

Board Chairman calls the meeting to order at 7:23pm on August 13, 2024.

Robert Montague gave the opening prayer.

Flint Tietjen led the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Robert Montague, Whitney Croley, Shawna Grassie and Michael Croley for the board, with Blanche Clawson absent. Flint Tietjen and Maryah Maki, acting as secretary were also in attendance.

Shawna motioned to approve the minutes from the July 8 Board Meeting. Whitney seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Flint said that we had a Sanitary Survey from the Drinking Water Bureau earlier that day. He said the survey went well.

Flint said that earlier that month one of the water samples came back positive for Coliform. He had to take 5 more samples: one from the same house, one upstream, one downstream, and one from each well. All came back negative. He said he didn't have to take any more samples, but we would have to pay for the samples. Whitney asked what might cause that? Flint said that he believed they could have given him a bad bottle to sample with, and that he has seen that before. He said the new samples he did were from bottles he had on hand.

Flint said that he would like to auction off the wood piled up at the transfer station (from branches cut around town). Whitney asked if we could donate to the Cox family and Michael asked if it could be free for people 70 or up. Flint reminded them that legally we couldn't, and we needed to auction it. Flint said no minimum bid. He said there were a couple of chords, and we could sell it as a whole. Whitney said that it would need to be cash, and they would have to pick it up on Saturday when Cole was there doing trash. Whitney suggested having someone in the office to receive sealed bids for 2 weeks, and then we could close it on the Saturday before the next Board Meeting. Robert said we needed to post it the same as the Board Meeting. We'd need to post online, and at the dump, and in post office. Maryah said she would get it posted. Robert thought it would need to be posted for a month, but it was decided a few weeks would work. It was discussed that it could be on the agenda, and they could open and decide the next Board Meeting. Shawna made a motion

that we would open up the silent auction 2 weeks before the Board Meeting, with the last date being the Tuesday of September 10th to put a bid in, and highest bidder wins. Michael seconded it. Motion was carried unanimously.

Flint said that he had bought a pneumatic piercing tool that drills the ground under a road. He bought it in the hopes that the town would purchase it from him to use it. He said he would sell it to the town for what he purchased it for. He said that if we had to change a galvanized line under the road, we would be in trouble. He said you could put a 2" line through the hole. Michael motioned that we would purchase the pneumatic piercing tool from Flint for \$2,100. Whitney seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Robert asked Maryah to make out the check to Flint, and Flint said he'd make out a Bill of Sale for it.

Flint said that there was an option to haul the wood branches in the Park area to burn it by the WWTP. It would cost to move it, but less than to chip it. He said Seth would give a burn permit for down there. Discussion was made to make a sign to not dump branches in the Park area anymore. Whitney made a motion to pay for the labor of moving the branches so we could burn them on our property by the WWTP. Robert reminded Flint to clear the area before burning it. Shawna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Flint brought up that Jodie Lewis wanted to hook up a sewer and water hookup to 52 Lewis St. He said he might have to cut the road to be able to get to a sewer line deep enough. Discussion was made about if we might need to charge more than the \$600 if we had to do that. Flint said he would dig up on that side of the road first to see if the line might be deep enough right by the road. Flint suggested that the board think about charging more than the \$600 if it costs the town more to do the hookup. No voting could be done at this meeting because it wasn't on the Agenda. Maryah is going to put it on the next agenda. Robert asked if it might be possible for Jodie to do the work himself with the equipment he had? It was decided that if you allowed one person to do it, then other people who didn't have that expertise might try it and mess up.

Maryah found an old email that Michele had spoken with someone at Core the possibility of sending bills online rather than mailing them if someone chose to do that. She asked if that was something the Board might want to consider.

Whitney motioned that we could put on the bills we mailed out to ask if people would want it sent to them as an E-bill. Shawna seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Maryah said she was going to speak to the Board about the funds we received for the L600218, but they hadn't come in, yet.

The Board signed the Open Meetings Act Resolution and resolutions to only use the Ramah Irrigation Company and Ramah Acequia shares to form a quorum in meetings, and not to vote on anything.

Robert said we needed to vote on an intent to apply for money through the county or state on things we need for the town. It wouldn't be voting on spending any money, but just the application. Michael motioned that RW&SD Board would sign the intent to apply. Whitney seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was planting trees in the Park area, which was Blanche's idea. She wasn't here to speak about it. Robert said that he found out from Angelina (from the county) that if you wanted to apply for grants to do anything to the park, you would need a plan and design put together, first. Robert suggested putting the notice in bills for ideas. Robert suggested naming the park the Ramah Memorial Park. Robert said that having something with all veterans' names on a plaque would be great. Then Robert said that we could use the area we used to have renters in trailers to the East of the office as an RV park area. No sewer offered, but maybe water and electricity. Whitney suggested going to nurseries and asking for tree donations when we are ready for that. Maryah said that Linda Burson suggested Navajo Willows. Robert said that along with the tree watering lines, maybe we should have a drinking water line. It was decided that each Board member could bring a plan in they designed, and maybe ask around for design ideas and have that for next meeting. Robert suggested that Jodie as he was making the road to his property that he might smooth out some areas for us in the Park. Maryah reminded everyone that Blanche wanted to vote on planting trees soon. Whitney said that we really couldn't do that until we planned the park and decided what to do. It was decided to put off discussion of the trees until the park was planned. Maryah said that Linda Burson also suggested asking

families around to donate trees for the park. The Board thought that was a good idea, if we could say what times to do it.

Robert asked if we wanted to do the next Community Cleanup trash container should be in August or September? Lots of discussion was made about what it should cost to dump things like mattresses and furniture. Michael made a motion to do the next trash container in September on Wednesday September 11, then on Saturday, then possibly the next Wednesday until full. He also said that we should charge \$20 for mattress, and other large furniture drop off. Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert said he went to the county and asked \$15,000 to help with the Lambson Subdivision road. He said they told him they couldn't give money, but might give better price for millings. He thought that all of the Lambson Subdivision roads needed to be done. Whitney said if it didn't take too much money from the funds, that might be OK. Robert said that we had already put money into the other road project, and we should still have half of that left. Maryah said that currently in the DOT funds, we had \$4936.00. That was after putting an extra \$15,000 in over the amount promised for the last project. Flint said we already had the culverts we needed. Whitney asked how much we were supposed to get for this project? Robert said \$16,000, and adding the \$4,936 to it we had \$20,000. But Flint reminded them that we paid about that much just for the millings for the last project. Then we still had the compactor and the Lewis's cost. Whitney said we needed to find out how much the millings would cost. Robert said we told the county it would cost around \$36,000 for the road. We are supposed to put in over \$5,000. We would need \$13,000 more. Robert said we could vote to put another \$15,000 in. Whitney said she didn't think we should pay that much more in. If we did, in one year we'd be paying \$35,000. Shawna said we needed to know how much the county would give us the millings for. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Robert said that Rodney was already supposed to have come out to see the road and let them know. He said he'd call him to ask.

Robert asked Flint to find out where the water line was to get it to the Park property. Flint said he'd ask Gerald Hinkey about where he knows the line is.

Maryah said that Cindy Blea had said that yes it would need to be brought to our property. But who knows when that was going to happen?

Robert said that Flint could do something to tread the new stairs and ramp we have into the office. Flint asked if we would want to put the outdoor carpet on it, instead? Discussion was made about which would be safest? Flint said it could last longer than the tread. He said it could hold up better. Robert said that we should try it with the carpet. It wouldn't need to be a vote.

Shawna motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Whitney seconded it. It passed unanimously.