

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
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 Ben VanderWerf, Carolyn Steinsiek, Troy McCue, and Bob Rush. Siobhan Steinsiek and Ashlee Smithburg were absent. Employees in attendance included Josie Hart, and Mike Becker.

Public Audience David Ruiz and Jim Spauling.

Hospital Update Erika Saffer gave a report on the Hugo Hospital. She noted the closure of the Heritage Living Assisted Living at Lincoln Health. She discussed the Federal OBBA program that is supposed to help rural hospitals like Lincoln Health but many details are still being finalized.

Approval of Agenda Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek moved to approve the Agenda as written, Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Trustee VanderWerf moved to approve the minutes of the August 12 regular meeting. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable

Trustee McCue moved to approve the receivables and payables for August. Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Clerk Hart noted that she used the Town's credit card to purchase a new aerator motor, she explained that Mike Becker was able to find one for \$2300.

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

Wastewater Permit Regulations Clerk Hart said that Jess Solze jetted the sewer lines up to Curtis Street and videoed the lines to Church Street. At those points the Town did not have enough money to complete the whole system. Mike Becker noted that there was an issue with the sewer line under the addition at the house at 48 Elm Street.

Time Capsule Opening 07/04/2026 Clerk Hart said she submitted a grant request to the Colorado 250 / 150 program, she received an email saying it was in review.

Zoning – Master Plan Nothing.

2026 Budget Clerk Hart presented the Board with a rough draft of the proposed 2026 Budget. She noted a few line items that will need to be increased for 2026 such as Town property and liability insurance, payroll for cost-of-living increases, compliance with wastewater permit regulations, chemicals for the drinking water, time capsule opening celebration, among a few others.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker said that CDPHE is requiring the Town to test the drinking water at 5 extra residential locations.

Becker reported that the gate valve broke on the wastewater pond bypass- its stuck shut and needs to be open, he said he will be working on this.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart noted that the Limon Leader will be closing at the end of 2025, she was curious how this will affect the Town and the State requirements for publishing notices and ordinances.

Treasurer's Report good.

Trustees Report Trustee McCue said he made a map of where the No Man's Land sign will be moved to for Candace Payne at ECCOG to approve.

Trustee Rush talked about having a contract with the Town of Flagler for trash service and what costs the Town of Arriba might have to put into this. There was discussion on what a contract with Flagler would look like, and how this would affect Arriba residents. Nothing was decided at this time.

LCEDC Report Trustee McCue gave his report.

Mayor's Report Mayor Lightsey noted that a company was hired to clean Littlehorn's property on Elm Street, she believes the bank that owns the property hired the company.

Adjournment

Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by: Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 10/14/2025