

**TOWN OF ARRIBA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, April 10, 2023  
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

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

**Public Audience** Ben Vanderwerf and father-in-law, Siobhan Steinsiek, Jay Spurling, Harold and Judy Deist.

**Hospital Update** Erica Saffer gave the hospital update.

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as written. Trustee Smithburg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the March 13 regular meeting as written. Trustee Flores seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the receivables and payables for March. Trustee Flores seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills**

Clerk Hart noted the bill from John Deere in the amount of \$10,484.46 for the new mower. She asked if the Board wanted to transfer \$10,000 from Conservation Trust Funds. Trustee Flores moved to transfer \$10,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund account to the general account for the mower. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.  
Trustee McCue moved to approve the April bills for payment. Trustee Smithburg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Building Codes** The Board discussed adopting the 2018 Building codes. If the Town does not adopt them before July 1, 2023 and wants to adopt codes later the Town will be required by the State to adopt the 2024 Codes. There was discussion on if Arriba adopted building codes how would they be enforced.

The Board agreed to review Hugo and Limon's building code ordinances and go from there.

**Town Sales Tax** Clerk Hart said that the Town will not be limited to the estimated amount of sales tax revenue stated in the ballot language. She said that she does not know what the actual ballot language will be yet.

**Zoning – Masterplan** nothing new on this.

**Water Vault- EIAF grant** Clerk Hart said that she's been working with GMS on getting the EIAF grant submitted. She's to meet with Greg Etl sometime this week to review the grant application.

**ES Tech Community Meeting** Clerk Hart said that ES Tech will be holding a community meeting to discuss the new fiberoptic that will be going in. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Arriba Congregational Church.

**Community Garden** Marilyn Lightsey requested \$200 for the community garden this year. Trustee McCue moved to approve \$200 for the community garden expenses. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Maintenance Report** Mike Becker gave a brief report of the dog attack incident. Mike Becker said that the water tank is going to be inspected on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It will need to be drained and have the nano bars replaced. There was discussion on shutting water off to delinquent accounts and what to do when certain people get into the meter pits to turn their water back on. There was discussion about digging up the tap when this continues to happen.

**Clerks Report** Clerk Hart reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success, over 40 kids showed up.

Clerk Hart said that Corey Hoffmann had a meeting with Stan Kimble about the issues in Arriba. She has not heard how the meeting went.

Clerk Hart said that she and Mike met with a new representative with Colorado Rural Water Association, and he mentioned that the State got very behind in inspecting wastewater facilities but they are now getting back into doing inspections. This might affect the Town when the State takes a look at Arriba's sewer ponds.

**Treasurer's Report** looked good.

**Trustees Report** Trustee Flores asked that Clerk Hart look into a Colorado State Statute that may help the town.

Trustee Rush said the Town needs to stay firm on utility easements, whether its dealing with private contractors or businesses.

**LCEDC Report** Troy McCue gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**Mayors Report** Mayor Lightsey asked what the Board thought about meeting with the County Commissioners. Clerk Hart said the Commissioners are willing to hold a virtual public meeting with the Arriba Board. She suggested waiting to hear how Corey's meeting with Stan went.

**Adjournment** Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by: 

Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

**Approved by the Board on:**

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## Generations Project

Although the capital campaign to build a new Lincoln Health facility was put on hold due to economic factors, the project has been reinvigorated in the new year. March 30 was the first meeting of the newly formed Generations Committee, a group of civically minded local residents committed to the need for local healthcare in our community, and the goal of a new hospital for that purpose. In attendance was Tim Andersen, Gary May, Brenda Dutro, Julie Coonts, Gary Beedy, Ardith James, Troy McCue, Candace Payne, Cindy Olson and the Committee Chair, Dr. <Mark Olson.

Three events are being contemplated to support the project over the following months, a small major donor meeting this summer, a benefit concert this Fall and a fundraising Gala in Spring 2024.

For more information or to get involved, please contact our Director of Development, McKenzi Stone at [mstone@lchnh.com](mailto:mstone@lchnh.com)

## Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera visit

On Thursday, March 30, the Lt. Governor of Colorado, Dianne Primavera and several delegates from the state Office of eHealth Innovation visited Lincoln Health for an open dialogue on issues facing rural healthcare. Lincoln Health remains committed to advocacy at the State and Federal level in all matters involving the sustainability of rural healthcare and existence



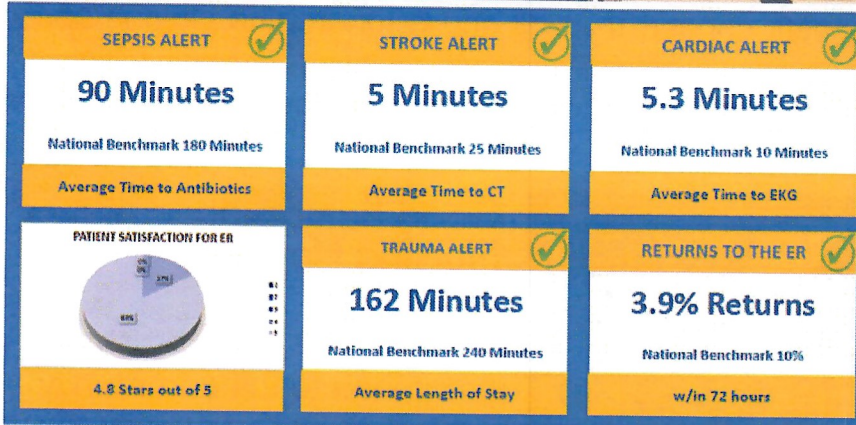
## Good Samaritan Nursing Home Evacuation

On March 30, large brush fire threatened to the community of Simla, leading to the mandatory evacuation of the town, including 26 residents of the Good Samaritan Nursing

Home. Lincoln Health Administration and staff welcomed the displaced residents to our facility with open arms, with off-duty staff calling to offer their assistance. Our team sent an ambulance to Simla to assist in the evacuation of a bariatric patient. Our team fed and cared for the residents until the Good Samaritan Team received the "all clear" to return the residents to their home. Genoa-Hugo School generously supplied a new handicap accessible school bus to enable us to return the residents to Good Samaritan and our staff (and CEO Kevin Stansbury) rode with the residents to ensure a safe relocation to Simla. Thank you to all who were involved when our neighbors to the west needed help!

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## Exceptional Quality

Based on our exceptional COVID-19 vaccination and booster rates, Lincoln Health Care center received the Blue Ribbon in COVID-19 Vigilance Award as recognition of our outstanding commitment to staff and safety.

DNV is our accrediting agency which we chose over relying on state agencies to conduct our facility surveys. The survey they conduct is very rigorous, but done in a more consultative and supportive manner. We are proud to report that Lincoln Health is fully accredited for the second consecutive year, with improvement made to past years performance.

## Central Scheduling

The patient access clerks who answer your calls to schedule appointments when you call Lincoln Health are local residents, located in the Patient Access Department in Hugo. This new system was

implemented to alleviate call volume in the clinics for the purpose of prioritizing in person patients. The new system has presented challenges we are working diligently to overcome, however it has significantly freed the time of our front desk staff and nurses do their jobs, which is to care for patients.



*Patient Access*