

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 8:20pm.

Assembly members in attendance were Ken Kiesling, Freda Donica, Mac Poling, Linda Bradshaw, Sue Kinzie.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kiesling dispensed with the approval of the agenda to move the meeting along.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sue Kinzie moved for the approval of minutes of July 28, 2011.

It was seconded by Mac Poling and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

II. Presentation by State Representative Jim Hall

State Representative Jim Hall gave a general discussion about Redistricting, the process and how it works. Elements of process are Census, Principle, Compactness, Packing & Cracking, Protecting Incumbents and Proposals. There is a Census every ten years and it is important that everyone is counted. The next step is if Precincts get redrawn and redefined, there are almost no restrictions on what constitutes a Precinct. There are Precincts in New Mexico with as little or as few as three people in them and others with seven thousand. County Commissions have a right and practice to have Precincts as high as they want. The Town of Cochiti Lake is a Precinct. In the State of New Mexico the Legislature redistricts five things, the Public Education Commission which sets the creation of the Department of Education, PRC, Congressional District and House and the Legislature attempts to redistrict all five of those. State Representative Jim Hall thanked the Assembly and residents for allowing him to make his presentation and stated that Local Government Really Matters. He said that we are his Constituents and we are always welcome to call him.

III. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrator Reports

Administrator Mary Wheeler gave some background on Ron Fernandez, Interim Head of CCDC. He was born in Laguna, New Mexico; his family owned a small grocery store. He studied banking and finance in college. He was in Commodities and a Brokerage Firm. His father died and he came back to New Mexico and grew the family grocery store into three hundred stores here and in the Arizona area. He then went into Consulting. He did some Consulting for Sandia and then he was asked by the Pueblo de Cochiti to move CCDC forward as they were in a lot of debt. He was brought in as a person who could look at the situation and make a lot of recommendations and then they will eventually hire someone permanently. His goal was to turn CCDC into a business entity with various components such as the C-Store, Laundromat, Golf Course and the Town of Cochiti Lake, making them Consumer Friendly. He wants to listen to the consumers who supports the entities and wants to treat it all as a business. He talked

about how CCDC got into their situation and his approach on how to get them out of it. His focus is on making the employees answerable for their actions and is organizing and acknowledging all of the employees in a positive way. His focus is on cleaning the Golf Course of litter and maintaining facilities. He wants to turn the C-Store into a minimart as opposed to just a C-Store. He also worked for Exxon and he wants to get rid of Phillips 66 and bring in a no name brand of fuel. He wants to have the marina up and running with enough spaces for the Town. The sewer problem is that the whole project is entangled at the moment in just getting grants. The road sealing and crack and curb repair were also discussed with the Governor. He would like security increased for the whole area, to include the Town of Cochiti Lake. Mary reported that her meeting with Ron Fernandez was very enthusiastic and positive. Mary will ask Gloria, Town Treasurer, to ask the DFA to see if the Town can get more LCAA Grant money for the coming year.

2. Art Guild

Phyllis Orbaugh, Secretary of the Art Guild, reported that the overall feeling is very positive even in changing dates for the Art Guild events. Phyllis reported that the Silent Auction went very well this year for the Art Guild and for the Artists.

3. Community Fund

Community Fund Chair Person, Diane Burchard reported that they had a meeting that Sue Kinzie attended so that she could better understand the functions of the Community Fund and how the committee collects and spends funds. Diane reported that she received a report from Mary Wheeler, Town Administrator on the progress of the West Side Project. The Community Fund donated some money for the project and also donated money to Bob Rock for the bench he built and put at the Memorial Garden.

4. Desert Paws

Raymond Sandor thanked everyone who participated and helped with their sales. He reported that they adopted out two dogs in two weeks and that they have four kitties and three young cats. Raymond said that cats are always more difficult to adopt out. Raymond reported that Desert Paws offered to build a dog house and a fence for free for a resident that had their dog tied up. The finances for the Desert Paws are doing well, making \$600 from bake sales and fund raisers, and that the news letter would be out soon.

5. Election Board

There was no activity to report.

6. Fire Department

Mike Whyte reported that they had 198 medical calls and 23 fire calls. The Fire Department has taken possession of the new ambulance. The new ambulance will be in service as soon as the title arrives. Mike reported that it was the second ambulance for the Fire Department.

7. Hospitality No report was given.

8. Joint Commission

There was no activity to report. Mayor Kiesling spoke to Tribal Administrator, Richard Pecos, who said that it was on their agenda to have regular meetings of the Joint Commission reinstated. There was no other news regarding the Joint Commission.

9. Library

Library Director, Mary Badarak, reported that the annual report of the Library to the State Library was filed August of 2011. \$5977 in Grant-in-Aid was received. The Legal Services area has changed and has grown by about 30%. The Legal Services area for several years has been 394, based on the Census of 2000. The new Census of 2010, with redistricting for the Library as well, they now has 567 people in the Legal Services area of the Library. Legal Services means the population that is responsible for the financial support and essentially the Fiscal Agency of the Library. All annual reports filed by the Library are online and can be compared and contrasted. State General Obligation Bond money in the balance of \$3797 and State Grant-in-Aid money and General Obligation Bond money is to purchase equipment and the maintenance of the Library and the purchase of books and materials for the collection. State Grant-in-Aid can also be used in assisting to pay for salaries and subscriptions and technological support. The Sandoval County Commission met to approve the bond sale for the 2010 bond that was passed at the last election, and the Library expects to learn what the Library's allocation will be at the end of this calendar year. Mary reported that as part of the Digital Literary Initiative, the State Library is providing each public library in the State with 2 Kindles. Along with the Kindle are books and materials and some courses for Library volunteers and Library Director on how to use them. The Library has 10 computers in use and within the last several months the Library has offered computer tutoring. Those who are interested in computer tutoring or volunteers who can teach a computer class can call the Library and make an appointment. The Library has a new work space for archiving. Friday Night Flix is in the Fire Hall on Fridays at 7:30pm, and it's free. The Library Director asked the Library Board Chairperson, Cindy Eakin, to make her announcement. Cindy asked for volunteers to fill 3 openings on the Library Board. The Library Board is responsible for setting policy for the Library as well as coordinating schedules for Mary and the volunteers. Interviews will be held on November 15, 2011 at 2pm. Cindy said that if you do not want to sit on the Library Board you can join the other 24 volunteers who sit at the desk and help patrons.

10. Memorial Park Committee

Suzanne Guy reported that she was coordinating volunteers for the spring. The park is in good shape for the winter. Suzanne said that she has talked to several people who are willing to help. She invited everyone who would like to be in a wonderful serene place to work with her and the other volunteers to please let her know. She stated that some people were telling her that they would instead kill the plants. Suzanne said no problem; you are still needed to maybe do some weeding. The Memorial Park Committee will call a meeting soon and training would be available. The Committee is gearing up for spring and all suggestions are welcome. She thanked all volunteers and invited everyone to the Memorial Park to just sit and enjoy the surroundings of the special oasis and maybe read a book from the Library.

11. Recycling

Jeff Hill reported that the Recycling center was going good and under control. He reported that recyclables can be left at any time as well as Saturdays in the bins provided. Cardboard is not accepted at this time as there is no room to store it. Fluorescent bulbs, batteries and paint were a concern that there is not a way of disposing them at this time. There were suggestions on disposing of the items. Phyllis Orbaugh reminded everyone that it was the young people of the Town who painted the recycling area.

12. Zoning

Zoning Board Chair, Hap Paull, read a status report that was created by David Craig. The Zoning Board has had a lot of meetings, sometimes two or more a month, although within the last month they have slowed to one every two to three weeks. The Zoning Board has done very well in clearing up their backlog of complaints. They have acted on several complaints and new ones have come in. The Zoning Board has approved a building permit and Les Zielinski is a new member. Hap reported that the main area of concern was about responsibility, authority and enforcement. And who has the authority and control of the Green Belt area. Hap reported that what they can do as a Zoning Board is regardless of whom ultimately is going to be responsible for any kind of enforcement with any particular issue. The Board can send out letters out but in the areas of confusion as to who has the last word, the Board is working on getting concrete answers on the authority and enforcement issues. Once the Board has their concerns addressed and clarified it will be put into writing so that everyone would be very clear with all the processes. Hap suggested that it might be put on the Town website. He reported that they have been doing well and that they have an opening on the Board.

IV. TOWN HALL REPORTS

The Assembly members gave no reports. Mayor Kiesling thanked everyone for attending the meeting and that he appreciates the support.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Town meeting was scheduled for January 26, 2012 at the New Community Center.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Sue Kinzie moved to adjourn the meeting. **It was seconded by Mac Poling and passed with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.**

Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk