

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 18, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Barbara Betts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Trustees Present:

Mayor Barbara Betts
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse
Trustee Joe Croke
Trustee Joe Dillsworths
Trustee Patrick Fallon

Absent:

Trustee Stephen Roberts
Trustee Brandy Randall

Staff Present.

Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda as amended to add IGA with Dolores County Clerk, appoint a designated election official, discussion and authorization letter to ARCO.

Moved by Trustee Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Patrick Fallon.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

To approve the July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Patrick Fallon.

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

Consent Agenda

Payment of Bills

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

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

Public Comment.

Mark Eleison there is a link missing on the website regarding the Forest Service/ARCO issue and would like to see it restore to the main page. The Board was in favor of making those changes on the website.

Laurie Adams mentioned the milk thistle being an issue.

The Town of Rico map was insulated and designed by Klara Lapp, Rico Artist.

Eric Reeser asked if a permit is required to do cleanup at Hancock Street. Mr. Reeser feels an illegal cleanup is being done.

Discussion Items

Draft Audit.

The draft audit was included in the packet for review. The Town filed an extension request so the Board must approve the audit by December 31, 2021.

Action Items

Consideration of the approval for a temporary liquor license for the Rico Trail's Alliance Fundraiser.

The Rico Trail's Alliance is applying for a temporary liquor license for their fundraiser in September 2021.

Motion

To approve the temporary liquor license for Rico Trail's Alliance.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Mayor Barbara Betts.

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

Consideration of Board of Trustee approval of a letter to Brian Johnson regarding the VCUP.

The Board requested to revise the letter. Trustee Joe Croke and Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse will work on the revision and that Tom Bloomfield redline the changes in the VCUP application.

Trustee Pat Fallon felt lots of good stuff and the Town should have more representation.

Trustee Joe Croke is okay with the application.

Other comments were to back off on testing. Reluctant to agree on the agreement. Phase 1 is fuzzy. How it's paid for and where the funds comes from.

Dylan Robertson says it's a town wide problem

Motion

To have Trustee Joe Croke and Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse revise the letter to Brian Johnson regarding the VCUP.

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

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

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Rico Trustees submitting to the registered electors of the Town of Rico at the November 2, 2021, coordinated election, ballot questions regarding:

- a. Increasing the mill levied upon real and personal property located within the Town of Rico by 12.8 mills: for Street Fund
- b. Increasing the lodging tax levied on short term rentals (30 days or less) from 1% to 3% of sales tax revenue: Increase to 7% and
- c. A ban of short-term rentals (STRs) within the residential zone district. Remove from the Ballot Question.

Motion

To approve increasing the mill levied by 12.8 for Street Fund, increasing the lodging tax on short term rentals from 1% to 7% and remove a ban of short-term rentals (STR) within the residential zone district from the ballot question.

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

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

Approval of the IGA between the Town of Rico and the Dolores County Clerk & Recorder regarding responsibilities for Conducting the Odd-Year Coordinated Election and Appoint a Designated Election Official.

Town Clerk Linda Yellowman asked if the Town would like to coordinate the town election for town officials with the County. It was favorable with the Board.

Motion

To approve the IGA between the Town of Rico and the Dolores County Clerk & Recorder regarding responsibilities for Conducting the Odd-Year Coordinated Election and Appoint Linda Yellowman as the Designated Election Official.

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

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

Hiring Committee Report

Trustee Patrick Fallon gave an update on the applicants for a town manager. The committee recommends a meeting on August 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m..

Staff Reports

Clerk's Report.

Manager's Report

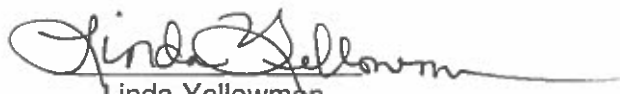
Recycling update.

The Town purchased a used truck and a trailer for the recycling program.

A special meeting was scheduled for September 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Barbara Betts
Mayor

