

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 15, 2025
Call to Order 7:01PM

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Absent:

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

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, 6-0.
Gerrish Willis did not vote.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes of December 18 with correction of clerical errors.

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

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

Consent Agenda

Payment of the Bills

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, 7-0.

Public Comment:

Skip Zeller ask a question about what can be done regarding to the lights in the county around the Town.

Teal Stetson Lee asked about a Geo Thermal update.

Patrick Fallon: commented that it was very hard to hear in the court room. Invites people present to move closer to the board if they need to.

Action Items:Consideration of quarter 4 financial statements

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Town Manager gives summary of accounts.

Board has discussion.

Town Manager to provide a summary of how different funds can be spent at a future meeting.

Motion

Move to approve Quarter 4 financial review

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

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

Determination of location for United States Forest Service interpretive signs

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Michelle of the USFS gives commentary.

Land owner Michael Contillo gives comment.

Public Comment: Skip Zeller

Board had discussion.

No motion was made. Direction was given to look into alternative locations such as the new Tow shop or the Van Winkle.

Consideration of becoming a concurring party to a Memorandum of Agreement between the USDA Forest Service, San Juan National Forest, and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6, regarding adverse effects to site 5DL.478 from the Rico Trails (Rio Grande Southern Trail Connector) Project in Dolores County, Colorado

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Board of Trustees has discussion.

Public Comment: Jim Baron, Skip Zeller

Motion

Move to approve as consulting party and a concurring memorandum of agreement for the proposed construction of 1.7 miles of new trail along the Rio Grande Sothern Railroad right of way south of the Town of Rico

Moved by Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Mayor Patrick Fallon.

Amended: to include if the verbiage would to change to Town can reevaluate and have a discussion again.

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

Staff ReportClerk's report:

Closing out the 2024 accounting and tax information.

Entering 2025 budget into our software.

STR quarterly lodging tax collection.

Dog licenses are available.

Manager's report

The ice Skating rink is in the works. Hoping to have it open as long as possible.

Town shop building is finished. Final grade to be finished in the spring.

Marshal George Smith who was shot in the line of duty in 1892 will be entered into the National Law Enforcement memorial.

CML is June 24-27. Decision is needed by February meeting.

Trustee Benn Vernadakis leave to attempt to a search and rescue call. 8:02PM

Discussion Items

Park and recreation project update

Town Manager gives update of the project.

Update on Pavilion site. The previous company is no longer working on the project. New bid needs to be put out for a different company. The bids are much higher than the original bid due to the complexity of the site.

Direction was given by the Board for the Town Manager to put a bid out for the work to get the Pavilion up.

Rico area backcountry radio zones

Todd Gilliman gives Summary.

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") update

Mayor Pat Fallon and Town Manager Chauncey gives update.

Board has discussion.

Public comment: Skip Zeller, Jim Baron.

Storm water system was discussed as well as spring 2025 Mag chloride.

Rico water system and public works

Mayor Pat Fallon and Town Manager Chauncey gives update.

Water system is a big priority.

The new Town shop needs to be outfitted.

Board has discussion.

Town manager to work on a resolution to address fixing the water system and Public Works department.

Town manager gives a detailed update of the water system and the needs that must be met.

CIRSA Board training

Dates were discussed. March 10th was agreed upon for the training at 6:00PM. A backup date of the 20th.


Motion

Move to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon.

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

Trustee Benn Vernadakis not present to vote.



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk



Patrick Fallon
Mayor

