

DRAFT to be Approved
Minutes of
Sky Country Estates Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 3:00 pm MST

1. President Koch called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm MDT.
2. Members attending in person are Director Littlefield, Secretary Hanson and President Koch. Directors attending by phone are Vice-President Estrada and Treasurer McDaniel. Quorum confirmed. Also present was member Mike Dubois.
3. There were no Director or Public comments.
4. President Koch presented the minutes from the February 12, 2025, Board meeting. All the Directors present confirmed they have reviewed them and reading was not necessary. Secretary Hanson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Treasurer McDaniel. Motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Directors.
5. Treasurer McDaniel reviewed the end of February 2025 financial report. Administrative expenses for the month were \$455.27, the water system expenses were \$290.72 for a total expense for the month of \$745.99. Income for the month was \$3,704.62 which included a new member fee of \$1,500. Treasurer McDaniel welcomed the new member, Tammy Vasilatos. The First National Bank balance was \$72,193.561 and the QuickBooks Checking balance was \$14,904.19 for a total cash available of \$87,097.70. Total assets including cash, land and water system are \$484,611.63. There were no questions or comments from the Directors. As of the end of February we have used 47 percent of the budget. After allocation for reserve funds, the general fund total is \$32,097.70. The reserve funds total \$55,000.
6. President Koch gave a short report on the water system. Daily water use varies from 1,000 to 1,200 gallons per day with an average the last 30 days of 1,157 gallons per day. Well # 2 production is down to 700 gallons per day and well # 3 production is also at 700 gallons per day. Over the last 30 days we have pumped 20,567 gallons from well #2 and 16,350 gallons from well # 3, a total of 36,917 gallons.

We are using only the 15,000-gallon fiberglass tank and try to keep it between 60 and 100 percent filled. Well # 2 is on all the time, but only pumps when the well recharges, guessing it runs about 50 % of the time. Well # 3 is turned on about 30% of the month to fill the 5,000-gallon tank and the booster pump is run only when the storage tank falls below 65 percent filled.

The chlorination system keeps the water in the service lines close to the preferred 1 ppm of chlorine. As a result, we have been passing all our monthly water tests.

If the drought keeps up, we could be looking at purchasing water to keep up with demand, especially when we get into the summer months.

7. Water System Improvement Project. President Koch reported we have been notified by the NM Environment Department that we are in compliance with the NM Drinking Water Regulations, utility operator certification act and the Sanitary Projects act. We need to be compliant for financial aid. Samantha Barncastle, our attorney, sent an email stating our requests for financial aid are being worked on by the NM legislature. New Mexico State House bill # 206 that is carrying our funding requests has passed the house completely and is now in the State senate going through committees. Hopefully we will know more about our grant request sometime late April.

8. No Old Business.

9. New Business.

A. The Sky Country Estates Property Owners Association (POA) has an issue with easement access on Clear Nite Road from the intersection with Capricorn Point and Clear Sky Road to lot 68. The property owner on the north side of and adjoining Sky Country Estates has installed a gate on this portion of Clear Nite Road which if closed and locked would interfere with the access to the wells on lot # 68. The issue the POA is working on is clarification of the easement on that part of Clear Nite Road. We, SCEMDWCA, also have an interest because we need access to our wells on lot # 68. President Koch stated he believes we, SCEMDWCA, should work with the POA to get this issue settled even if it ends up in a civil legal case because we need access to this portion of Clear Nite Road. Discussion followed. As a result of the discussion, Treasurer McDaniel made a motion to join with the POA regarding the access issue on Clear Nite Road, in whatever action is taken and to fund whatever amount is needed to conclude whatever action is needed. The motion was seconded by President Koch. The motion was passed unanimously by the Directors. Treasurer McDaniel made another motion that whatever is needed as financial assistance that we assist with whatever amount is needed. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Estrada. By unanimous vote of the Directors the motion was approved.

B. Burkes Easement Access. The Burkes, lot # 68, have asked if SCEMDWCA would like to contribute to the cost of improvements on the jeep trail that runs from Big Dipper Road down to the Burkes home since there is a utility easement for water lines on that section. Discussion followed. The Directors decided that since we have motioned and approved to join the POA in whatever action is taken to clarify access to the wells on lot # 68 not to consider the Burkes request.

10. Public Comments. Mr. DuBois made a comment that he doesn't like the comments that it is a lawsuit or nothing regarding the issue with the roads and easements solution. Mr. DuBois feels we should do some other kind of research or do something else. Mr. DuBois said all we have done so far is react and not done nothing on our own. Mr. DuBois said his comments are more for the POA than SCEMDWCA.

11. No Directors comments.

12. Secretary Hanson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Director Littlefield. Motion passed unanimously by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm MDT.

Approval of Minutes:

Date
