

## RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2023

**Trustees Present:** Mayor Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon  
Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
Trustee Benn Vernadakis  
Trustee Jordan Carr  
Trustee Joe Croke

**Trustees Absent:**  
Trustee Chris Condon

**Staff Present.** Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf

Call to Order

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

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

### Consent Agenda Payment of the Bills

#### Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

**Moved by** Trustee Jordan Carr, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

### Public Comment:

Nicole: Trails alliance will have a Fat Bike Bash March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Skip Zeller asked questions about the Dolores River Trail subdivision

Chauncey McCarthy: Parks and Rec community team is helping drive the scope of the project. Survey to come for public to participate. On March 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a public meeting.

### Approval of the Minutes

#### Motion

To approve the minutes with correction to some typos.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

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

**Presentations:**Region 9 presentation.

Heather Otter presents on economic development.

**Discussion Items**Rico Library discussion

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives high level summary.

Library Board members Dixie, Cindy, and Catherine present to discuss this topic.

The library agrees that an agreement is needed. Traditionally the Town provides the space and the library provides the rest.

Board members asked about the library budget and whether Rico is getting their fair share of finances based on the amount of taxes paid by the residence. The Library board expressed that more is spent on the Rico library than is received from the Rico taxes.

The Board agrees to not charge for the overhead of the Library. A lease agreement will be presented by the Town to the Library Board.

Rico Land Use Code Global revision

Chairman Michael Contillo gives summary of 6 month progress.

Mr. Contillo asked for the Boards input to go back to the Land use code and revise it rather than use the new document that previous Town Manager Kari Distefano had written. Board agrees to this.

Slated to be done with the revisions by December 2023 and a redline document will be presented to the Board.

**Action Items**Consideration of second reading Ordinance No. 2023-01 an Ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado approving the sale of town owned property located at 13 South Glasgow Avenue

A slight change was made from the first reading to include an extension to the closing date. Closing will happen March 16, 2023.

Discussion was had to confirm that the Town's legal council had read the agreement.

**Motion**

To approve second reading Ordinance No. 2023-01 an Ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado approving the sale of town owned property located at 13 South Glasgow Avenue

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

**Staff Report**Manager's Report

Region 9 broadband would add a redundant loop in Town this will enable the town to not "go dark". The loop will go from Dolores to Silverton through Rico.

Senior citizen bussing has been proposed 2 times a month for groceries and medical appointments. Pilot program to start in April or May.

Email migration has begun. Google suite will be available once the migration is complete.

**Discussion Items**Town Shop Update

Troy Bernberg gives bond summary he is the placement agent for the Town. He has sent out a request for bid. Using Local and Colorado banks.

DOLA grant applications open in March. The threshold has been increased. Hopeful at being successful at this grant cycle.

The shop drawings can be found on the Town website under the projects page.

Voluntary lead soils town site cleanup ("VCUP") agreement status

The Mayor gave a summary

There is a call being coordinated between the Town Attorney, Mayor, Town Manager, and VCUP attorneys to outline the scope of work. All new and existing Board members are welcome to talk to Tom Bloomfield to feel more comfortable with the process and where the VCUP is currently.

A Special meeting was agreed upon for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

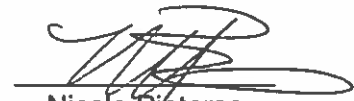
2023 and beyond work plan review

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives review. He presented the living document.

The meeting adjourned



Anna Wolf  
Rico Town Clerk



Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor

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Trustee Jordan Carr  
Trustee Joe Croke  
Trustee Chris Condon (7:05PM)

**Trustees Absent:**

**Staff Present.** Chauncey McCarthy, Wilton Anderson

Call to Order

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

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

### Consent Agenda

#### Payment of the Bills

#### Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

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

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

### Public Comment:

Gerrish Willis: The court room is very hard to hear in. Please consider taking care of the acoustics. Zoom is a very useful tool. Also hard to hear, please consider making changes for better audio.

Skip Zeller: Concern about the Forest Service sale. Concern about easement through the land to the other public land. Please revisit the letter to the Forest Service.

Laurie Adams: Artists or Rico and Rico Poetry collective having their first event next Friday.

Mark Eleison: Agrees with Skip regarding the Forest Service sale.

Benn and Nicole goes on record to say that a new letter has been written and sent to the Forest Service.

Benn Vernadakis the majority of the Board opposes the sale.