

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, October 12, 2020
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

Call to Order Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 7:46. Trustees in attendance included Troy McCue, Marilyn Lightsey, and Marie Daniel. Bob Rush joined via zoom. Carolyn Steinsiek and Kayle Amen were absent. Employees in attendance included Mike Becker and Josie Hart.

Public Audience included: Rachel Smith.
Rachel Smith gave an update on the Lincoln Community Hospital.

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 September 14 public hearing and regular meeting as written. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Proposed 2021 Budget
Clerk Hart said for the wastewater budget she put 85,000 for repairs and maintenance, she put 40,000 for this year but was not sure how much would actually get done this year.
Clerk Hart said she wasn't sure about the backhoe expenditure and grant since nothing has been found yet. Trustee McCue said that the person in Ramah with the John Deere backhoe said he would take \$30,000. Mike Becker said he found a caterpillar for \$33,000, it has new tires, an extend-a-hoe, and comes with 2 bucket attachments and a set of forks. The Board agreed that this sounded like a good deal and Mike should go look at it.

Clerk Hart said that Budget needs to be adopted by December 15. The Board agreed to have a budget hearing on Monday, November 9 at 7:15pm.

Wastewater Project Nick Marcotte with Element Engineering joined the meeting via zoom. Clerk Hart said that the meeting with the State just did not have a good feeling to it. Trustee McCue agreed that there just wasn't really anyway for the Town to proceed forward. Nick Marcotte said that everything seems to go around in circles with the State. He said there is

nothing that is making the Town do a project, they can do something as simple as fix the liner in pond 2. He explained that the Town's discharge permit won't be reviewed for at least another 2 years and at that time the Town will most likely be given 5 years to come into compliance, so a project could be done at that time.

Clerk Hart said that fixing the liner in pond 2 would cost under \$100,000. It would require dirt work, bio solids hauled off, and a new liner. She said a liner will cost \$23,000. She did not yet have costs for dirt work or bio solids removal. Mike Becker said that Masters Backhoe and Trenching won't be able to look at the job until November.

Tree Pile Clerk Hart said that she didn't know how to write an ordinance or rules for the tree pile since it's not in town limits and it's not registered as a dump site. She said if the Town wanted to be able to fine people the Town needed to have a good document in place. Mike Becker said that since getting the fence up nothing new has showed up at the tree pile.

Supplemental 2020 Budget Clerk Hart said that the Town will have to do a 2020 supplemental budget for general, water and sewer funds. Both income and expenses were higher than budgeted.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker that Richard Hopp will be out in the morning, things are going well with him.

Mike Becker said there have been issues with dogs running loose in town and their owners won't do anything about them. Clerk Hart said the Town can issue citations but these people don't really have a place of residents so it will be hard to charge them and get them to actually show up to court.

Mike Becker said all the fire plugs were tested and they all work.

Clerks Report

Clerk Hart said that there is an add-on module for the billing software to combine multiple bills into a statement, this costs a one-time fee of \$650.

Clerk Hart asked what the Board wanted to see in a wastewater rate increase plan- how much of an increase annually over how many years? The Board agreed that \$1.50 annually over ten years was a good start.

Clerk Hart said the Jayhawk software annual fee is 750.00 and is due this month.

Clerk Hart asked if the Town should have a Christmas event this year. The Board was unsure what to do because of COVID19 and told her to talk with the Lincoln County Public Health director.

Treasurers Report Looked good.

Trustees Report none.

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 8:52pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:



Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on:

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation

Director's Report

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-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.
2. Denver Cutlery, Inc. continues to make progress on the former ALCO building. Latest activities include them beginning on interior reconfiguration and their outreach to other potential business for this community
3. Wausau Supply is staying active and recently participated in an airport development conversation regarding accessing Jet A fuel for corporate travel from Wisconsin.
4. Housing Development efforts are continuing, being pushed by Don Schofield of Rocky Mountain Opportunity, LLC. The latest has been connecting an Opportunity Zone funder who emailed our office with Don for potential inclusion in the project.
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. Continuing our follow-up.
6. We are working with the LC Tourism Board to access a Mo's Map version of the Town of Hugo for the final panel in the reconstruction project for the signs for the Eastern Trails Depot in Hugo, funded by a tourism board grant. We will be applying for another Tourism grant from the county for updating the CCC Camp historical sign on the Coulson Walking Trail as well.
7. Roundhouse restoration: We are working with RPI (Roundhouse Preservation Inc.) to learn the timeline for electrical connections and removal of block concrete from the facility. Local desire to see Christmas lights in the facility.
9. Colorado's C-PACE energy program is now active in Lincoln County. Helped coordinate Rocky Mountain Opportunity with the housing project with this program for their planned solar feature for the new multi-family housing.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. We signed up as an AmeriCorps reviewer for upcoming projects to learn more about the program. 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.
13. We continue our participation in the Hugo Main Street program, with a 10/27 and 10/28 workshop participation. Great progress is being made in this program on several fronts.

14. We submitted our final \$7,300+ invoice for the CSBC Program, and now are shifting-gears with our consulting focus to access other available pots of money (child care, CARES act, go to DOT, etc.). Raejean continues on at the office at 20 to 25 hours/week.
15. We completed the \$1,000 mini-grant for the Census and await the count data, expected out in late November or early December.
16. I have set January 23rd-24th as my testing dates for the Certified Economic Developer Course in Phoenix, AZ.
17. Rural Philanthropy Days is targeted for first full week in June, 2021. I anticipate either a June 8-10 or 9-11 event window, BUT a portion of the event will likely be virtual.