



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Olvera, Elizabeth Soto, Angel Soto, Andrea Legarreta, Concha Benavidez, Alfredo Holguin, Aaron Diaz, Bernadette Acosta, Lisa Neal, Trey Gimler, Mike Castillo, 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 Martinez-Present (via phone), Trustee Olvera - Present, Trustee Chairez - Absent. There being a quorum, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio 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 Olvera gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

3. *Consent Agenda (Police, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent Bill List, Utility Applications, Travel & Training, SWD Extension of Sanitation Service Contract Renewal, Regular Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026).

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

4. Public input

Minutes:

Bernadette Acosta, President of the Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Chamber participated in the Back-to-School event and donated pencil pouches to students. She also reported that the Chamber team continues preparations for the Chile Festival weekend.

Aaron Henry Diaz, District Legislative Aide for State Representative Jennifer Jones, introduced himself to the Governing Body. Mr. Diaz stated that Representative Jones represents District 32, which includes the Village of Hatch, and encouraged the Village to reach out if there is anything the Representative's office can do to assist the Village.

5. ***Consideration and Approval to Support the Application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for a Special Event Permit for the Chile Festival Parade on Franklin and Hall Streets; to Authorize Village of Hatch Public Safety Personnel to Coordinate with NMDOT and Event Organizers as Necessary; and to Authorize the Use of Village Property on Adams Street for the Chile Festival weekend carnival.**

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio made a motion to support the application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for a Special Event Permit for the Chile Festival Parade on Franklin and Hall Streets; to authorize Village of Hatch public safety personnel to coordinate with NMDOT and event organizers as necessary; and to authorize the use of Village property on Adams Street for the Chile Festival weekend carnival. Seconded by Trustee Olvera. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. Bohannon Huston Report

Minutes:

Alfredo Holguin, Senior Project Manager provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Bohannon Huston.

7. ***Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution Authorizing the execution and delivery of a water project fund loan/grant agreement between the NMFA and the Village of Hatch.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WATER PROJECT FUND LOAN/ GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY ("NMFA") AND THE VILLAGE OF HATCH (THE "BORROWER/GRANTEE"), IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2,956,873, INCLUDING A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF 295,687 EVIDENCING AN OBLIGATION OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE TO UTILIZE THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STORAGE TANK, DEMO OLD TANK, REPAIR EXISTING PIPELINE SEGMENTS, AND SOLELY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE AND PAYMENT OF THE LOAN AMOUNT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SOLELY FROM THE NET SYSTEM REVENUES OF THE JOINT WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE; CERTIFYING THAT THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BORROWER/GRANTEE, IS SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN/GRANT 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/GRANT AGREEMENT.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1130, a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Water Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement

by and between the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) and the Village of Hatch, in the total amount of \$2,956,873, including a loan in the amount of \$295,687, for the financing of the Water Project, including the design and construction of a new storage tank, demolition of the existing tank, and repair of existing pipeline segments. Seconded by Trustee Olvera. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio — aye; Trustee Martinez — aye; Trustee Olvera — aye; Trustee Chairez - absent. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

8. *Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution establishing procedures for open meetings and reasonable public notice for the Village of Hatch.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1131 establishing procedures for open meetings and reasonable public notice for the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Olvera. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio — aye; Trustee Martinez — aye; Trustee Olvera — aye; Trustee Chairez - absent. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

9. *Consideration and approval of Professional/Expert Services Agreement between the Village of Hatch and Dusty Barnett Temporary Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Minutes:

Trustee Olvera moved to approve the Professional/Expert Services Agreement between the Village of Hatch and Dusty Barnett Temporary Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

10. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

There was no representative from Wilson & Company in attendance at this month's meeting.

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Lisa Neal, Library Director reported on ongoing Library activities, including the summer programs. She also reported that construction at the Library is scheduled to begin and has been busy packing books and moving items out of the Library in preparation for the construction.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director reported that the Public Works Department has been clearing the arroyo and removing dried salt cedar trees. He also reported that the Department is working to block access to portions of the arroyo where ATVs have been entering and damaging the banks, in an effort to prevent further damage.

Trey Gimler, Police Chief reported that operations at the Police Department are going well and that officers have been busy. He reported that implementation of the TRACS system is underway and is expected to be completed soon. He also reported that the New Mexico State Police continue to assist with investigations.

12. Mayor & Trustees Input

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Olvera, and it carried.

Signed: _____

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to discuss limited personnel matters; threatened or pending litigation, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act 10-15-1(H) (2), 10-15-1 (H) (7) and 10-15-1 (H) (5) respectively.

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Next Regular Meeting: September 8, 2026.