



A public workshop of the Minden Town Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 1602 Esmeralda Avenue, Minden, Nevada.

Board members present: Matt Bernard, Charles Condron, Roxanne Stangle, John Stephans, and Steve Thaler.

Staff present: Jenifer Davidson, Greg Hill, Trish Koepnick, Ryan Russell and Bruce Scott

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Thaler.

Stangle/Condron moved for approval of the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bernard noted that there would be no action today but possible staff direction given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public noted issues in the valley due to the lack of water, as well as appreciation for this water workshop.

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP: Discussion and presentation by Town Manager and staff to the Town Board regarding the state of the Town of Minden Retail and Wholesale Water Departments as a part of the Board's ongoing obligation to streamline structures and functions of the Town enterprise water funds to meet current and future water delivery commitments. Discussion may include: history of the Town of Minden Water Departments and the current commitments thereof; revenue and expenses of the Water Departments; water pumping totals for calendar year 2013 and water pumping projections through December of 2014; the Town of Minden well monitoring program; and the Town of Minden's proposed capital improvement plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as it pertains to the Town Water Departments. This public workshop is intended as the first of a series of public workshops regarding the Minden Water Departments. Future workshops dates and times will also be publicly noticed.**

Staff gave a power point presentation that included giving a background and history on the Minden Water Department, as well as current water usage and projections.

Public comment: Various members of the public expounded on their concerns and viewpoints concerning water issues.

Board discussion included municipal water usages, the legality and possibilities of agricultural leases, retaining water in the valley, scheduling the presentation by USGS at the next workshop, how Minden sees itself in the future as far as water management, possible structure changes to the retail and wholesale water systems, and the restriction of the 24 inch line on Heybourne.

Staff was given direction to bring back recommendations concerning sale of water rights policy concerning surface water rights and how many we want to have, connection fees, the Town role in treating water at the Heybourne Booster Pump station, and options regarding the leasing of water for agricultural purposes. These would be part of the discussion to be held at the next water workshop to be held at a date to be determined.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Mr. Condron moved to adjourn at 6:07 pm.