for 27 days of downed service. Our current bill is \$100.00 for the month of July/August.

Craig: What did Jason have to say about the hardline?

Madi: Garnet and I walked him around the plant, and he checked out the scada system. He called the manufacturer of the Scada system to say that his idea is going to work. When looking at the scada system he found that there is already a hardwire going from the scada box to the office. Jason's idea is to run a redundant line. He also wants to swap the antenna on the roof of the plant. He said this will beef things up and if the system goes down, it will only be a blip and should immediately come back.

Madi: Asked the board if we should make a motion on discontinuing CenturyLink and make a vote on Jason.

Craig: What is that going to cost? Then I suggest that we get a price from Jason first and double-check that this will work the way we need it too for our system.

Madeline Henry made a motion to get a quote from Sivadnet and to double-check with the Scada manufacturer before making any jumps. This motion was seconded by: John-Olav Johnsen. The vote to approve was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Craig: Jay who drives the white van?

Jay: Grant.

Craig: Ok, well a few of my neighbors have called to let me know you and someone else have been pulling from the hydrants regularly. I'm looking at you right in your eyes and saying this in front of everybody. I'm not accusing anybody of being a thief, but. Personally, I think your buddy is putting you in a bad spot.

Jay: Ok, well I put myself there.

Craig: Anyways- On the 7th you were seen filling up the guy in the white van with two water tanks and then again on the 9th. Why? When this is only supposed to be done quarterly. Then I've seen you fill him up with that 2in hose. How does that work?

Jay: Because there was complaint about dirty water.

Craig: From whom?

Jay: Residents. Well

Craig: How do we know he is paying for this?

Jay: He is.

Craig: But how is he paying for it if you're going inside the water salesmen and coming out with a 2in line?

Jay: He is paying cash.

Shelley: How do we know he is paying cash?

Jay: It's in the ammo cans.

Craig: Same two neighbors call me and let me know what's going on every time you they see this happening and it's always under the cover of darkness. Why?

Jay: It is because people complain about water pressure during the day and that we're dumping water and making it muddy.

Craig: A week or more ago I was told that the coin op was vandalized, and Garnet tried to fix it, but it had been smashed in with a rock and I had said before if that coin op was vandalized again, that it was done. So, I told Madi and Garnet to put and out of order sign on it. Then I see you filling this guy up from inside the water salesmen, more than once. This is what I recommend doing, I think he's doing this when he's not around, salesmen were down, and so I went down there to see the damage. There is not an out of order sign posted anymore and there's an advertisement for someone named Grant to haul water from here to wherever.

Shelley: Who Authorized that?

Jay: I did. That is my bad.

Craig: It's a Conflict of interest. Bad. When this first came about the agreement was that the water was being used for trees and that this was supposed to happen quarterly. Not every other day. Right Teresa?

Teresa: Right, Quarterly, Or its discolored.

Jay: Well, when I first started that's how Tom told us to do that. So that's how I've done it.

Craig: Escorted, you are supposed to be with them, and it was for watering trees. And when I looked at ONX maps there's not a green thing anywhere in that compound on the hill.

Jay: Which is what I've done. I'm always there metering the water.

Shelley: Why 3 times in four days?

Jay: Because of the water and complaints.

Craig: How do you know there's discolored water if you had already flushed the other day?

Jay: Because we opened it up

Craig: You need to shut your buddy down.

Jay: Ok, Ill take his sign down as soon as were done here.

Bambi: Alerts- can we get alerts out to the community again about when they will be flushing the water.

Madi: Yes, we can as long as I am notified of when and where ahead of time. I will send an alert.

Craig: Ok so that's what we'll do with that.

Shelley: Is there any way to see how many gallons are used at the water salesmen?

Teresa: Is there a meter there?

Jay: Yes, there is one there. When we were doing the whole thing about acreage feet. We put one. Then people complained about the water just being dumped on the ground,

Craig: 2in blue hose, is that after the meter or before?

Jay: It's a Different flow rate and it fills faster with that 2in.

Shelley: Why would you think it's okay to take water from here and then he makes a profit off that.

Ana: So, who sells it too who?

Craig: Jays buddy is getting the water down here and Jay fills him with the 2in line. I've seen this from my house. Then his buddy charges a fee for the water after that.

Jay: No one has called him to do that yet. I'll take it down after the meeting.

Craig: It was to water trees, correct? When this first came about this water was not for personal use and it was because people were complaining that it would get muddy, right?

Jay: I don't know what he does with it, not my business. Yes, People complained so that's why we started giving it to someone.

Craig: I think it's gotten out of hand.

John-Olav: He put you in a bad situation.

Jay: It was my decision I put myself there.

Craig making a mess

511 – compound on the right.

Shelley: It's not for our system.

Jay: Yes, it is. He lives in the community.

Shelley: Where?

Jay: On the hill above soaring eagle

Shelley: Then no he doesn't. But I think that the big thing that you need to understand is that there are no unilateral decisions. Not any of us, not the board and certainly not you.

Jay- Ok, it's done. I didn't think it would be the huge deal it turned into. He's paying for the water. He's just charging for travel. It's not going to happen again.

Craig: It's been taken advantage of the situation on your behalf.

Shelley: I've seen him fill from a hydrant right by my house.

Jay: I'm always with him. I don't know where you live.

Shelley: 4276 at the dead end back there.

Ana: Is that Tim Jimmerson?

Madi: Yes.

Craig: Well bottom line. It stops now and Madi will put an alert out that if anyone sees anybody messing with the hydrants, other than a tech or board members then they need to call a board member and call the sheriff.

Shelley Karcher made a motion to put a stop to the flushed hydrant water being given to someone and that it goes back in the ditch. Residents are to call the sheriffs office and a board member. If they see any water being pumped from a hydrant. The motion was seconded by John-Olav Johnsen. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Shelley Karcher made a motion to change all the locks and get security cameras for the buildings. Madeline Henry seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Craig: Okay, anything else?

Teresa: I have one more thing. Jay, can you tell me where the sch.40 parts are going? Because I can't think of where we would need this size in the plant.

Jay: For the plant.

Teresa: Does it take this size?

Jay: Yes.

Craig: Where are the Parts at?

Teresa: Are they in the building back here?

Jay: Under the big tank. Stuff like that has been coming missing lately. We had a hose go missing from the back door of the plant, tools. I'm not saying it's Garnet because he wouldn't know what to do with them. But stuff is going missing.

Craig: Madi, can we have you look at prices for surveillance cameras for the plant?

Madi: Yes, of course. I'll get some prices to everyone within the next few days.

Craig: Now onto other business. We have a few gentlemen here that are interested in the plant tech position, would you all mind telling us about yourselves.

Neal Richardson- Has lived here 33 years. Just retired from running concrete companies. Asphalt plants together, sand and gravel companies together and I think I can do just about anything that would be needed around here. When Dick Luoma put the plant together, I was down here a lot, so I have an idea of what goes on.

Shon: My mother sold me the family property a few years back and then we purchased another lot. I grew up out here many years. I work in the plant in Aztec as an electrician. I'm familiar with some pumps, tanks and sand filters. I have been an electrician for 25 years.

Craig: Thank you all for your time. Send us a resume and we'll look over all the applicants and get back to you.

John-Olav Johnsen made a motion to put up a flyer at the post office advertising for a tech position. The motion was seconded by Madeline Henry. The vote to approve was unanimous.

John-Olav Johnsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm the motion was seconded by Madeline Henry. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Next Regular meeting will be held on September 9th, 2025, at (time to be determined)

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