

**Minutes of the Tano Road Association  
Board Meeting  
June 24, 2019**

**Attendance:**

Present: Warren Berg                      Art Jensen  
          C B Bowlds                         Doris Longhurst  
          Ellen Collins                        Lorrey Muellenberg  
          Howard Gershon                    Jack Purson  
          Karen Freeman

Absent: Robin Owen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. The minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Reports:**

Budget (Doris Longhurst): The budget report was discussed and approved. We have revenue from 220 members. There are sufficient funds remaining for all projected expenditures, although Membership may run over budget for the year.

Water Protest Status (Ellen Collins): After nearly eight years, the citizen protest against the City of Santa Fe's proposed excessive pumping of the NW Well is now concluded. Future pumping of the well has been reduced from the proposed 900 AFY (acre feet per year) down to 650 AFY. The City's plan to expand their water rights portfolio has been curtailed to a reasonable level and the NW Well Monitoring Program is now collecting data on water levels in the aquifer.

Membership (Karen Freeman for Robin Owen): There were 110 positive RSVPs to the Spring Nosh and the event was predictably very well attended. Only six attendees were non-members, so it was agreed that all Tano area residents in the data base would be invited to future Noshes in the hopes that the few non-member attendees would realize the value of the TRA and join. It was suggested that Robin check to see if the six non-member attendees joined.

The Fall Nosh is tentatively scheduled for October 19 or 26. A home for the event is to be determined and depending on the hosts' wishes, the date is flexible and could be moved to September.

A Fall Trash Bash is scheduled for Saturday, September 21.

The database has been turned over to Peggy Samaha.

Security (Warren Berg): In the past year, 6 new patrollers have been added and 3 have

retired.

There was further discussion of the wooden security signs at Ridgetop and Montoyas and the need to repair, refresh or replace both signs. Doris offered some suggestions and action on the project is necessary.

Warren stated that he is planning a Security Patrol party for August.

Trails (Howard Gershon): Information regarding GUSTO (Grand Unified Santa Fe Trails Organization) was reviewed and the Board voted unanimously to support this County-wide trails effort.

The informal Tano walking paths are in the works. Phase I will be from Camino Don Patron to Vista del Mundo, located on the east side of Camino de los Montoyas. Phase II will continue from Vista del Mundo south to connect with the La Tierra Trails.

Drainage conditions and bar ditch clearing along Tano Road has been discussed with the County. There will be continued follow-up to get on the County schedule for this work.

There are many dead trees along Tano Road and as fire season is upon us, it is wise to remove dead wood from the area and keep dead grasses mowed. Howard will also follow up with the County to see if they can help clear dead trees.

Infrastructure (Lorrey Muellenberg): Cybermesa and New Mexico Surf continue to offer reasonably good Internet wireless service to our area.

Propane (Art Jensen): The current propane costs with Ferrellgas for 2018-19 range from \$1.52 to \$1.659 per gallon. The 2019-20 range starting on September 1 will be \$1.395 to \$1.85 per gallon. Other propane providers were discussed. The Board voted to accept the new Ferrellgas discount offer which will be available to TRA members.

### **Old/New Business:**

Gas Line Extension (Karen Freeman and Doris Longhurst): Gas lines will be extended this summer in the area of Camino de los Montoyas and Pinion Ridge. Trenching is scheduled to begin sometime in July.

Trash Pick-up (Karen Freeman): Don Seeger suggested that we request special rates for TRA members from MCT and Waste Management. However, the two companies are already rate-competitive and operating within certain County requirements, so it was decided to leave trash and recycle pickup as is.

3-way Intersection at Tano Road and Camino de los Montoyas: There was a discussion about this awkward intersection and related safety concerns. Art Jensen volunteered to contact the appropriate County operatives about a solution for traffic in that area.

\*\*\* Follow-up Note: the intersection has been improved with new and relocated signage plus some tree removal and clearing. The County conducted an extensive traffic safety study of the intersection in March and determined that according to Federal safety regulations, the intersection does not warrant 3-way stop signs. The County study concluded that the safety issues in the Tano Road area are not due to the AMOUNT but the EXCESSIVE SPEED of traffic in our neighborhood. Watch the speed limits and beware of the County sheriff!

The Board discussed assigning someone to be a "Road" person, although we did not come to consensus on what that job would entail.

Howard suggested that we reevaluate using Mail Chimp instead of Constant Contact to see if we can reduce costs. Karen will follow up with Winky and report back to the Board.

Next Meeting Date: likely sometime in September but to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.