

LA JUNTA TREE BOARD
THE BRISITA
March 22, 2018

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

~~Diane Rikhof~~
✓ Shannon Lovato
Gene Jacks
Cody Long

✓ Brock Hinkhouse
✓ Brad Swartz
✓ Steve Vanhook
✓ Tim Vanhook

III. New Business

IV. A. Trees planted in 2017 (61), (30) removed, (800) pruned, Electric Department had 1280 man hours of trimming trees.

V. B. Arbor Day in May 2018 West School April 26th.

VI. C. La Junta has been a Tree City USA for 35 years and is 4th longest in the state.

VII. Van Hooks has ordered Bradford Pear, Oak & Ash trees to be planted in 2018.

VIII. Adjourn: Next meeting April 2018.

Members present: Lovato, Steve Van Hook, Tim Van Hook, Swartz, Hinkhouse. Swartz introduced new member Shannon Lovato and welcomed her onboard. Swartz reported that there were (61) new trees planted on city property in FY2017. City Park, Cemetery & Golf Course. Electric Department had (1280 man hours) trimming trees around town. The Tree Board will partner with West School for this year's Arbor Day celebration on April 26th at 10am. Swartz & Hinkhouse attended last year and said there were well over 300 people there. Swartz reported that the Tree Board bought the tree for the school and Van Hooks delivered it on site. La Junta has been a Tree City USA for over 35 years and is the 4th longest in the state. Van Hook reported he has ordered trees for this year and they will be Bradford Pear, Oak & Ash. He reported that these are all trees of color in the fall. Lovato ask if we take care of the downtown trees. Swartz & Hinkhouse replied that when those were planted by Urban Renewal they were suppose to maintain them. Van Hook said that was well over 20 years ago. Swartz replied that those duties have now fallen on the parks department. Next meeting will be a week before Arbor Day to finalize plan for the following week.