

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 21, 2024
Call to Order 7:00PM

Trustees Present: Mayor Nicole Pieterse
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon
Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Trustee Benn Vernadakis
Trustee Cristal Hibbard
Trustee Chris Condon (arrival 7:02PM)

Trustees Absent:

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf (Zoom)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.
Chris Condon not present for vote

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes of July 17.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.
Chris Condon not present for vote

Consent Agenda

Payment of the Bills

Motion

To approve payment of the bills.

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Cristal Hibbard.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Public Comment:

Skip Zeller: Congratulations to the Fire Department on Tristate. In contact with Durfy Dey on cleaning up of his property.

Thanking Mayor Nicole and Joe Croke as they exist the government and those who are on the board for hanging on to what we have.

Benn Vernadakis: Thanking everyone with Tristate.

Presentation

R1 School district and Rico school building update

John Pandolfo gives presentation.

Board has discussion.

Public comment was taken.

Anderson Engineering, town wide storm water system

Anderson gives presentation.

Board has discussion.

Public comment was taken

Action Items:

Authorization to proceed with letter of support for Rico Trails Alliance grant application to Athletic Brewing "Two for the Trails" grant program

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives summary.

Board has discussion.

No formal motion was made. Board is in support of a letter being written and sent to trustees before being signed by the Town Manager.

Consideration of letter of support for the San Juan National Forest's request for fiscal year 2026 funding for the acquisition of the Lizard Head Mesa parcel north of Rico, Colorado

Board of Trustees have a discussion.

Motion

Move to approve a letter of support.

Moved by Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Cristal Hibbard.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Determination of Town of Rico public comment regarding San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation ("SMART") proposed ballot question for sales, lodging and property tax increases

Trustee Joe Dillsworth gives summary.

Board of Trustees has discussion.

Public Comment was taken.

No motion was made.

Staff Report

Clerk's report:

Election update.

Working on an IRS audit.

Manager's report

Awarded \$150,000 grant for transit. To go to CDOT for 2026.

Kick off for environmental assessment with SMI and Bohan and Huston for sewer system.

Hired for the Parks position. Johnathan Burnett.

Discussion was had on dust mitigation.

Discussion Items

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") update

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives update. Tom Bloomfield and Samantha Caravello answer questions.
Public Comment was taken: Alex Wing

2024-25 Rico Center grant cycle

Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.
Board had discussion.

2025 Budget

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary
Board had discussion.

Town project updates


Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary
Board had discussion.


Motion

Move to go into executive Session: Townwide Voluntary Cleanup settlement, implementation, and funding agreement. Determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, development of strategy for negotiations and instruction of negotiators § 24-6 402(4)(e) C.R.S.

Moved by Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Cristal Hibbard.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk

Nicole Pieterse
Mayor

