

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sept 17, 2025
Call to Order 7:00 PM

Trustees Present:

Mayor Patrick Fallon
Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard
Trustee Gerrish Willis
Trustee Scott Poston
Trustee Benn Vernadakis
Trustee Chris Condon

Trustees Absent:

Trustee Joe Dillsworth

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy(zoom), Anna Wolf,

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 5-0.

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Trustee Chris Condon not present to vote

Approval of the Minutes

Remove Emily Nolan from motion as she is she represents the Rico Center.

501.3C in the RTA spelling

Coalition spelling

Pension misspelled

Reviewing misspelled

Motion

To approve the minutes of August 13 and 20, 2025 with the corrections

Moved by, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Gerrish Willis.

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

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Consent Agenda
Payment of the Bills

Motion

To approve payment of the bills.

Moved by Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis

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

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Public Comment:

Skip Zeller: The Town cleanup was a major success.

Gerrish Willis: St Luis tunnel site visit on October 17.

Action Items:

Water usage fee waiver request, Account 206, Mike Curran

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy and Town Clerk Anna Wolf gives summary.
Board has discussion.

Motion

Move approve to waive the fee and reduce it to the standard monthly fee of \$42.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon.

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

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Consideration of Resolution 2025-04 a resolution of the Town of Rico, Board of Trustees supporting the submission of a grant application for funds from Colorado Parks and Wildlife non-motorized trail fund

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Board has discussion.

Replace the first paragraph with the agreed upon paragraph from last month.

Public Comment: Emily Nolan., Skip Zeller

Motion

To approve with the discussed changes Resolution 2025-04.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon.

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

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Consideration of liquor license renewal, Rock Laubster LLC, DBA Mountain Top Liquor
Town Clerk Anna Wolf gives summary.
Trustee Scott Poston recuses himself.

Motion

Move approve liquor license renewal, Rock Laubster LLC, DBA Mountain Top Liquor
Moved by Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 5-0.

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard,
Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis.
Trustee Scott Poston did not vote

Consideration of liquor license renewal, Boulder City Mixology LLC, DBA The Enterprise Bar and Grill

Town Clerk Anna Wolf gives summary.

Motion

Move to approve liquor license renewal, Boulder City Mixology LLC, DBA The Enterprise Bar and Grill.

Moved by Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard,
Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Staff Report

Clerk's report:

IRS audit is still ongoing.

Working on the election notices. There will be a meeting of the candidate event late October.

Food pantry party was a success. The food pantry is being used by the community.

The Website is up to date.

In the mornings the clerk's office has been closed while the clerk's child starts childcare.

Public comment: Jill Jordan asked question about helping with the food pantry.

Scott Poston asked about food pantry.

Manager's report

Budget update. Public hearing at the October 15 meeting. First reading November regular meeting. Special meeting needed for the second reading. Meeting to be held December 3, 2025, 7:00PM

Budget amendment upcoming at the October meeting.

Community church meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00PM in person.

The public works position has been advertised.

Planning commission will not be moving forward with revising the Short-Term rental ordinance.

Conditional water rights due diligence will be filed before the end of the month. This will keep the rights available for future needs.

Discussion Items

San Miguel Power Association micro-grid location proposal

SMPA representatives give presentations and intro.

Board had discussion.

The Board would like to continue the possibility of the battery being placed at the Town shop lot if other options are exhausted.

2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

Town manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update.

Board has discussion

Public hybrid meeting issues

Town manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update.

Board has discussion. Leaving it to Staff discretion. Live stream to be broadcasted on YouTube. Essential staff and presenters will be able to participate via zoom.

2026 Rico Center Grant

Town Manager gives summary.

Board agrees to not apply for a grant at this time. Potential application if church needs major upgrade.

Manse Improvements

The Board agrees to allocate \$30,000 - \$50,000 to make improvements to the Manse building.

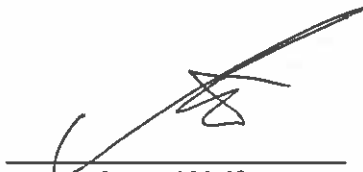
Motion

Move to adjourn.


Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard.

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

Voting Yes Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Chris Condon, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk



Patrick Fallon
Mayor