

## **RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 19, 2025

Call to Order 7:02PM

### **Trustees Present:**

Mayor Patrick Fallon  
Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard  
Trustee Benn Vernadakis  
Trustee Gerrish Willis (Zoom)  
Trustee Scott Poston

### **Trustees Absent:**

Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
Trustee Chris Condon

**Staff Present.** Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf (Zoom),

### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Motion**

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Scott Poston

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

### **Approval of the Minutes**

#### **Motion**

To approve the minutes of January 15 and 30 with correction of clerical errors.

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

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

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Payment of the Bills**

Additional bill added for Bohanna Huston services.

#### **Motion**

To approve payment of the bills.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Scott Poston

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

### **Public Comment:**

#### **Presentation:**

Rico Geothermal Coalition, Teal Stetson-Lee presenter

Teal Stetson-Lee presents about the community outreach event.

Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Celeste Moore presenter

Presenter Celeste Moore presenter gives a presentation.

The Board directs interested citizens to reach out to staff. If there is enough interest the volunteers can coordinate with Celeste Moore.

**Action Items:**

Consideration of amended and restated right-of-way encroachment easement agreement, Raegan Ellease applicant

Town Manager gives summary.

Board has discussion.

Applicant answers questions.

Public Comment: Dylan Robertson, Jim Baron

**Motion**

Move to approve of amended and restated right-of-way encroachment easement agreement as written.

**Moved by** Trustee Scott Poston, seconded by Mayor Patrick Fallon.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-1.

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, and Mayor Patrick Fallon. Voting No Trustee Gerrish Willis.

Consideration of first reading of Ordinance 2025-01 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado approving the purchase of the Community Church property located at 110 and 116 East Mantz Avenue

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update on Engle house sale.

Board had discussion.

Public Comment: Nicole Pieterse

**Motion**

Move to approve first reading of Ordinance 2025-01 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado approving the purchase of the Community Church

**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.

Special meeting to be added March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 6:30PM for second reading.

**Staff Report**

Clerk's report:

Have been training on Sage Software.

Dog licenses are available.

Manager's report

Public works working hard on snow removal.

Federal freeze finally released for projects.

Meeting with EPA for sewer construction documents.

Dolores River crossing for the water system is losing water. 40% loss of water use to leaks.

Park update: Skate park and pavilion.

**Discussion Items**

Rico Trail Alliance pedestrian bridge

Rico Trails Alliance gives update of the project.  
Alex Wing gives presentation.  
Board and Public Comment was had.

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") update

Town Manager gives update.  
Dust suppression was discussed.  
Soil Manager job posting to be posted shortly.

Rico water system and public works resolution

Mayor Pat Fallon and Town Manager Chauncey gives update.  
Board has discussion.

CML Conference

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy asks for commitment of who will be attending the conference.


Public Comment from Dylan Robertson concerning the VCUP.

**Motion**

Move to adjourn.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Scott Poston.

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



Anna Wolf  
Rico Town Clerk



Patrick Fallon  
Mayor

