

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donica called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Assembly members in attendance were Freda Donica, Mary Ann Closson, Tony Da Silva, Ken Kiesling. Linda Bradshaw was excused from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tony Da Silva moved for the approval of the agenda.

It was seconded by Ken Kiesling and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mayor Donica stated that it is tradition to thank the outgoing members, Tony Da Silva and Mary Ann Closson for their years of service and devotion to the Town of Cochiti Lake and asked if they had something to say. Tony Da Silva stated that the volunteer Assembly is key on how the Town operates and that the Assembly in particular has a duty and a responsibility, not just for their own particular agendas but to the Town as a whole. Tony read the Oath of Office aloud and hoped that the Assembly would abide by it, and that the citizens needed to make sure that the Assembly members preserve, protect and abide by the laws of the town. Mary Ann Closson echoed Tony in his position on being impartial. She has enjoyed listening to the citizens of the Town with their concerns and/or complaints, which is part of the Assembly's responsibility. She asked the Assembly not to promote their own agenda and to think of the Town first. Mary Ann suggested the Assembly reassess the tax base to bring it up to date to make it fair for everyone. She was concerned about those with financial difficulties being allowed to sign checks and handle the Raymond James investment account, and hoped that Mallory White would continue to be the trustee at Raymond James. She also noted that the Fire Department and the Library are very important to the Town, and was very appreciative of State representative Jeannette Wallace, recently deceased, who helped the Fire Department get State funding. Mary Ann also requested a cleanup day for the Town with roll offs located at the Maintenance Barn.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Seating of New Assembly Members

Mayor Donica administered the Oath of Office to the three New Assembly Members and congratulated them.

2. Election of Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem

Mac Poling nominated Ken Kiesling for Mayor.

It was seconded by Sue Kinzie and passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

Freda Donica cast the dissenting vote.

Sue Kinzie nominated Mac Poling for Mayor Pro Tem

It was seconded by Ken Kiesling and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Ken asked Sue and Mac to comment. Sue had no comments while Mac stated that he was happy to have been elected and that he will try to make things better for the Town. Mayor Kiesling stated that not all would agree but that the result of the election symbolizes the residents of the Town taking back their Town Assembly. He thanked Tony Da Silva and Mary Ann Closson for their service. Three new members have given their word to abide by the Oath. Lastly he stated that the personal slant and other comments have helped him realize how important it is that the Town has the current Assembly rather than the previous Assembly.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mac Poling moved to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Sue Kinzie and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk