



# VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Minutes

**Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Franzoy, Angel Soto, Elizabeth Soto, Concha Benavidez, Andy Legarreta, Alice Soto, Bernadette Acosta, Teresa Trujillo, Lisa Neal, Matt Thompson, Trey Gimler, Elizabeth Porras.

**Trustees Chambers - 133 North Franklin St, Hatch New Mexico**

### 1. Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of Silence

#### **Minutes:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch was held in the Trustees Chambers located at 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, NM, on the above date. Mayor Torres, asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Torres-Present, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-Present, Trustee Crist-Absent, Trustee Martinez-Absent, Trustee Franzoy-Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Atencio led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Franzoy gave the opening prayer.

### 2. \* Approval of Agenda

#### **Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. Motion carried.

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

### 3. \* Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Utility Applications, Travel & Training, Regular Meeting Minutes October 14, 2025).

#### **Minutes:**

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

### 4. Public input

**Minutes:**

Bernadette Acosta, President of the Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the planned holiday activities. She announced that an X-Mas Concert will be held on December 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hatch High School Gym. The Army Corps will be performing, and the event is open to the public.

**5. Bohannon Huston Report****Minutes:**

Matt Thompson, Senior Vice President provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Bohannon Huston.

**6. \*Ordinance No. xxx Amending Ordinance No. 414 for Storm Pump funding grant to amend section 12.****Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Ordinance No. 429 Amending Ordinance No. 414 for Storm Pump funding grant to amend section 12. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**7. \*Resolution No. xxx - Authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan and subsidy agreement ("Loan Agreement") by and between the Village of Hatch, New Mexico (The Governmental Unit) and the New Mexico Finance Authority ("NMFA").**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AND SUBSIDY AGREEMENT ("LOAN AGREEMENT") BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF HATCH, NEW MEXICO (THE "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY ("NMFA"), IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$325,500) ("LOAN") EVIDENCING A SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO PAY A MAXIMUM REPAYABLE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$130,200), TOGETHER WITH INTEREST, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF IMPROVING THE SYSTEM BY CONDUCTING A LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO PLANNING, DESIGNING AND REPLACING OF LEAD SERVICE LINES, INCLUDING AN INVENTORY/SURVEY TO DETERMINE IF LEAD EXISTS IN THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT'S WATER UTILITY SYSTEM LINES AND SHALL INCLUDE DRINKING WATER FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WORK AND REVISIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND SUCH OTHER RELATED WORK AND REVISIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT ("PROJECT"), AND SOLELY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE AND PAYMENT OF THE LOAN SOLELY FROM THE NET REVENUES OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

**Minutes:**

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve Resolution No. 1106 Authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan and subsidy agreement ("Loan Agreement") by and between the Village of Hatch, New Mexico (The Governmental Unit) and the New Mexico Finance Authority ("NMFA"). Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**8. \*Consideration and approval of the Splashpad Project Construction Contract Award.**

**Minutes:**

Bids were opened for the above-referenced project on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 10:00 am. The Project includes construction of a new splash pad and new restroom building. The new splash pad will be open to the public on a seasonal basis and will be located within the Hatch Community Center Recreational Park area. The new splash pad and restroom building will serve to enhance this recreational area and will include improved accessibility for the disabled. The project was bid on a lump sum base bid with three additive alternates basis given the known limited funding available. A total of three bids were received before the scheduled bid opening time. A summary of the bids received is shown below:

Las Cruces Construction, LLC Fairacres, NM Total base bid - \$1,052,028.00; Additive Alternates - \$828,891.00; Total base bid and additive alternates \$1,880,919.00

Highland Enterprises, Inc. Las Cruces, NM Total base bid - \$1,284,390.00; Additive Alternates; \$1,004,411.00; Total base bid and alternates \$2,288,801.00

Morrow Enterprises, Inc. Las Cruces, NM Total base bid - \$1,425,783.00; Additive Alternates - \$1,170,889.00; Total base bid and additive alternates \$2,596,672.00

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to award the Splashpad Project construction contract to Las Cruces Construction, LLC for the total base bid in the amount of \$1,052,028, excluding NMGR. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**9. Wilson & Company Report****Minutes:**

Representative from Wilson & Company was scheduled to provide an update; however, no representative was present.

**10. \*Consideration and approval of State Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries Agreement for FY26.****Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve the State Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries Agreement for FY26. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**11. \*Consideration and approval of an ordinance amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.08 Sewer Connections and Service Charges Sections 13.08.010 and 13.08.030****Minutes:**

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve an ordinance amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.08 Sewer Connections and Service Charges Sections 13.08.010 and 13.08.030. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**12. \*Consideration and approval of an ordinance amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.04 Water System Regulations, Section 13.04.060 Water Rates**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve an ordinance amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.04 Water System Regulations, Section 13.04.060 Water Rates. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**13. \*Consideration and approval of an ordinance amending Title 8 of the Hatch Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, Section 8.04.160 Collection and Disposal Service Fees , for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.**

**Minutes:**

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve an ordinance amending Title 8 of the Hatch Municipal Code, Chapter 8.04, Section 8.04.160 Collection and Disposal Service Fees, for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**14. \*Resolution No. xxx - Designating Village of Hatch Holiday Schedule for 2026.**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1108 Designating Village of Hatch Holiday Schedule for 2026. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**15. \*Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution Concerning Governing Body Meetings and the Public Notice Required**

**Minutes:**

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve Resolution No. 1107 A Resolution Concerning Governing Body Meetings and the Public Notice Required. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-absent, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**16. Department Head Input**

**Minutes:**

Lisa Neal, Library Director, provided a brief update on the library. She noted that the Trunk or Treat event was a success and that staff is now working on holiday

programming. She also reported that the library's annual report for this year has been submitted.

Trey Gimler, Chief of Police, reported on Police Department activity. There were a total of 327 calls for service, 27 of which belonged to DASO. Due to DASO being short-staffed, Hatch Police officers have been assisting until a deputy arrives, with wait times reaching up to one hour in some instances. The department issued 156 citations, had 51 court appearances, 9 penalties, 7 arrests, and 3 felony cases. Chief Gimler stated that he contacted METRO, and they are now assisting the department with investigations. He also reported that the evidence room was cleaned and NIVEN tested all firearms; two of the firearms returned results linking them to a shooting in Arizona.

## 17. Mayor & Trustees Input

### Minutes:

Mayor Torres reported that efforts continue to get the rest of the funding for the Canal Road bridge project so he will be attending a Legislative Priorities Forum for Dona Ana County Entities. The meeting will be held in person on Thursday, November 13th, at the DACC Workforce Center in Las Cruces.

## 18. \* Adjourn

### Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Franzoy, and it carried.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

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