

Town of Estancia
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, September 22, 2025 6:15pm

Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016

Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm and Roll Call was taken:

Trustee May – Present

Trustee Lovato – Present

Trustee Sanchez – Present

Trustee Hall – Present

Mayor Dial – Present

- 1.0 **Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item**
Clerk Jones requested that agenda item #8 be tabled until the next regular meeting.
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment as listed above. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2.0 **Discussion/Approval of the September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as written. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3.0 **Discussion/Approval of the September 22, 2025 Bill List – Action Item**
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the September 22, 2025 Bill List. Trustee May seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment –

Torrance County Operations Manager Melissa Johnson introduced herself to all present. She said that she is originally from Corona, New Mexico; just right down the road. She wanted to come to the meeting tonight to offer support from Torrance County; anything we can do. Ms. Johnson said we are one county, so we just want to come and offer our support, see what we can do for you guys, and have a good working relationship. The Trustees sincerely thanked Ms. Johnson for attending the meeting and offering support.

Old Business

- 4.0 **Repairs to Slide and New Mulch- Discussion and Possible Action**
The Board discussed the \$7,000 slide repair at the park using approximately \$5,000 from capital outlay funds. They decided against expensive mulch replacement (\$17,000 for rubber mulch). **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**
- 5.0 **Customer Credit – Information Only**
Mayor Dial and Clerk Jones told the Board that they asked our Legal if we could give our customers a credit on their utility bill because we had to shut the water off to town residents a couple of times in the last few

months and town residents experienced low water pressure during that same period while we replace a pump and motor in one of our main wells. Legal advised us that giving a credit would set a bad precedent. Residents might expect a credit every time we have a water issue. Legal cited instances when electricity goes down; credits are not given. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**

New Business

- 6.0 **Approval of Resolution 2025.37 Authorizing Participation in TPF Project CN L50072- Action Item, Roll Call Vote**
Clerk Jones explained that this resolution confirms participation in TPF Road Project CN L50072. This project is for Lassiter Road, from Alan Ayers to Hwy 55. The cost of the project is \$1,000,000.00 with a town match of \$50,000.00. Trustee May asked if this project includes curb and gutter and drainage. Clerk Jones will find out. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve Resolution 2025.37 Authorizing Participation in TPF Project CN L50072. Trustee May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee May- Aye, Trustee Lovato – Aye, Trustee Sanchez – Aye, Trustee Hall – Aye. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 7.0 **Approval of Resolution 2025.38 Requestion a Match Waiver for TPF Project CN L50072- Action Item, Roll Call Vote**
Clerk Jones explained that this resolution is requesting a waiver of the \$50,000.00 match for this project. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve Resolution 2025.38 Requesting a Match Waiver for TPF Project CN L50072. Trustee May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee May- Aye, Trustee Lovato – Aye, Trustee Sanchez – Aye, Trustee Hall – Aye. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8.0 **Approval of Resolution 2025.39 Budget Adjustment- Action Item, Roll Call Vote ITEM TABLED**
- 9.0 **Mayor/Council:**

Trustee Hall said that he has received great feedback about the letter to the residents detailing what happened with the water and what we're doing about it and all of that is very much appreciated.

Trustee May told her fellow Trustees that she, Mayor Dial, and Clerk Jones recently attended the NMML Annual Conference in Ruidoso. The Conference was very informative. She participated in a local Clean-up activity and received her Municipal Officer Certification Award. She will also be attending the EMWT meeting tomorrow evening. Trustee May said that she will attend the County Commissioner meeting on Wednesday. Thursday, we have the MRCOG lunch. She is trying to see if the MRCOG can come in and help us with some things. Some financing, some economic development, some Main Street revitalization, etc. And then Saturday is the Pinto Bean Festival in Moriarty, if anybody's interested in going.

Trustee Lovato said that he recently attended an APT (Anthony and Patsy Tenorio) foundation meeting. He was presenting to request funds for the American Legion Youth Corps. He also added, as the president of the Estancia Valley Little League, a presentation requested funds for a scoreboard, and they approved it. He has already received the funds. This will be a great addition to the Legacy Baseball Field. Lastly, Trustee Lovato reminded all that Punkin Chunkin is scheduled for October 11.

Trustee Sanchez had no update for this meeting.

Mayor Dial said that we have to talk about our RV issues. There is a man who keeps parking his RV in the library parking lot. When he is asked to move, he just parks somewhere else in town. We also need to figure out if there is anything we can do about the man who put a chicken coop on top of his business in town. Code Enforcement Officer Teaney told him he could not have more than 4 chickens at his home, so he

moved the rest to his business. Mayor Dial talked about an individual that wants to run a pipeline from Fort Sumner to Rio Rancho through Santa Fe and Tarrant Counties. That individual wants us to look into a USDA Grant/Loan in order to buy bulk water from him. Mayor Dial went to the USDA to see what they offered. They do offer some stuff, but basically, it's like 60% grant, 40% loan, and if you take the loan, you have to take out surety bonds, or revenue bonds, to pay the loan back. Mayor Dial said that if the Board was interested in this, he would put the man on the agenda. There was no interest.

Mayor Dial talked about land development that the School is making and how it will affect easements that the Town has. Lastly, Mayor Dial said he will be out of pocket from October 8-19.

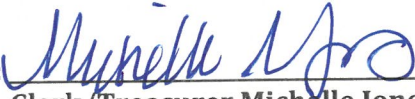
Adjournment –

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm.

Approved: 
Mayor Nathan Dial

Date: 10/6/2025

Attest: 
Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Jones

Date: 10/6/2025