TIME & PLACE: The Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico, met in Regular Session in full conformity with the Law and Ordinances of said Board, at the Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday the 20th day of May, 2013 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Bill Jacka, Chairman and Angela A. Torres acted as Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following members were reported present:

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman
Alvin Siffring, Member
James Hunt, Member
George Szigeti, Member

Also Present:

Linda Lanham, Finance Director
Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director
Kori Jankowski, Utility Office Manager
Jimmy Capps, Sierra Electric Coop. Director
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

"Mike Potia moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Jacka, Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, April 15, 2013.

"Mike Potia moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, April 15, 2013 as submitted."

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Klaus Witten came before the Board with comments regarding the City budget.

OLD BUSINESS - SIERRA ELECTRIC COOP:

Jimmy Caps, Director of Sierra Electric Cooperative, reviewed a packet with the Board stating that the contract between Sierra Electric Coop., and the City of T or C has a component and the pricing changes annually on March 1st.

NEW BUSINESS - EXPIRATION OF BOARD MEMBERS - JAMES HUNT:

Bill Jacka, Chairman, asked Board member James Hunt, if he would like to serve another term on the Public Utility Advisory Board.

Mr. Hunt replied yes.

Bill Jacka, Chairman, asked his fellow Board members if they were in favor of having Mr. Hunt serve another term on the Public Utility Advisory Board.

Mike Potia, Alvin Siffring, and George Szigeti stated yes.

NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kori Jankowski, Utility Office Manager, reviewed the April 2013 Financial Report with the Board.

Alvin Siffring asked Ms. Jankowski what the various bars represented on the water production, and sales graph, stating that the graph is missing data.

Kori Jankowski, Utility Office Manager, noted that she will look into the error, and will forward the revised graph to the Board.

Bill Jacka, Chairman, had concerns regarding the sewer rates.

Kori Jankowski, Utility Office Manager, stated that there is no way to determine the loss for sewage.

Bill Jacka, Chairman, was concerned that they may not qualify for specific grants due to the upgrades that they are doing to the Treatment Plant.

Linda Lanham, Finance Director, noted that currently water and electric are the only funds that bring in revenue, so in order to determine which revenue will support itself they will need to separate each fund.

George Szigeti noticed the loss in water and electric on the sales graph, and asked if it was due to infrastructure problems, or if there was something else that contributed to the loss.

Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director, stated that the loss in electric is due to the billing process.

Alvin Siffring stated that the budget is not a sensible thing to work with. Their job as the Public Utility Advisory Board is to determine how to make the individual enterprises stand on their own two feet. Therefore they have to know what's going in, and coming out of each separate enterprise.
Linda Lanham, Finance Director, replied that she will gather some information to present at next month’s meeting, and then they can proceed from there.

NEW BUSINESS-
WH PACIFIC
PROPOSAL: Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director, stated that he was looking forward to the need for a Comprehensive Plan for the metering and other components of a Solar System for residential, commercial, and possibly non-profit situations. With the help of Mr. Szigeti they started with this, and asked WH Pacific to assist them in putting something together.

Bill Jacka, Chairman, asked that the proposal be listed under Old Business at next month’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board Bill Jacka, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of June 2013, on motion duly made by Alvin Siffring, seconded by Willy Szigeti, and carried.

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board