

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 15, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Barbara Betts called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Trustee Present:

Mayor Barbara Betts
Trustee Joe Croke
Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Trustee Patrick Fallon
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse
Trustee Stephen Roberts

Absent: Trustee Brandy Randol

Staff Present: Linda Yellowman

Guest Present: Allyn Svoboda, Chauncey McCarthy, Benn Vernadakis and Mary Jondrow.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda as amended to add Padilla/Barlow Creek Forest Service support letter.

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

No minutes.

Consent Agenda

Payment of Bills

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Stephen Roberts.

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

Public Comment.

Action Items

Padilla/Barlow Creek Forest Service support letter request.

The Board will do a support letter.

Consideration of the acceptance of the 2020 Audit.

Motion

To approve and accept the 2020 Audit.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Stephen Roberts.

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

October 15th Budget deadline.

Kari Distefano asked if the Board would like to schedule a special meeting to review the 2021 Budget or will the new town manager be in place to do the budget.

Motion

To have Kari Distefano prepare the 2021 Budget and schedule a special meeting on October 13, 2021.

Moved by Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

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

Consideration of a temporary suspension of Ordinance 297, an Ordinance establishing the time of year in which the Town will install water taps and other connections to the Town of Rico Water System, to complete the Rico water meter replacement project by December 31st.

Kari Distefano is requesting suspension of Ordinance 297 this year to finish the water meter replacement project by our end of the year grant deadline. This project will need to continue into October so that we can finish.

Motion

To approve the temporary suspension of Ordinance No. 297 for this water project only.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

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

Ratification 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:

Increasing the mill levied upon real and personal property located within the Town of Rico by 12.8 mills

Increasing the lodging tax levied on short term rentals (30 days or less) from 1% to 7%.

Motion

To approve the Ratification 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...

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Trustee Patrick Fallon.

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

Adjournment of the Board of Trustees and Reconvene as the Board of Health.

Mayor Barbara Betts made a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and reconvene to Board of Health, seconded by Stephen Roberts. The motion passed with 6-0 votes.

AGENDA TOWN OF RICO, BOARD OF HEALTH

Call to Order

Consideration of a variance request to CDPHE Regulation 43 lot setback requirements on Lots 29, 30 and South 5' of Lot 31, Block 14, Michael Dougherty, Applicant. Mike Dougherty is applying for a variance to the 10' setback from lot lines required by CDPHE regulation 43 that the Rico Board of Trustees adopted in 2017. The application is complete.

Motion

To approve the variance request for Michael Dougherty.

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

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

Adjournment of the Board of Health and Reconvene as the Board of Trustees. Mayor Barbara Betts made a motion to adjourn the Board of Health and reconvene to Board of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke. The motion passed with 5-0 votes, Trustee Patrick Fallon out of the room.

Discussion Items

Discussion regarding the Rico Land Use Code revision status and the restructuring the Rico Planning Commission.

Kari Distefano says that Trustee Joe Croke requested the Board of Trustees be provided with a Rico Land Use Code (RLUC) revision update. The legal review of the RLUC has been completed but there are still outstanding issues. Other issues mentioned were water, VCUP and Institutional Control. The Board would like to see the RLUC adopted now and add others later.

Discussion regarding the Van Winkle headframe.

The letter from Brian Johnson regarding the Van Winkle head frame calls attention to the condition of the head frame. The conservation easement filed with the Dolores County Clerk & Recorder that obliges the grantee, the Rico Historic Society, to among other things "use its abilities, subject to its ability to obtain grant or other funding, to protect and preserve the Historical Structures and to pursue funding resources to meet this obligation.

The Board agreed to pass the letter to the Rico Historical Society and that ARCO be involve.

Discussion regarding redlined documents that are included in the VCUP negotiation.

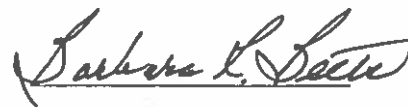
Trustee Patrick Fallon requested that there be a discussion of the redlined copies of the VCUP documents. Tom Bloomfield will make sure the Town gets a redlined document. Trustee Patrick Fallon would like to discuss the document at every regular meeting for 30 minutes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

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Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara L. Betts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barbara Betts
Mayor

