

TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2021
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, Marie Daniel and Marilyn Lightsey. Carolyn Steinsiek joined via zoom. Bob Rush and Kayle Amen were 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 December 14 regular meeting as written. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Account Receivable and Payable

Clerk Hart said that the Town received capital credits from KC Electric and Mountain View Electric. Trustee McCue moved to approve the Receivables and Payables for December. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Trustee McCue moved to approve the January bills for payment. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Repairs A bio solids removal company will be out to look at the sewer ponds in the spring. Mike Becker said he would talk to Masters about doing the dirt work.

Posting Place Resolution Clerk Hart said that this resolution is approved annually. This will be resolution 2021-1 and states that the posting places for meetings notices will be town hall door, Arriba post office, and the Town of Arriba website. Trustee Lightsey moved to approve Resolution 2021-1. Trustee Daniel seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance Clerk Hart said the proposed ordinance states that in-town sewer rates and out-of-town sewer rates will increase \$1.50 each annually starting in March 2021 and ending in 2030. The Board agreed that a hearing will be held on Monday, February 8th at 7:15pm to review and discuss the proposed ordinance.

Community Garden Funds Trustee Lightsey said she only used about half of what was allocated to the community garden last year. She said she has plans to do more with the garden this year and requested \$400 be allocated for her to use this year. Trustee McCue moved to allocate \$400 for the community garden. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker said that Gerald Steinsiek and Larry Kitzel did a great job delivering the Christmas candy. Gerald was Santa, and Larry played Christmas carols on his trombone. Clerk Hart commented that several people thanked the Town for delivering the candy sacks.

Mike Becker said that the sewer ponds continue to ice over and it's been a struggle to keep the ice broke up. He said Richard Hopp will be out tomorrow.

Becker said the cattails had been burned off out at the wastewater facility.

Mike Becker said that someone had tagged a gang sign on the out of town well house. A Lincoln County Deputy has taken pictures of the building and wants to know if the Town would like to open a case on it. Becker said that this is probably the 3rd time in several months that the building has been tagged, he's painted over it each time. Clerk Hart noted that the deputy had seen the tag and stopped to see if the building had been broken into. The deputy told her that the door was still locked but it seemed flimsy.

The Board agreed that a case should be opened on the tagging of the out of town well house.

Becker said he cut down that tree in the park.

He said Kayle Amen has been a big help to him.

He said he got all of the Christmas decorations taken down and stored.

Mike Becker said that the snow plow is wearing out, there was brief discussion on finding a new one.

The backhoe has been listed with Big Iron Auctions, Clerk Hart said that the auction will be held either February 10th or 17th.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart said that Christmas decorations are on sale right now and the average cost is \$450. The Board agreed that the Town should request a grant from the Tourism Board to purchase up to 3 snowflake decorations. Clerk Hart said she would work on this.

Clerk Hart said that Ron Hanns did a very good job installing the payment box into the front of town hall.

Treasurers Report Looked good.

Trustees Report Marilyn Lightsey requested that monthly board meetings be earlier than 7:45pm. The Board agreed to try holding the meetings at 6:00pm starting with the March meeting. The meetings will remain on the second Monday of the month as that works best for most everyone.

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

Mayors Report Mayor Flores had nothing to report.

Adjournment Trustee McCue moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:



Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on: 2-8-2021

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation
Director's Report

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

-Ongoing projects include:

1. Martin Metal out of Versailles, MO, continues keeping contact with our office and continues to see brisk trade in the western states. Hosting a new spin-off company for potential location to Lincoln County next week.
2. Denver Cutlery, Inc. continues to make progress on the former ALCO building. They just purchased vacant property to the west for employee housing. Meeting with owners afternoon of 1/12.
3. Wausau Supply is staying active and has responded to assistance for accessing town and county tax abatement incentives following 12/31/2020.
4. Housing Development efforts are continuing, being pushed by Don Schofield of Rocky Mountain Opportunity, LLC. 4 Points Funding, an Opportunity Zone Fund, hosted 4 Points Funding here on 12/22 for an 8-hour visit. Looking for formal engagement later this month.
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. They have decided to proceed. Initial application and fees have been submitted to U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
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 received another Tourism Grant for replacing/updating the CCC Camp Sign on the Coulson Walking Trail behind the Genoa-Hugo High School. We have ordered the replacement panel and will be asking the Tourism Board for the additional needed \$200 to complete the project.
7. Roundhouse restoration: Made a recent introduction of RPI to Hugo Main Street organization and supporting state staff.
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. Remaining needed steps appear to be quietly at work. Assign high likelihood of project's official approval.
9. Bethel Community Center is nearing completion with their latest round of successful grant applications through Gates Family Foundation and a bit earlier, the El Pomar Foundation. The floor is completely refinished, and the facility is ready for event hosting. Attending board meeting 01/18.
10. We completed reviewing applications for the AmeriCorps Program for upcoming projects to learn more about their system. It is our intention to apply for a planning grant this winter with this program. From there, we will do due diligence on whether to become an AmeriCorps Volunteer host site for future years. We have scored two projects to date.

11. We continue our participation in Hugo's Main Street Program. Great progress is being made in this program on several fronts, and will participate in their Q4 meeting later today.

12. SBDC Consulting : Raejean and I continue with Child Care, Connect to DOT, MBO consulting, and regular PDC impact.

13. We were successful in assisting Karval Community Alliance in securing a \$1,500 grant towards the foundation for their new addition. Helping coordinate new Food Pantry resources just announced by the State of Colorado for continued COVID support.

14. I have set mid-March as my anticipated exam for the CeCD Certification, test to be taken virtually.

16. Rural Philanthropy Days is targeted for June 9-11, 2021. We will participate in large Zoom Steering Committee meeting on 01/22, and have begun the planning progress, although the mix of formats for the event is yet to be determined.