

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, August 8, 2022
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, Marie Daniel, Alex Flores, and Ashlee Smithburg. Bob Rush was absent.

Employees in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

Public Audience Marcella Flores, Ben VanderWerf, Jay Spurling, Jody Schifferns, Carolyn Steinsiek, Siobhan Steinsiek, Ted Grundmeier, Harvey Dumcum, Lincoln County Sergeant Britton, and Lincoln County Deputy Adams.

Jay Spurling said he knows the Town has decided to not pursue that Alex Flores got on the Board, he said he thinks it's wrong and should never have happened. He said the Board was supposed to uphold the constitution of the State of Colorado.

There was discussion on the trustee issue and the events from the past few meetings.

Clerk Hart said that from an official stand point the Board voted Alex Flores in- so he is on the Board, if the town's people want to make a change from that then they can wait six months from the day Alex was sworn in and they can circulate a recall petition, then Alex's trustee position would go to a vote (of the people).

Ben VanderWerf said he wanted to throw a rhetorical question out to the Board- as to what the Board thinks the town is, is it a fictitious entity, is it something that needs to be ran, is it something that needs to be upheld, or is it the actual people of the town. Because it seems what the Town Board has been doing for the last 4 years, 8 years, 12 years, has been thinking about the town and not its people. So the Board can think of what the people would like, what the people actually need, and especially the water stuff is a huge issue.

There was brief discussion on this topic.

Marcella Flores said that last month she asked Marilyn a question that was never answered. She said she expected an apology from Mayor Lightsey for telling her to be quiet when she actually didn't say anything. There was brief discussion on this.

Jody Schifferns said that it's pretty sad that we all can't be adult enough to agree to disagree.

Siobhan Steinsiek said she did not feel comfortable speaking.

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 July 11 regular meeting as written. Trustee Smithburg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable

Clerk Hart said the ARP grant was funds from the American Rescue Plan. The town received the second portion this year- the Town received the same amount last year. These funds have been designated for wastewater repairs.

Clerk Hart said the payment to American Barn Company in the amount of \$3,995 is for the shed for the park.

There was brief discussion about having Green Horizons coming back in the fall to weed and feed.

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

Approval of Bills

Trustee McCue asked if the bill for the campground meter pit was just for the meter or was it for changing the barrel too. Becker said it was the meter and pit hookups, the barrel was on backorder so that was canceled. Clerk Hart said that the amount for the items was less than what Ben paid so after the Town receives the bill from GMS and a meter deposit for the campground is paid she would figure out how much the Town will be refunding Ben.

Trustee Flores asked how often Becker sprays for mosquito. Becker said he sprays 3 days in a row but because of the weather the days vary and there is not set spraying schedule. The Board agreed they noticed a difference in the amount of mosquitoes when Becker sprays.

Trustee McCue moved to approve the August bills for payment. Trustee Flores seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed RV Ordinance Clerk Hart said that at the last meeting there was discussion about charging \$5 a month for active/occupied RV hookups only or if each RV hookup should be charged a flat rate fee whether there's an RV there or not. The Board agreed that each RV hookup should be charged \$5 a month whether it's active/occupied or not.

Clerk Hart asked if the Board was still in agreement that commercial properties would not be charged a permit fee. The Board agreed with this.

Trustee Flores moved to adopt the RV Ordinance, which will be Ordinance #151. Trustee McCue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Campground Development Clerk Hart said that Ben had filled in a map of the campground and she sent that to GMS, GMS drew up lines of the system connecting to the campground hookup plans and needs Ben and Jay to review it. Jay said it was not correct. Clerk Hart asked if they could mark the corrections and she would send it back to GMS.

Town Rates: Water, Sewer, Stock Water There was discussion on increasing the stock water rate from \$5.00 per 1000 gallons to \$7.00 with an annual increase of \$1.00. Clerk Hart will work on a resolution for this.

There was discussion on Prosper Farms Bunk House being on the residential sewer rate. Trustee Flores moved to change the Prosper Farms Bunk House from the residential sewer rate to the commercial sewer rate. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board would like to look at Flagler's, Seibert's and Genoa's rates. There was discussion on doing a study on how much it costs the Town to supply 1000 gallons of water.

There was discussion on increasing the Rest Area's sewer rate. The Board would like Clerk Hart to write a resolution to increase the Rest Area's sewer rate.

A/C for Park Building Mayor Lightsey said that Harvey Dumcum and Trustee Amen found a mini-split air conditioner for around \$1400 that should work for the park building. It could cost up to \$2000 total to purchase and install the air conditioner. The senior group is willing to pay half and asked the Town to pay the other half. Trustee Flores moved to approve \$1000 for the air conditioner and installation at the park building. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Clean Up Clerk Hart had nothing new on this.

Zoning Clerk Hart had nothing new on this.

Wastewater Repairs Clerk Hart said that the first part of the wastewater plans have been approved by the state, now the Town is waiting on the second part to be approved by the state.

Water Repairs Clerk Hart said that GMS is working on estimates and plans to upgrade the water lines to the out of town wells.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker said nothing's changed with the wastewater. Becker said he met with 21st Century about a new mower. He was given a quote for a 2023 commercial mower with a 72 inch side deck, the cost would be around \$16,000. Becker said the current mower could be traded in for possibly up to \$3500. The Board would like Becker to get a solid number on what the trade in value is. Trustee Flores would like Becker to actually see the proposed mower in person. Becker said that there are no mowers in stock at the moment. Clerk Hart said that when orders open for the 2023 models the Town really needs to place an order right away.

Becker said the Town's current mower is a 54 inch deck. There was discussion on different financing options for a new mower.

Becker asked when there's a property under construction when does the charges start for water and sewer service. Mayor Lightsey said the lines are all connected for her shop but she doesn't have a sink or toilet in her building yet.

There was discussion on the sewer ordinance that states that every property with a sewer tap must be billed the monthly sewer fee no matter what.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart said that Ron Hanns has done some repairs on the shop, and the Town owes him \$1750 for those repairs. She said Ron charged about \$500 to Flagler Coop for supplies. Clerk Hart said that for Ron to finish the repairs on the shop and paint the east side of town hall it will cost an additional \$2000. Becker said the shop doesn't leak anymore and the shop's office door has been fixed. The Board agreed that Ron should finish the repairs.

Clerk Hart said that Ron looked at the park building and suggested the picnic canopy needed some repairs and paint which would cost around \$1500.

Clerk Hart reported that the basketball court Arriba aces logo was completed and looks great!

Clerk Hart said that the Arriba Municipal Court is getting pretty complicated. She said that Christy Ausmus would like to be the Town's prosecutor for all court issues, Christy would like to get a proper complaint system in place for the town.

Treasurer's Report looked good.

Trustees Report none.

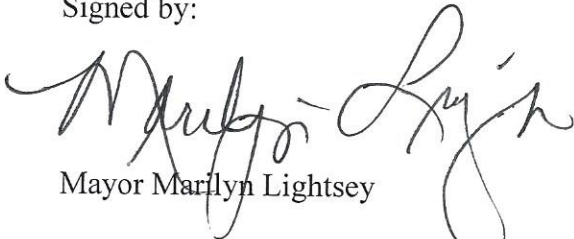
LCEDC Report Troy McCue gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mayors Report Mayor Lightsey had nothing to report.

Adjournment Trustee Flores moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:



Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 9-12-2022

Town of Arriba
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting 6:00pm
Monday, August 8, 2022

Sign In Sheet

Carolyn Steinsiek
Siobhan Steinsiek
Jody Rogers
Ben VanderWest
Henry Dummer
Marcella Flun
Ked Dummer
Jay Spurling

Lincoln County Economic Development
Director's Report
August 8, 2022

Items of interest include:

1. We are continuing our participation and support of a **Limon Main Street program**. Mary Andersen stepped down as leader of the effort, gave Raejean all material. We are planning another organization meeting seeking new leadership and participation.
2. Looking forward to **Roadmap to Resiliency** final report, due very soon. Next phase is housing resources and a local housing needs assessment to be performed by Ayers and Associates. Have been exploring HB 1271 resources to support rural housing projects.
3. Supporting **Conexon Fiber** installation and observing push-back in areas of ESTECH coverage for easements and access. Sat in on commissioner hearing with Sarah Schaeffer responding to farmers and ranchers concerns on easements and access.
4. Keeping active **SBDC** office hours, consulting with AM Carpentry, La Quinta Inn, Denver Cutlery and other leading Limon-area businesses. Have five new SBDC clients within the last two weeks.
5. **AmeriCorps VISTA** position is about to go to advertising to attract a countywide grant writer, hosted through our EDC and cost-shared among participating communities.
6. Continuing our support of Centro (Jamie Giellis) on **Roundhouse and Tower funding progress**. Congressionally directed spending application was denied. Looking to state historical fund next.
7. Despite both Roundhouse and Tower denials, **Lincoln Health** was awarded \$3 million in Congressionally directed spending bill.
8. **Bethel Community Center** has completed their final phase (for now) and is actively marketing the venue north of Arriba for meetings and events. Mary Ann is working on \$15k funding gap due to cost overruns at close of project.
9. **Karval was awarded CDBG funds** for water infrastructure investment, and they are setting up enterprise accounting at the county level for life of the project.
10. **Arriba Campground** is undergoing reactivation by local investor and partnering contractor. Town Board is working through complex process of reactivating dormant campground with questionable underground infrastructure.
11. We continue to field questions and points of progress with the **Arriba Wind Farm**. Our observation yields a current conclusion that supply chain challenges and possible renegotiation of power purchase agreement terms are delaying the commencement of construction of the farm.
12. Limon has new automated carwash. Go check out **Leading Edge Wash** for the new facilities!