

TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2020
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804

Call to Order Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 7:45. Trustees in attendance included Troy McCue, Marilyn Lightsey and Carolyn Steinsiek. Leigh Anna Andersen and Bob Rush were absent. Employees in attendance included Mike Becker and Josie Hart.

Public Audience included: Kayle Amen and Marie Daniel.

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

Approval of Minutes Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the April 13 regular meeting as written. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Swear in New Board Members Clerk Hart gave the Oath of Office to Marie Daniel, Kayle Amen, Marilyn Lightsey, and Carolyn Steinsiek.

Appointments

Clerk Trustee McCue moved to re-appoint Josie Hart as the Town Clerk. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Trustee McCue moved to re-appoint Pam Koehn as the Town Treasurer. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Trustee McCue moved to re-appoint Corey Hoffmann with Hoffmann, Parker, Wilson and Carberry as the Town's attorney. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Judge Trustee McCue moved to re-appoint Stephen Ruddick as the Town's municipal judge. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills
Clerk Hart said she pays the credit card balance down monthly. She said she charged the QuickBooks upgrade to it so the Town can continue using the payroll on QuickBooks. Mike Becker said that the bill from Flagler Coop is stuff for the park. Trustee McCue moved to approve the May bills for payment. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Black Hills Energy Franchise Agreement Clerk Hart said that it is a standard agreement with no changes, she sent it to the attorney to look over and he said it looked good. Clerk Hart said that there needs to be 2 hearings for this franchise agreement ordinance. The Board set the first hearing for Monday, June 8 at 7:15pm at the Arriba Town Hall. If there is a lot of interest from the public on this issue the hearing can be moved to the fire house.

Sewer Line Cleaning Clerk Hart said that Todd Simon would like to start cleaning the sewer lines, his plan is to start at the west end of town again. Clerk Hart said that last year there had been discussion of switching to Jess Solze sewer line cleaning company which is local. The Board agreed that the Town should get a bid from Jess Solze.

Town Dog Clinic Clerk Hart said that the annual dog clinic will be held on Monday, June 1st from 4pm to 6pm. A veterinarian will be there to give vaccinations.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker said the Town needed to start thinking about either replacing the backhoe or doing some major repairs on it. Mike thought that a decent used backhoe would cost around \$20,000. The Board agreed grants should be submitted to Cooper Clark and Crystal Springs to help pay for a new backhoe.

Mike Becker said that the #2 pond has tears in its liner and he was working on getting those fixed. Clerk Hart said that Alice Arsenault said that the state is still reviewing the PNA for the wastewater facility repairs.

Mike Becker said that rabbits are still getting in to the sewer pipes somehow. He said that the Rest Area is putting in a new irrigation well for the grass. Trustee Daniel said their other well was sucking sand.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart said that the Republic River Water Conservation District had changed its rules so that any municipality that used under 50 acre feet would not be charged, the Town used around 48 acre feet so they sent the Town's check back.

Clerk Hart asked if the Town was going to have a community yard sale this year. Trustee Steinsiek suggested letting people plan their own like they did last year- she said it turned out well last year.

Clerk Hart said that Marilyn Lightsey and Maggie Kinseth would be taking over the community garden for Debbie Brooks.

Treasurers Report none.

Trustees Report Trustee Steinsiek said she's had some reports about trucks driving really fast on College Ave. Mayor Flores said if people could get the company names the Town can contact them about the truck drivers.

Trustee Lightsey said she's been planting seeds in the garden. She said she noticed that the little swing set needs to be replaced. Clerk Hart said she would get prices for a new swing set and see how much money is in the Conservation Trust Fund.

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

Mayors Report Mayor Flores welcomed the new board members.

Adjournment Trustee Lightsey moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee McCue seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Flores', is written over the 'Signed by:' text.

Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on:

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation
Town Board Meeting
Monday, May 11, 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. Their latest intentions were to make a run at purchasing the old ALCO Building.
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 (now transitioning to Roundhouse Estates) in Hugo, and the Limon Housing Project is in conversation with two potential multi-family housing developers. The latest is a solar-based project for the housing with a group of investors out of Boulder and a man by the name of Don Schofield.
5. We are eager to start attending Town Board meetings again, if possible. With new mayors and board members seated, this should serve as a good opportunity to re-boot the plans and start moving forward with municipal planning and goals.
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. Fort Morgan has issued a formal contract and Ryan, LLC, a Dallas-based consultant firm, is guiding the assessment for Kaiser at this time.
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.
8. As cost-saving measures, we presented Colorado's C-PACE program with plans for Lincoln County to opt-in to the program so that a leading hotel could get energy financing for cutting their energy costs.

Notable COVID-related changes include

- Rural Philanthropy Days are being postponed, most likely now a full year from this June. We are lobbying for 6/8-6/10 of 2021.
- The EDC annual meeting scheduled for 4/15 has been postponed to another date following the easing of social restrictions.

-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. Raejean and I will sit in on a 101 – AmeriCorps presentation tomorrow, May 7th online.

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 has returned to part-time work. Here are our direct contacts:

Troy: 719-760-0305; tmccue@lincolncountyed.org

Raejean: 970-946-4130; raejean@eastcoloradosbdc.com

If anyone wants to stop and visit, please call and we will come up and let you into the bank.