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 Tuesday the 18th day of July, 2011 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
Alvin Siffring, Member
James Hunt, Member

Also Present:
Ellen Lindsey, Acting City Manager
Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:
Mike Potia, Vice Chairman

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.

"James Hunt moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday June 20, 2011.

"James Hunt moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, June 20, 2011 as submitted."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION-MILLIE MCLEOD: "Alvin Siffring moved to accept Millie McLeod’s resignation letter."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: "Alvin Siffring moved to keep Bill Jacka as Chairman and Mike Potia as Vice Chairman."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.
Ellen Lindsey, Acting City Manager reported that she does not know when the last rate analysis was done so she wanted to bring it up for discussion. She also stated the waste water rates are not self-sustaining, and they cannot afford themselves or break even, but the water does.

Bill Jacka, Chairman asked if the wastewater is being charged through the water.

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager stated it's an average for residential customers but not for commercial customers. She explained they take the water consumption from December - March with the lowest water usage, throw out the highest month and divide it by three, and that becomes their sewer average total for the rest of the year, and that they will never be billed more than their average for the three months.

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager stated that currently the wastewater rates are higher than the water rates.

Ellen Lindsey, Acting City Manager stated in the following fiscal year when we ask for grants or federal funds the first thing they are going to look at is if the wastewater treatment plant is self-sufficient, and if they can afford themselves, and stated if we are not breaking even than we are not going to be eligible for upcoming funding.

Bill Jacka, Chairman asked that the City compile numbers on the deficit they occur for a year, how many residential customers are paying sewer and water, and a figure of things they are wanting to include in the next five years so they can discuss those issues at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

There was no conservation study discussed.


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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of August, 2011, on motion duly made by [Name], seconded by [Name], and carried.

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board