

**MINUTES, 17 August 2008 MEETING
WHLA BOARD of DIRECTORS
DATIL, NM**

The WHLA BoD met on Sunday 17 August 2008 at the Cook residence at 4 PM MDT. Members Cook, Shepherd, Brown and Schaefer were present. Guests were Association members Ruth Cook, Jonille Shepherd, and Betty Schaefer. We conducted business as follows:

- Secretary Schaefer read the minutes of the 8 June 2008 BoD meeting. Same were approved.
- Treasurer Brown presented the current financial report; it was approved.

As old business:

- We discussed status of the effort to collect late fees due from about 7 association members. Two have paid. One was forgiven due to USPS loss of timely submission. There has been no response from the remainder.
- We reauthorized payment of \$20 for the Datil VFD for use of the firehouse for our 2008 general meeting.
- We discussed the defunct community well once again. We agreed to give our OK to the WLA to cap the well at little or no cost. President Cook reported that John Laude (Lot 9) declined our request that he assist us with efforts to get the 2 associations a source of domestic water.
- We again discussed the issue of the existing four easements affecting eight properties with boundaries common to Sugarloaf Subdivision (to the west and/or north of the Highlands. As a preliminary to the actions discussed at the 8 June BoD meeting, we have received confirmation from the co-developer (with R. Wellborn) of our subdivision that our interpretation of the reason for the easements is correct. We agreed to secure legal assistance to help resolve this long-standing and, to some very emotional, issue.
- We again discussed the specific "Cost of Living" index to be used in setting annual assessment rates. It was decided to extend the study a few more months, and make the determination late this year.
- President Cook reported on his meeting with the new WLA president, held ad hoc in lieu of the proposed joint BoD meeting. The outcome: We have proposed (and unanimously approved) a new side agreement, the essence of which is:
 - old claims for reimbursement from either party are dropped, and
 - we adhere to the existing agreement, but require written concurrence before either party commits to expenditure of funds, and
 - this new modified agreement becomes affective upon approval by both Boards.

As new business,

- We noted that the 25 mph speed limit sign at our subdivision entrance on Agua Fria was missing. Rather than replace it we agreed to append an equivalent warning sign below the existing subdivision sign.

- Due to space limitations we agreed to remove old material from the website, to make room for new.
- It was noted that some vacuum cleaner salesmen had been making rounds in the 2 subdivisions. We urge awareness and caution.

We determined to next meet at the same time and place on Sunday 14 September 2008.

We adjourned at 5:00 PM MDT.

Respectfully submitted this 30 August 2008, John F. Schaefer, Sr., Secretary 2008-2009.