

TRLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA  
TCC RANCH HOUSE – 10 A.M.  
MARCH 20, 2021

Call to Order 10:02 AM

Introduction/Announcements;

Board Members: Steve Wills, Steve Stevens, Shirl Henderson, Mary Ann Armijo, Charley Haverstick, Sharon Axtell, and Don Ouellette via phone.

Landowners: Linda Pedersen, Danny Montoya, Melinda and Wayne Aubuchon, Duke Armijo, Julie Ferrell, Brian Archuleta, Mary Jo Wallen, Darlene Thomas, Judy Haverstick, Barbara Stevens, Nancy Wills, John Hardison, George and Maria Shaw.

Brian Archuleta, Head Fire Chief, introduction: Julie introduced Brian Archuleta, Head Fire Chief for McKinley County. One of his major areas of focus is the drought. Cibola is severe and McKinley is extreme. Now through May, the precipitation is below normal. Crews have been preparing for fires and there is a risk reduction plan for our area. There are grants and funds available so that the plan would not cost the Ranch anything. He will work with Mary Jo to get the grant together.

There is a County Ordinance (977Sept98) when there is a burning ban and who can enforce it. The State will define fire restrictions for public and private land and the tribal authority will define on their land. Fire Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs of districts, Andy and Brian will be the only ones able to issue citations. Brian's motto is – Be Nice – so the first incident will be a learning incident. The 2<sup>nd</sup> incident will be a warning or issue a citation. Julie shared that they are working on the citation book now and it must be approved by the Magistrate Court. It will be a misdemeanor with a fine of \$300.

John Hardison asked if putting a sign up with the Ordinance when entering the county, would be advantageous? There is a sign at the Fire Station as that is the county line.

Brian is going to speak with the Cibola Fire Chief regarding TRLA taking care of all of the Ranch.

Julie and Mary Jo will be working on an evacuation plan for the Ranch. There are only two ways out, 157 and Timberlake RD. There is now a chain across the Box S gate and they have declined to let us use that way out. In an emergency, they cannot make that decision. Richard Hastings is the new zone coordinator for Box S and is working with Mary Jo. Julie said that all landowners need to put an "Aw Shit" - Evacuation Box together. This would important papers, food, water, clothes, meds, last minute things and anything else that would be important to the landowner. Having this ready to go will save time.

Mary Ann asked if a propane stove for cooking or a bonfire can be used. A propane stove can only be used for cooking during a fire ban. If you want to contact the Fire Department, use the numbers on the website for Julie, Andy and Billy. Let neighbors know about the burn ban and that no permits will be issued during the ban. Wade Aubuchon is now a chief on the fire department – CONGRATULATIONS!! -

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2021: Charley made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Ann seconded approved.2

Treasurer's Report (Steve S.)

<b>Treasurer's Report Mar 2021</b>		
<b>Capital</b>		
Fund Balance- Unrestricted	455,927.61	
Net Income	39,074.35	
Total Capital		495,001.96
Total Liabilities & Capital		495,094.67
Wells Fargo – Deposit		124,213.02
Wells Fargo – Operating		39,176.48
Wells Fargo –Reward Fund		1,525.00
Wells Fargo – Savings Account		
<b>Ranch House</b>		20,000.00
<b>Road Emergency</b>		44,911.06

		229,825.56
<b>Dues</b>		
Prior Years		406.90
Last Year		2,084.60
Current Year		9,335.50
		11,287.00

Liens and Foreclosures Report (Mary Ann)

**LIENS & FORECLOSURES REPORT 3.20.21**

TRLA Currently Owns: 0 Lots

Lots Currently with Lawyer: 0

Lots Currently Liened Not with Lawyer:0

Liens recorded since 2.20.21:0

Liens release since 2.20.21:0

Liens to be filed end of March:1

Roads Report (Don): Not much to report. Don will have Jack flatten the burn pile so landowners can begin to use it. A new landowner on Pine Tree has asked about a culvert, Don will evaluate and look at all of the roads. The BIA graded their road, Cibola roads are bad right now.

Architectural/Maintenance Report (Steve W.): Steve approved one residence. A landowner notified him about hipcamp.com, which is a business that leases the land each day, basically the landowner is trying to exploit their land by renting it. The lots are on Elk. Discussion followed on getting information to the landowner. This discussion will continue into Executive Session.

**Commons Report (Charley)**

1. Bath House

Leasa is in the process of doing the spring cleaning in the Bath House and the ranch house.

The shower curtains which were in very bad condition have been replaced.

Jason has been contacted and is planning on installing the replacement water heater next weekend.

It appears the furnace has used all the propane and is not running; however, the water is still shut off and drained so things will be alright until we get a new refill this coming week.

2. Ranch House

The new porch addition is ready for sealing the ceiling and installing flooring and baseboards. These items will be completed once the weather warms up/permits it.

Water is scheduled to be turned on by April 1<sup>st</sup>, and all should then be cleaned and ready to use.

Communications Report (Shirl): The approved Feb meeting minutes; forest/wildfire mitigation sub community reports were posted. Emergency Fire Ban – No Burn is in effect and NM Fire Restrictions were posted. Do Not Depend on Luck for Prevention. A notice regarding Power Outages were posted and updated from Continental Divide Electric. Changes were made on the drop-down menu – Emergency to Emergency Evaluation and Neighborhood Watch to line item #3 – Evacuation Watch Group. The title was changed to Monthly Reports and reports posted, dated: 3/20/21 and 9/19/20. Board member phone numbers were corrected and email updated.

On 2/23/21, there is a live event from the National Fire Protection Association on the Facebook page.

Shirl sent all the reports from Board members to Nancy for the Newsletter. Shirl shared that Nancy Ramm has declined to continue doing the Newsletter. If you are interested, please contact a Board Member or Nancy Ramm.

**Old Business:**

1. Neighborhood Watch organization update.  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP – MARCH 20, 2021
2. We got a Zone Coordinator volunteer for Zone 9. We would still like a volunteer for the Box S.
3. We are in the process of reviewing all emergency evacuation forms and procedures. Once the two County Emergency Management Coordinators approve, we will put the new procedures on the website.
4. Provided article for the March TRLA newsletter
5. Several suspicious vehicles have been seen at 1:30 a.m. on two of our side roads in McKinley County. Mary Jo spoke to Sheriff Tony Mace, Cibola County, and with Officer Clark, McKinley County. Our concern about ATV violations was also discussed. Both Counties are almost at full staff, so they agreed to provide more weekend patrols this summer. Concerns over drug usage was also discussed since there appears to be a rise in drug traffic in the area. In addition to suggesting that landowners put up game cameras, you might also consider more motion lights around your home/driveway.
6. Matt Lacky, Animal Control, wants to attend our Annual Meeting. He has a bear presentation for us considering all the problems we had last summer and the continued drought situation.

(Neighborhood Watch report 32021)

1. Forest Management Sub-Committee Status.  
FOREST RESTORATION & WILDFIRE MITIGATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MARCH 2021
1. Grant opportunities – Todd Haines just told Ron that funds in the spring are not going to be available, so hopefully, we can get something in the fall pertaining to FHI grants for landowners as well as for the 80-acre Common Land project. Todd has to spread funds around the entire State.
2. We applied for the \$500 State Farm grant again this spring. However, we were denied. CA received 42% of the grants which is not surprising because of the number and severity of their fires. Oregon received 15% and Colorado received 12%. 24 States received funding.
3. Budget request for next year = \$5,000 for normal thinning on side roads including overhanging areas. In order to complete the 80-acre project, we are requesting that the Board continue to provide at least \$15,000 a year from funds leftover at the end of each year until the project is complete. We are also requesting that the \$15,000 that we won't be able to use with a grant this year, can be carried over and held in the contingency fund account.
4. Yolynda Begay, Mt. Taylor District Ranger notified Mary Jo that there were four types of buffer zones that we could consider on the 80-acre project. The first three are not applicable (1/2mile away, closest road, drainage, or ridge line). We agreed that 15-20' from the map that Clay Benton will provide should work. She suggested that instead of the Avenza software, that Clay use the Onyx software, which is for hunters, so they do not go on private property.
5. Yolynda Begay also indicated that they are talking with the State on restoration projects and that Timberlake is on the agenda. A CE (Categorical Exclusion) will be provided to comply with NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) regs. A CE is the lowest level of analysis and also means that there is no significant effect on the human environment. Neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. The fact that we provided the Forest Stewardship Plan was a great benefit. Talks should begin this summer. This concerns our request for a fuel break on the eastern boundary of Timberlake and the Forest. I invited Yolynda to the Annual Meeting assuming it is held this year.
6. NMSU (New Mexico State University is sponsoring four zoom meetings during March – Learning to Live with Fire. Notices were put on the website and the FB page.
7. Ray Martins plans to finish trimming on Fox next week if weather permits.

(Forest meeting 32021)

2. Restricted Water Usage status: Steve has sent out for quotes but no answer on amount. Mary Ann will contact Dennis. Julie, Wade and MJ will all be available and have a key to the well to assist landowners, when contact is made that they need water. There is a time frame when key holders can be called. This will be posted at the well.

3. Timberlake Road Signs – McKinley County: Mary Ann has been in contact with McKinley County and the signs will be put up when the weather is drier. Barb Stevens suggested auctioning off the Old Wood signs perhaps at the annual meeting. Good idea.
4. Cycle Bar Mower discussion: Don reported that he found a brush cutter that will cut up to 3 inches. It is hand held and heavy. He will look do some more research.
5. Nominating Committee for Annual Meeting: Sharon reported that there has been paperwork submitted for one person. Remember if you are interested, please get your paperwork to Steve Wills or Sharon Axtell
6. March Newsletter: Shirl thanked everyone for getting the material in for the Newsletter.
7. Mailbox cluster addition at Fire House: It is \$1500 for a cluster with 16 mail boxes and 2 package boxes. Mary Ann made a motion to order the cluster box, Charley seconded, approved. These boxes cannot be specified just TRLA, they are for the surrounding community also.
8. Gravel request from Post Office: Don said that this will get done.

**New Business: NONE**

**Landowner Input:**

Linda asked Don how many cameras are left to set up. Don said there are two more and will have to discuss about where to put them. Maybe in the porch area.

Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn, Charley seconded, approved, meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.