

## RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Date: June 2, 2021

### Call to order

Mayor Betts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and requested that Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse moderate.

**Trustees Present:** Mayor Barbara Betts  
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse  
Trustee Joe Croke  
Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
Trustee Patrick Fallon  
Trustee Brandy Randall  
Trustee Stephen Roberts

**Staff Present:** Kari Distefano

### Meeting Information

This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 virus

### Consent Calendar Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda with the addition of a time at the beginning of the meeting for public comment on items that are not on the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse.

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

#### Public Comment

Citizen communication regarding items that are not on the agenda.

Raegan Ellease wants to proceed with work on the old assay office. She described challenges involved in dealing with contaminated soil and requested that the Town help her. Staff was directed to email Brian Johnson, the Rico remediation project manager, asking ARCO to take immediate steps to remediate the old assay office while VCUP negotiations are pending. Email will be reviewed by Joe Croke and Nicole Pieterse.

#### Action Item

**Town Manager search and appointment of a hiring committee**

Staff was directed to let the community know that if anyone was interested in being on the hiring committee, they should submit a letter of interest by the Friday prior to the next meeting (June 11<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Town manager search criteria**

##### **Motion**

To approve the search criteria as included in the packet with the following amendments:

1. Strike the comment following the "Newspaper classified" – if the search committee deems necessary.
2. Add following "means of advertising" shall include but not be limited to.

##### **Motion**

To task Marti Whitmore to put together an application and a proposed pre-application agreement and work with the CWCB toward an approval of an alternate point of diversion and report back to the Trustees as soon as practicable and to simultaneously pursue and analysis of the Rico well production.

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.**

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

##### **Motion**

To adjourn the regular session of the Rico Board of Trustees and go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel issues and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e), to discuss and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding VCUP.

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Barbara Betts**

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

##### **Motion**

To come out of executive session of the Rico Board of Trustees and go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel issues and C.R.S.24-6-402(4)(e), to discuss and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding VCUP and to adjourn.

**Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.



Linda Yellowman  
Rico Town Clerk



Barbara Betts  
Mayor