

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2020
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

Due to COVID19 this meeting was held virtually

Call to Order Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 7:48. Leigh Anna Andersen, Troy McCue, and Bob Rush attended the meeting by computer and telephone, as did employees Mike Becker and Josie Hart.

Public Audience included: Kayle Amen (in person), and Julie Lundy (by telephone).

Approval of Agenda Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as written. Trustee Andersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Virtual Meeting Resolution Trustee McCue moved to adopt the Virtual Meeting Resolution. Trustee Andersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Trustee Rush moved to approve the minutes from the March 9 regular meeting as written. Trustee Andersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Account Receivable and Payable
Trustee McCue moved to approve the Receivables and Payables for March. Trustee Andersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills
Trustee McCue moved to approve the April bills for payment. Trustee Andersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

April 2020 Election Clerk Hart reported that Kayle Amen, Marilyn Lightsey, Marie Daniel, and Carolyn Steinsick had won the election.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker said he's still working and trying his best to do his job without coming in contact with too many people.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart asked the Board what she should do about her hours at Town hall regarding the corona virus and the stay home order. The Board agreed she should do whatever she needed to. Clerk Hart said she might be at town hall only a couple days a week since it has been a struggle to help her kids with their school work.

Treasurers Report looked good.

Trustees Report Trustee McCue said that he still hopes to have conversations with Prosper Farms about purchasing land for the wastewater facility.

LCEDC Report Trustee McCue's written report is attached to these minutes.

Mayors Report Mayor Flores spoke about COVID-19 and how it might take a while to get back to normal.

Adjournment Trustee Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee McCue seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:



Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on: 5-11-2020

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation
Town Board Meetings
Monday, April 13, 2020

-In the midst of the COVID crisis, the entire calendar and scheduling for economic development has been either cancelled or transitioned online. The bulk of work recently has been centered around helping communicate and connect small businesses with SBA-backed disaster loan and financing solutions. So far, the response has been limited on a local basis, but we continue to reach out and connect with as many businesses as possible via phone and email.

-Ongoing projects, despite COVID, include:

1. Martin Metal out of Versailles, MO, is coming to the area and is leasing a small truck/trailer yard from VERIS Environmental just north of Limon. Their plans may include a Phase 2, which is the construction or purchase of some warehousing and distribution space and Phase 3, some light manufacturing of their post-frame building system.
2. We recently met with another light manufacturer out of Denver that is in the restaurant-supply business. They are looking to buy or build 2-3,000 square foot buildings for their company.
3. Wausau Supply is up and running, and have almost filled all their open positions presently.
4. Housing Development efforts are ongoing. We are connecting with the investors in Sandy Creek Properties in Hugo, and the Limon Housing Project is in conversation with two potential multi-family housing developers. Next up for that project is a Capture Rate summary that may be followed by a full housing market study if interest in the project continues.
5. We are eager to reach out and connect to the new boards and mayors in Lincoln County. Hugo and Limon both were successful in passing needed ballot issues, and we look forward to a review of current written plans for all our communities once we can get past current health restrictions.
6. On 4/8 we were successful in getting Kaiser Premier in Fort Morgan to agree to a formal Foreign Trade Zone User assessment, and we are making plans to ask for an extension to our sunset date (6/11/2020) for FTZ 293 from the U.S Department of Commerce.
7. We will continue with the new sign project for the Eastern Trails Depot in Hugo as we were successful in securing a tourism board grant. Our intentions are to finish the project this summer.

Notable COVID-related changes include

-Rural Philanthropy Days are being postponed, most likely now a full year from this June. We are lobbying for 6/9-6/11 of 2021.

-The EDC annual meeting scheduled for 4/15 has been postponed to another date following the easing of social restrictions. The regular EDC board meeting on 4/22 will happen online through Zoom.

-We are awaiting the lifting of state restrictions to return to formats supporting Hugo Main Street Program, Limon Brownfields Project, re-opening Lincoln Theatre, and seeing what will happen with the county fair this summer.

-We are exploring the launch of the EDC acting as a lead Americorps Volunteer host organization, making the application this fall. Our intentions would be to help manage a

volunteer force of 10+ and to focus on healthcare career pathways as well as other local nonprofit and local government needs.

PLEASE call or email anytime for assistance with SBA resources (EIDL and PPP), or any other small business support you or your neighbor may be needing. Thanks, everyone, for all the hard work and support of our local business community!

I am in the office most days, alone, and Raejean is working from home. Here are our direct contacts:

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