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**VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 2:00 P.M**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor Brownell at 2:00 p.m. The notice of the Special Meeting was properly posted.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk, called the role and a quorum was present.

**Governing Body Present**

Mayor Christof Brownell  
Councilor Jeff Kern  
Councilor Chris Stagg  
Councilor Tom Wittman, Mayor Pro Tem

**Governing Body Absent**

Councilor Neal King

**Village Staff Present**

Village Administrator John Avila  
Village Clerk Ann Wooldridge  
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski  
Building Official Jalmar Bowden  
Public Works Director Anthony Martinez  
Police Chief Sam Trujillo  
Planning Director Patrick Nicholson  
Village Attorney Susan Baker

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION: To approve the agenda**

**Motion: Councilor Wittman                      Second: Councilor kern                      Passed: 3-0**

**4. PRESENTATION: TSVI USFS MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERVIEW,  
UPDATE ON SUMMER FOREST THINNING PROJECT, ENTRY ROAD  
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

TSVI's David Norden explained that TSVI had been working with the Questa Forest Ranger on this recent planning effort. It includes the Master Development Plan, a Parking Plan (previously approved in 2012), and a Wildfire Thinning Plan to be conducted in association with the Rio Grande Water Fund. Conducting this public meeting is part of the USFS approval process. TSVI formed its plan for a Vision, Purpose, and Values statement. Mr. Norden reviewed the history of skier days in Taos Ski Valley and said that the current plan is to make the operation better, not bigger. Skier days peaked around 1994, he said. Being surrounded by wilderness area

is an advantage for the community and for the ski area. Next steps include the USFS involvement, undergoing the NEPA process, and then project implementation.

The last Master Development Plan from 2010 was amended in 2017. Public meetings were held in 2019 on the updates for public involvement and stakeholder involvement. Public engagement meetings will continue with the Village of Taos Ski Valley, the Taos Pueblo, and with the public prior to submitting the MDP to the US Forest Service.

Other plans on TSVI private lands that include improvements on Pioneer Glade and Strawberry Hill are under way but do not need to be included in the MDP to the USFS.

More information on the plan can be found on the Village web site under this meeting's information.

**5. QUESTION & ANSWERS**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Village Council will be the Council Regular Meeting on April 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To Adjourn**

**Motion: Councilor Wittman                      Second: Councilor Kern                      Passed: 3-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Mayor Christof Brownell

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk