

**TOWN OF ARRIBA**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Monday, February 8, 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, Bob Rush, Kayle Amen and Marilyn Lightsey. Carolyn Steinsiek joined via zoom. Employees in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

**Public Audience** included: Rachel Smith joined via zoom to give an update on the Lincoln Community Hospital. Arthur Stevens Jr joined the meeting via zoom to ask why a lien had been placed against 520 Lincoln Ave, a property he has just taken ownership. He asked if the Town would remove the lien since this wasn't his debt. The Town placed a lien on the property last year for unpaid sewer fees. The Board said the Town would not remove the lien and Arthur needed to settle the lien with Lincoln County.

**Approval of Agenda** Trustee Daniel moved to add 2020 Audit to the Agenda and approve the Agenda as amended. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Trustee Daniel moved to approve the minutes from the January 12 regular meeting as written. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Approval of Bills**  
Clerk Hart explained that the Utility Notification Center of Colorado (811) bill was for locates that come through the 811 system. The Town is billed for that service. Trustee Rush questioned the validity of that and said he would talk to someone about it. Clerk Hart said she would do more investigation on it as well. Trustee Rush moved to approve the February bills for payment excluding the UNCC bill until further investigation. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance** Clerk Hart said that Ordinance 147 would increase the monthly sewer rate for in town and out of town by \$1.50 annually beginning March 2021 through March 2030. The rate increase is to help with wastewater facility repairs and upgrades. Trustee McCue moved to adopt Ordinance 147. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Christmas Lights** Clerk Hart said she requested \$1300 from the Tourism Board for Christmas lights. She said she presented it to the Tourism Board a bit different than what had been discussed at the last Town Board meeting. She told the Tourism Board that the Town would match the \$1300 to purchase 6 Christmas light pole decorations. Clerk Hart said right now the decorations are on sale for \$380 each. Six Christmas light pole decorations (plus shipping) will cost \$2,759.34. Clerk Hart said the Tourism Board approved the \$1300 grant request. Trustee Lightsey moved to purchase 6 Christmas light pole decorations for a total of \$2,759.34. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed.

**Wastewater Repairs** Nothing new to report.

**Sewer Lien Issue** There was brief discussion on Arthur Stevens Jr.'s lien issue.

**Bulk Water Rate for Construction** Clerk Hart said she has received several calls from construction companies bidding the Arriba Wind Farm project that needed rates for bulk water. She said a definite bulk water rate needed to be decided. She said CRCC was being charged \$6 per one thousand gallons. Locals are charged \$5 per one thousand gallons. Flagler's rate is \$5.25 per one thousand gallons. Hugo's construction rate is \$20 per one thousand gallons. Trustee McCue moved to charge \$12 per one thousand gallons for bulk water for the Arriba Wind Farm project. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Flores stated that he would want them to pull water from the out of town wells so that Arriba citizens are not affected.

**New Plow / Pickup / Snow blower** Mike Becker said the truck and plow have been repaired many times and it's getting to the point where the Town needs a new way to plow. He suggested buying a pickup and plow in the summer. He said he could really use a new snow blower to get places like Town hall, Town shop, Leisure Pines, the Post office, the Firehouse and the park building. He said a snow blower costs around \$1,000. The Board discussed getting one financed through John Deere. Trustee McCue moved to spend \$1,500 on a new snow blower and get it financed through John Deere. Trustee Lightsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Easter** Clerk Hart said she hopes to do an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She requested \$300 for supplies. Trustee Lightsey moved to approve \$300 for Easter egg hunt supplies. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2020 Audit** Clerk Hart said that Lauer, Szabo and Associates can do a full audit for 2020 which will cost \$8,300. She said the last audit was done in 2016. Trustee McCue moved to have Lauer, Szabo and Associates do a full Audit for 2020. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Maintenance Report** Mike Becker said that Richard Hopp will be out tomorrow to go over the drinking water and wastewater samples and paperwork.

Becker said the Town needs to get asphalt for Main Street. He said the Town needs to get cold mix road base from McCormick in the spring.

Becker reported that he has been slowly switching out meters as a lot of them have stopped working and many continue to malfunction.

Clerk Hart mentioned that she had several complaints about the holes on the corner of College Ave where you turn on to Highway 63.

**Clerks Report** Clerk Hart said the Town has \$156 left in corona relief funds and asked for ideas on how to spend it. Trustee Steinsiek suggested an external microphone.

Clerk Hart said she had complaints about a few alley lights being out. The Board told her to talk to KC Electric about whose responsibilities those were.

Clerk Hart reported that Tim Anderson with Gordon Insurance would like to quote the Town liability insurance for 2022.

**Treasurers Report** Looked good.

**Trustees Report** Trustee Rush said that there is a bad water leak over by the state shed. Mike Becker said he knew about it and was waiting for warmer weather to fix it.

**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 9:02pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:



Mayor Alex Flores

**Approved by the Board on:** 3-8-2021

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation  
Director's Report

Monday, February 8, 2021

-Ongoing projects include:

1. Based on a former Martin Metal employee, we are helping a MO-based entrepreneur get started with his own post-frame building company.
2. Denver Cutlery, Inc. continues to make progress on the former ALCO building. Employee housing planned for just west of the main facility, fiber internet arrangements being made for "smart" manufacturing machinery to communicate between Denver and Limon.
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. Housing Committee met and sent Don Schofield a long list of requested points of information for their development plans. Have been approached by two local concerns regarding the same property.
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. Their production application is currently under review, and Customs & Border Protection process will begin in early summer for possible activation mid-summer. Ft. Morgan economic developer, key to this project, leaving for Johnstown.
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 4<sup>th</sup> panel. We received another Tourism Grant for replacing/updating the CCC Camp Sign on the Coulson Walking Trail behind the Genoa-Hugo High School. Sign is complete and we are awaiting delivery.
7. Roundhouse restoration: Made a recent introduction of RPI to Hugo Main Street organization and supporting state staff. Certified Local Government establishment in our sights to assist with RPI progress. Using broad-based contact for progress on engagement with UP Roundhouse and RPI.
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. Understand that the General Contractor role is out for bid, and Vestas is likely equipment vendor.
9. Bethel Community Center is complete, and seeking a little more funding for a new entryway. Registered for upcoming Roundtable meeting online 03/25.
10. We continue our participation in Hugo's Main Street Program. Meeting main street architect Larry Lucas on 2/9, and participating/supporting upcoming economic study for the community.
12. SBDC Consulting: Raejean and I continue with Child Care, Connect to DOT, MBO consulting, and regular PDC impact. Pushing out new PPP program for area qualifying businesses, and Raejean is filling in for Yuma County consulting needs, accessing outside funding for our operation for those hours.

13. [Rural Philanthropy Days](#) is targeted for June 9-11, 2021. We will participate in large Zoom Steering Committee meeting on 02/16, and have begun the planning progress, with a likely 1-day virtual portion followed by a 1 ½ day in-person portion.

**\*\*Funder roundtables taking place online on 03/25. Link here: [Overview : Northeast Virtual Funder Roundtables : Blackthorn : Events](#)**

14. CO-PACE is promoting their energy efficiency and green energy improvement program online for the following dates: 3/24, 4/22, 5/25 & 6/16 – 9 to 11 a.m. each day