

**TOWN OF ARRIBA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, February 14, 2022  
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

**Call to Order** Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00. Trustees in attendance included Kayle Amen, Marilyn Lightsey, Troy McCue, and Carolyn Steinsiek. Bob Rush and Marie Daniel were absent.  
Employee in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

**Public Audience** Gerald Steinsiek, and Marcella Flores.  
Marcella Flores spoke about the health hazards of the trash pile on Kelby Vick's property next to her house. She also spoke about the people living in an RV without utilities on that same property.

**Approval of Agenda** Mayor Flores asked that Property Cleanup be added to the Agenda. Trustee Steinsiek moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Trustee Lighsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Trustee Steinsiek moved to approve the minutes from the January 10 regular meeting as written. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable**  
Trustee Steinsiek moved to approve the receivables and payables for January, Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills**  
Clerk Hart noted the bills from Element Engineering, these are for the work done the past two months on the wastewater project plans.  
Trustee Steinsiek moved to approve the January bills for payment. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2022 Election Draw Names for Ballot Order** Clerk Hart drew trustee candidate names from a hat. The order is as follows: Ashlee Smithburg, Carolyn Steinsiek, Bob Rush, Troy McCue. Clerk Hart drew mayor candidate names from a hat. The order is as follows: Alex Flores, Marilyn Lightsey.

**Wastewater Repairs** Clerk Hart reported that Element Engineering should have plans ready for the town to review by the end of this month.

**RV Guidelines** The Board had nothing new on this.

**Opioid Settlement** Clerk Hart explained that the agreement bylaws and council agreement needed to be accepted by the Board. Trustee McCue made a motion to approve the bylaws and council agreement. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Property Cleanup** There was discussion about the people living in an RV on Kelby Vick's Colorado Ave property. The property is not connected to sewer or water. The people are starting to build a 'shack' connected to the RV. There was discussion on homeless people and 'squatters' in Arriba. There was also discussion about an unauthorized sewer connection from Kelby Vick's property on Grant Street to his neighbor Chris Miller. The Board discussed billing Chris Miller for this extra sewer connection. The Board would like Clerk Hart to talk to the Town's attorney about this issue and the issue of people living in dwellings without utilities.

**Easter Egg Hunt** The Board agreed that Clerk Hart could spend up to \$350 on stuff for the Town's Easter egg hunt, which will be held at the park on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**Maintenance Report** Mike Becker said that the grave digging has been going well with Leroy King's and Kayle Amen's help. He said so far he's dug 3 graves.

Becker said that the wastewater is plugged and he's been trying to get someone with the proper equipment out to unplug it.

Becker said he would be cutting and fixing the north-west side of Main. He said it has a lot of wear and tear from trucks turning from College onto Main.

Becker said that Main Street and Colorado Ave really need crack seal this year. The Board said he should find out if the county would do that and what they would charge.

**Clerks Report** Clerk Hart said she submitted her education and experience points to IIMC and she had thought she needed more points to get her Municipal Clerk's certificate but they said she had enough. She said she is now a Certified Municipal Clerk and would like a \$1 an hour pay raise. Trustee McCue moved to give Clerk Hart a \$1/hr pay raise. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Hart said she submitted the basketball court grant request to the Tourism Board but has not heard anything back on it.

Clerk Hart said that Bob Rush would like to have a snow fence put in Mary Ruth Black's field to help with snow drifting on Lincoln and Hiller. The fence would go from the edge of the field down to 63. He said he and Leigh Anna Andersen would pay for half of the fence and wondered if the Town would pay for the other half. The Board agreed a snow fence there would be a good idea. Clerk Hart will get a price quote for the fence.

Clerk Hart noted that Arriba is lucky to have had the water system and new meters put in back in 2010. She said even though Arriba has high water rates, Arriba also has a great drinking water system.

**Treasurers Report** Looked good.

**Trustees Report** none.

**LCEDC Report** Troy McCue gave his report.

**Mayors Report** Mayor Flores encouraged people to call the Sheriff and the county commissioners about the ongoing criminal activity in Arriba.

**Adjournment** Trustee McCue moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Stensiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk  
Signed by:

Mayor Alex Flores



Approved by the Board on: 3-14-2022



Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation  
Director's Report

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

-Ongoing projects include:

1. East Limon expansion and remodeling plans are ongoing. Met with new owners of Smokey Trail Village. They are exploring options for the far two acres of their purchase, and it looks like more multi-family housing. Assisted with Black Hills Energy outreach for account and access clean-up.
2. Denver Cutlery, Inc. stopped in and began a conversation regarding possible Foreign Trade Zone services. Reached out to Stephane Garnica with Denver FTZ, and will have planning meeting later today (Wednesday).
3. Housing Development –Had conversation on 2/3 with Colorado Springs-based real estate agent and subsequent builder, but not follow up since. In the board packet is proposal by Rocky Mountain Opportunity for consideration.
4. Open for Business Main Street Grant Award grant funds are flowing to recipients in Hugo that include storefront, canopies, and HVAC improvements for many of the businesses there. Hugo Main Street retail economic study will begin directly with Ayres & Associates.
5. Friends of Genoa Tower: On 1/27 learned that they landed a \$1.5 million grant from OEDIT for promotion of recreation and tourism towards the restoration of the tower. Also was party to a smaller grant for Arts in Society, a shared arts project between the Metcalf Schoolhouse in Limon, The Garage in Hugo, and the Tower to expose more youth and public to art across the county.
6. We continue to stay connected to progress being made on the Arriba Wind Farm. Very quiet on the construction front, but Taylor continues to insist on a 2022 construction start date (not yet set).
7. Bethel Community Center is working with Superior Builders in their Phase 5, and the gymnasium portion is being prepared for insulation and a new PA system. East entry porch foundation also in nearby phase.
8. Sat in on Limon Main Street planning meeting with Mary Andersen, Sara Doll, Donna Metcalf, Raejean Palko, and Lugina Reimer mid-January, and will have second planning meeting tomorrow evening.
9. SBDC Consulting: Raejean and I just completed Growth Wheel certification. Growth Wheel is an online, collaborative business-building and CRM software product that is subscribed to through the Greeley office. Funding through the Greeley office remains strong. Raejean is offering services for Kit Carson and Cheyenne Counties following resignation of Cheryl Sanchez of Lamar.
10. AmeriCorps survey for Access to Rural Healthcare/Healthy Living offers preliminary results for your review (distributed this a.m.). Awaiting Prosono/Vantage study and data overlay to accompany survey outcomes. CRC is working with CDPHE for a better-funded <sup>C/A</sup> program with AmeriCorps. Exploring this with Lincoln Health.
11. Will be assisting with applying for a VISTA volunteer through CRC in Denver to assist with local grant writing. Town of Hugo is primary applicant but would like to share local match cost with other benefiting municipalities or organizations.
12. Would like to continue assisting with DOLA conversation for Karval Community Alliance new building to include food pantry, research apartment/living, and equipment storage with multi-purpose space for events.