

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, March 8, 2021
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 Troy McCue, Marie Daniel, Kayle Amen and Marilyn Lightsey. Bob Rush joined via zoom. Carolyn Steinsiek was absent. Employees in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

Public Audience included: None.

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

Approval of Minutes Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the February 8 public hearing and regular meeting as written. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Account Receivable and Payable

Clerk Hart said the cigarette tax was from tax collected from online cigarette sales. Trustee McCue moved to approve the Receivables and Payables for February. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Clerk Hart reported that the UNCC bill was legitimate, she said she talked to other clerks about it and they pay the fee also. Trustee McCue moved to approve the March bills for payment. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Repairs A company came out to assess the sludge and will submit a quote for the removal. A second company was supposed to come out as well but did not show.

Clerks Continued Education Clerk Hart asked the Board for \$1000 dollars this year for her continued education. She said that she has 30 more points to obtain to achieve her Certified Clerks Certificate. Her plan is to get 15 points this year and 15 points next year. Trustee McCue moved to allocate \$1000 for the clerk's education this year. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker said the wastewater was plugged up from the building going into the pond. He said it took all day to get it going. He said Leigh Anna Andersen's sewer backed up in her basement and the plumber told her it was from the Town main line. Becker said that he and Kayle used the State's rotor router at the sewer plant and cleared out a bag of sand. He said that the Town really needs to get a mechanical bar screen out there as he is having to clean things out there every 7 days- it can't go for more than that. The Board agreed that this needed done. Clerk Hart will work on getting quotes by the next meeting.

Trustee Rush said the Town should get a mechanical rotor router to have for these incidents. Mike Becker said that he is going to have Gerald Masters come out to fix the leak near the state shed. He said it will be better this way and he can work down in the hole while Master's runs the equipment.

Becker said Deb Daniels will be out to certify the south out of town well and get it back into commission with the State.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart said the backhoe sold for \$8,857.00, the Town's portion was \$7,882.73.

Clerk Hart explained that the Town is required to submit well meter readings every November. Last year an error was made on the meter reading submitted for the north in town well, but she caught it and notified the state, they had to send someone out to get an official reading on it. When the Colorado Division of Water Source figured the Town's water consumption for 2020 they used the wrong reading and said the north in town well went over its allocation by nearly 3 acre feet and the Town was getting penalized. Clerk Hart said she's been monitoring the wells very closely so she knew that the Town did not use that much water. She went through the process of figuring out what readings they were using and ended up having to send the state a picture of the well meter reading from November 2019 to get them to rescind the penalty.

Clerk Hart said she is working at Leisure Pines on Friday's and sometimes goes over there during the days to take care of things.

Treasurers Report Looked good.

Trustees Report Trustee Lightsey asked if the Town could get a plastic recycling bin. Clerk Hart said she would look into it. Trustee Lightsey said the Town needed to do something about all the past due water bills. Clerk Hart said she would have a report for the Board at the next meeting.

Trustee Amen said that the Town needs to have a source of fresh water out at the sewer plant, maybe a portable plastic water tank.

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

Mayors Report Mayor Flores said the fire department's nut fry fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 3rd.

Adjournment Trustee Lightsey moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:



Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on: 4-12-2021

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation
Director's Report

Monday, March 8, 2021

-Ongoing projects include:

1. Windmill Ridge Post Frame Buildings is our latest start-up business in Limon.
2. Denver Cutlery, Inc. continues to make progress on the former ALCO building. Employee housing planned for just west of the main facility, fiber internet arrangements being made for "smart" manufacturing machinery to communicate between Denver and Limon.
3. Wausau Supply is staying active and has responded to assistance for accessing new job creation incentive benefits secured back in 2018 for the new company establishment.
4. Housing Development efforts are continuing, being pushed by Don Schofield of Rocky Mountain Opportunity, LLC. Awaiting word from Four Points Funding on investment decision, and fulfilling their due diligence requests now.
5. Kaiser Premier completed their assessment and came back with some impressive savings that could be seen if they become a User in the Foreign Trade Zone. Management is currently taking extra time due to family member loss of Ft. Morgan manager.
6. We have installed 3 out of 4 panels for the Eastern Trails Depot sign heritage project. We are still working on the Hugo graphic for the 4th panel. We delivered new CCC Camp Sign on the Coulson Walking Trail behind the Genoa-Hugo High School to Hugo this evening.
7. Roundhouse restoration: Made a recent introduction of RPI to Senator Hickenlooper's office, looking for shovel-ready projects, saw their submission of plans, but have heard nothing further.
8. We continue to stay connected to progress being made on the Arriba Wind Farm. We are expecting the final announcement and definition of the upcoming construction timeline. Understand that the General Contractor role is out for bid, and Vestas is likely equipment vendor.
9. Bethel Community Center is complete, and seeking a little more funding for a new entryway. Participating in Virtual Roundtable meeting online 03/25.
10. We continue our participation in Hugo's Main Street Program. Assisting with 3/22 Hugo business assessment and survey, offering SBDC services to optimize outcome.
12. SBDC Consulting: Raejean and I continue with Child Care, Connect to DOT, MBO consulting, and regular PDC impact. Pushing out new PPP program for area qualifying businesses, and Raejean is filling in for Yuma County consulting needs, accessing outside funding for our operation for those hours.
13. Rural Philanthropy Days will be June 9-11, 2021. There will be a 1-day virtual portion followed by a 1 ½ day in-person portion. Day 2 is in Hugo and Day 3 is in Limon.

**Funder roundtables taking place online on 03/25. Link here: [Overview : Northeast Virtual Funder Roundtables : Blackthorn : Events](#)
14. CO-PACE is promoting their energy efficiency and green energy improvement program online for the following dates: 3/24, 4/22, 5/25 & 6/16 – 9 to 11 a.m. each day