

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEETING, 17 MAY 2008**  
**WILDWOOD HIGHLANDS LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**POB 87, DATIL, NM 87821-0087**

The 2008 general meeting of the Wildwood Highlands Landowners' Association (WHLA) was held at the Datil, NM VFD Firehouse on 17 May 2008. WHLA Board of Directors (BoD) President Thomas A. Cook called the meeting to order at approximately 10:11 AM MDT. The balance of the BoD (Alma McCarty, Treasurer, Terri Brown, Vice-President, John Kell, Member-at-Large, and John Schaefer, Secretary) was present, as were approximately 22 other Association members and guests. The meeting agenda, which had been included in the meeting notice mailed in April, is attached. We conducted business as follows:

- President Cook introduced guest Roger Daigger, President of the Wildwood Landowners' Association, along with his introduction of the BoD members.
- The secretary read the informal minutes of the 2007 general meeting. Approval/acceptance was not sought due to their informal nature.
- The treasurer presented the 2007 financial report along with an interim 2008 report. These were approved.
- Terri Brown presented the annual roads report as prepared by ex-BoD member David Brown. Several members, principally ex-BoD members, criticized the Board's efforts at maintenance. After substantial discussion the report was approved as presented. John Kell suggested that the road report be placed on the Association's web site; this will be accomplished.
- President Cook presented his annual report. Highlights/lowlights of the year were
  - – Roads maintenance
  - – The defunct Community Well
  - – The updating and revision of the Association Bylaws
  - – The San Augustine Plains "water steal" issue (some 470 formal protests have been filed to the applicant's request to drill 37, 20" diameter wells East of Datil and remove 54,000 acre-feet of water annually). Member B. King advised us that one of our landowners, Ms. J. Trujillo, is a water rights expert (the WHLA is one of the protestors).
  - – The issue of the existing 4 easements affecting 8 of our property owners
  - – The Datil VFD is in the process of emplacing a 10,000 gallon water tank at the site of our defunct Community Well. Its purpose is restricted to firefighting. This point led to a lengthy discussion of the Community Well and its future (the forecast remains bleak).
- As "New Business" President Cook initiated a presentation outlining the history and apparent purpose of the property easements mentioned above, and the current BoD's position with respect to same. The presentation generated a lengthy and argumentative discussion between the BoD and several of the involved landowners.. After 42 minutes without progress the subject was closed.

- Continuing under New Business, President Cook presented the proposed 2008 WHLA budget.
- Opening the floor to member's concerns,
  - Ex-BoD member J. Laude criticized the Board's decision to lower the historic interest rate on late assessment payments from 10% per month to 2% per month.
  - Member C. Henn criticized the BoD's process in revising the Association Bylaws last fall. It was clear that there had been communications problems with Mr. Henn.

At 11:29 AM balloting began. There were 2 vacancies on the BoD, and 2 candidates. The only other issue was a BoD-initiated Bylaws amendment to increase the annual assessment by \$10\*. The amendment, which required a 2/3's majority to pass, failed by a vote\*\* of 27 for and 17 against. The 2 elected BoD members are:

John Kell, succeeding terms, and  
Fred Shepherd.

Following President Cook's thanks to outgoing treasurer Alma McCarty, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted this 1 June 2008, John F. Schaefer, Secretary 2008-2009. (s)

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\* The BoD is empowered to change the assessment by an amount less than or equal to the annual "Cost of Living" index. While that index was under 10% over the past year, the cost of fuels (a large, perhaps the largest, component of our maintenance costs) has recently risen well in excess of the overall index.

\*\* 47 ballots were received. On the proposed amendment portion 3 ballots were rejected as spoiled, so 30 yea's were required for approval.

1 attachment Meeting Agenda