

Regular Meeting (Remote Meeting in compliance with NM Open Meetings Act)

December 8, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Nuñez, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Crist, and Trustee Atencio (Late arrival)

Others Present: Mike Castillo, Tim Thornton, Jorge Au, Espy Holguin, David Shields, Jackie Fishman, Linda Alvarez, Shirley Rice, Alfredo Holguin, Lisa Neal, Elizabeth Porras

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch was held remotely. In attendance through remote electronic communication were Mayor Nuñez, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Crist, and Trustee Atencio. Mayor Nuñez asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Nuñez – Present, Mayor Pro Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Nuñez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Dave Shields gave an update on the different projects for the Village of Hatch. On the Canal Road Low Water Crossing project the Canal Road portion is near complete and the Chile Capital extension is complete. The contractor is currently finishing Cemetery erosion control portion. Additional design for more barriers, erosion protection and drainage discharge piping at Placitas Arroyo and the driveways for Cabral and Silva properties is complete. Additional design for flush header curb from Chile Capital to Adams St is in process. The Notice of Obligation for the Capital Outlay funds has been sent to Santa Fe. The Hatch Airport payment request #3 has been sent into FAA and NMDOT AD. The Hatch Water Preliminary Engineering Report is complete and under review at NMED. The Hatch NMDOT LGRF Projects for 2021 grant agreement approved by NMDOT for \$30k grant \$10k match. We will work on sending clearance requests out in Jan 2021.

Jackie Fishman with Concensus Planning gave an update on the Hatch Gateway Monument on I-25- Design has been turned in to NMDOT for preliminary review and awaiting comments. They have had it for three months already. We are thinking about just moving ahead with the NM26 sign while we wait on the I25 signs.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve to go out for RFP's for the Rodey & Chile Capital Lane Lift Stations Project and the Placitas Water System Improvements Project. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve to pay off the two USDA outstanding loans. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director gave a brief update on the Utilities Department, and informed the Board how busy they have been with burials these past months due to COVID-19. Chief Thornton reported on the Police Department and said the officers have been proactively shutting down parties in town every weekend, and enforcing the mask use, other than that everything else seems to be going smooth. Jorge Au, Fire Chief reported on the Fire Department training ongoing with weekend shifts. Recruitment and retention efforts ongoing, also obtaining quotes from LN Curtis & Sons and CASCO for equipment needed and working with Village staff on PO request. Lisa Neal, Library Director reported that due to Lockdown they didn't assist anyone in November there were 10 people, 2 adults and 6 youth, during November who utilized the library and internet service for homeschooling.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres informed the Board of Trustees that the Village of Hatch was the recipient of the Rising Start Award. This award is presented by DFA and recognizes the local governments who demonstrated progress in budget management standards, improved quality

budgets, and financial reporting. It also recognized significant strides in overcoming budget and financial challenges, for this congratulations to Clerk Treasurer and Staff.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_