PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO  

Monday September 18th, 2006  
REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  

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 18th of September A.D., 2006 at 5:30 P.M.  

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Virginia Womack acted as Secretary by recording the business at hand.  

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

Alvin Siffring, Chairman  
Lola Polley, Vice-Chairman  
Charles Hibler, Member  
James Hunt, Member  

Also Present:  

Jaime Aguilera, City Manager  
Scott Weber, Utility Office Manager  

Absent Was/Were  

Bill Jacka, Member  

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alvin Siffring called for approval of the Agenda.  

Alvin Siffring suggested that we move item #3 to the last item.  

“James Hunt moved that the Agenda be approved as amended.”  

Seconded by Charles Hibler  
Motion carried unanimously  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring called for review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 21st, 2006.  

“Charles Hibler moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 21st, 2006 be approved as submitted.”  

Seconded by James Hunt  
Motion carried unanimously  

CONTRACT/ASH ST. REBUILD: Gil Avelar was unable to make it to the meeting.  

Jaime: I don’t have anything new however they seem to be on course.  

Discussion only, no action taken.  

WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLIER PROPOSALS Jaime: We hired ESC, we talked about what we needed. I gave them a copy of the existing agreement with Sierra and I told
EVALUATION OF BID SUBMITTALS:

them that what we needed was to put this out to bid because we needed to find out who could give us the best price on power. Sierra was the lowest bidder. Now we need this board to review the bids and make a recommendation to the City Commission as to whom we should start negotiations with because even though they are the lowest bidder there are still a lot of details to be worked out in the contract basis.

Scott Weber: Presented the board with a report (Complete copy attached hereto and made apart hereof) of last fiscal years WAPA charges for each month and Tri-State and Sierra because these didn’t include the wheeling or the western charges which is separate.

Discussion ensued

"James Hunt made a motion to recommend to the City Commission to enter into negotiations with Sierra Electric Coop with Tri-State G & T to work out a contract and pursue option two."

Seconded by Lola Polley
Alvin Siffring Yes
Lola Polley Yes
James Hunt Yes
Charles Hibler Abstained
Motion carried

It was the consensus of the board to have the current electric rate study on the next agenda.

REVIEW DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDY:

Jaime: I hired Engineers Inc. because we don’t have Impact Fees. These fees are traditionally created to pay for new development or to have new development pay for itself. So that when a new subdivision comes in their taking up sewer capacity that the rest of us have already paid for a long time ago. They should then put money into the kitty so that we can increase the capacity at the sewer plant or in the water system. Development fees are for many other things but at this point, I’m just talking about our basic utilities.

It’s important that we do this soon because we got a large development that is coming in 180 acres with 400-500 homes up on the other side of the freeway. That is going to take up a lot of our capacity and their not going to have to pay for it unless this fee is in place.

Discussion ensued.

"James Hunt made a motion to recommend to the City Commission to accept the Impact Fee Report and that they establish impact fees from alternative one."

Seconded by Lola Polley
Motion carried unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Scott Weber: I don’t have any reports for you this month for electric, however I do have a water well report with the well levels.

Discussion ensued, no action taken.

WATER CONSERVATION STUDY:

Jaime: I would like this board to start looking at water conservation issues. Cities that have trouble with water are heavily into that. They pass out free toilet bladders to reduce the amount to water that your toilet uses. They give out free low flow shower heads.
I think we need to concentrate more on water conservation this coming year.

James Hunt: We might consider with these new building constructions coming in that they use water saver toilets.

Discussion only, no action taken

ADJOURNMENT:

“Lola Polley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.”

Seconded by Charles Hibler
Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of October, 2006, on motion duly made by Charles Hibler, seconded by Bill Sacka, and carried.

Alvin W. Siffring, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory board