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## Minutes

### **Sky Country Estates Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025.**

Meeting called to order by President Koch at 3:00 pm MST.

Directors present in person are President Koch, Secretary Hanson and Director Littlefield. Directors attending by conference call are Vice President Estrada and Treasurer McDaniel. Quorum confirmed.

Members attending by conference call are Gary Brotan and Eric Honeyfield.

There were no Director or Public comments.

President Koch presented the minutes of the January 8, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. Secretary Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025 and the motion was seconded by Treasurer McDaniel. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Koch presented the financial report as of the end of January 2025. The report is also on our website, [www.skycountryestateswater.com](http://www.skycountryestateswater.com). Total expenses for January were \$798.86. The majority of that was payment of Gross Receipts Tax of \$258.11 and the electricity bill of \$202.48. The total revenue for the month of January was \$2,208.82. The cash in First National Bank checking at the end of January was \$70,671.17 and the total cash in our QuickBooks checking was \$13,876.19. Total cash available at the end of January was \$84,547.36.

President Koch reported the water system currently is using between 900 and 1,000 gallons of water per day. Water use has dropped from the beginning of the year when we were using from 1,100 to 1,300 gallons per day. Well # 2 has dropped production to around 725 to 750 gallons per day and well # 3 will produce around 750 gallons per day. President Koch said well # 3 is not run all the time, only when needed to increase the amount of water in the storage tank above 9,000 gallons. We have not had any issues with the system lately, our chlorine levels are correct and we continue to pass the monthly water sample tests. Director Littlefield asked if we are still using the fiberglass storage tank. Yes, but we will have to find another solution for storage by November 2025. That solution will depend upon the results of the grant applications we have submitted for which we should know the results sometime between the end of March to June.

President Koch gave an update on the two grant applications we have submitted for the water system improvement project. We have submitted to the Water Trust Board an

application for \$275,000 for the cost of engineering for the entire project and submitted to the State Legislature Capital Outlay program for \$710,000 for new well and associated items, such as new storage. The current legislative session runs until the end of March and at that time we should know if our requests have been approved and how much we are awarded. The legislature must approve both requests. Member Honeyfield asked if we have talked with any of our legislators. President Koch said our only contact was a hearing he attended late last year with Souder Miller and Associates in Ruidoso at which our grant proposals were presented and the legislators could ask questions.

No old business.

Under New Business President Koch presented an inquiry from Mr. Burke, lot # 68, regarding any interest we might have to contribute toward his improvement of the "jeep trail" on his property on which there is an easement for the water system for access, maintenance and repair of the water system. The easement was created and recorded on November 11, 1999. The "jeep trail" is an unimproved trail that goes from Big Dipper Road across from the water tanks on lot # 9 down onto the Burkes property. Under that "jeep trail" we have two water lines, one from the well on lot # 68 to the storage tanks on lot 9. There is also a service line from the storage tanks to Burkes residence. Mr. Burke wanted to know since we have an easement on that trail if the SCEMDWCA wanted to contribute to the cost of improving that trail. The request was deferred to the next Board meeting in March when we have more information on the improvement project when it is completed and the Directors have more time to think about and consider.

There were no public or Director comments.

Vice President Estrada made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Secretary Hanson. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm MST.

Approval of Minutes:

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