

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 19, 2025
Call to Order 7:03 PM

Trustees Present:

Mayor Patrick Fallon
Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard
Trustee Benn Vernadakis
Trustee Gerrish Willis
Trustee Scott Poston
Trustee Joe Dillsworth

Trustees Absent:

Trustee Chris Condon

Staff Present.

Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf (Zoom),

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, seconded by Trustee Scott Poston

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

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes of February 19, 2025.

Moved by, Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth.

Motion

To approve the minutes of March 3, 2025 adding Silver Creek Activation.

Moved by, Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth.

Consent Agenda

Payment of the Bills

Motion

To approve payment of the bills.

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.

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth.

Public Comment:

Presentation:

60% Stormwater design, Anderson Engineering

Anderson engineering gives Presentation.

Board of Trustee has discussion.

Funding sources were discussed.

Action Items:

Consideration of Columbia Tailings soil storage proposal

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Board has discussion.

Mayor Patrick Fallon expresses that this should be a Special use permit.

AR representative Mr. Mcanumc will have a letter to the Town to amend the agreement to bring in the stock pile after the agreed upon

Trustee Benn Vernadakis believes the Board cannot make a decision on this without a public hearing.

Public Comment: Travis Tayrien, Dylan Robertson, Jim Baron

Motion

Move require the applicant to follow the procedure for a special use permit, to delay this approval until that happens

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion did not pass, 3-3.

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

Motion

To deny this request and recommend that ARCO pursue a special use permit

Moved by Mayor Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion did pass, 5-1.

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

Public hearing and consideration of a road building and disturbance permit application Carter Way, Breitenbach applicant

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives summary.

Applicant gives explanation.

Board has discussion.

Public Comment: Jim Baron

Motion

Move to grant a private driveway agreement and a road building permit between the Town of Rico and the owners of Lots 13 – 20 Block 17 with the conditions that were proposed by the planning commission and to also grant a disturbance permit with variance for reduction of the inner buffer setback for the wetlands buffer zone from 100 feet to 20 feet

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

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

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth.

Consideration of a letter of support for the Town of Rico's Fiscal Year 2026 congressionally directed spending request

Mayor Patrick Fallon gives introduction

Town Manager gives explanation.

Board has discussion.

Motion

For the Mayor to sign the letter as drafted with the exception of leaving out whether it is conditional or absolute right with the well water.

Moved by Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard.

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

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth

Consideration of a letter of support for Rico Geothermal Coalition Phase 3 grant request

Teal Stetson-Lee gives summary

Motion

Move to approve this letter ahead of the Mar deadline.

Moved by Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

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

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth

Staff Report

Clerk's report:

Working on finding different health insurance for employee health insurance.

Dog licenses are available.

Manager's report

Jonathan Burnett is leaving so the Parks position will be advertised again.

Access agreement have been sent out for the VCUP, some were not correct. Working through the issues.

Permitting software to all become digital.

Water system succession plan in works.

VCUP soil manager job has been posted.

Sewer spending for design granted. Task order to be presented next month. Bohanna & Huston will present in April.

Discussion Items

RFP 2025-01 Town of Rico Road Dust Palliative Application

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary. No bids have come in yet. May look to have ARCO leverage their position to get companies to bid.

Public Comment: Dylan Robertson

Rico Water System

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Next month water rates to be brought to the Board.

Discussion on work that needs to be done on water crossing main.

Public Comment: Dylan Robertson

Rico Town Park

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Still seeking more grants if possible.

Bids have come in for the pavilion project. The board members recommend Bria Lewis.

C-Safe investment account

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Town Board approves investment in C-SAFE from the water fund, leaving \$100,000 in the Dolores State Bank.

Joint Board of Trustees and Planning Commission meeting

Joint meeting to be held May 14, 2025 at 6:00PM

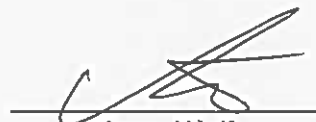
Motion

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, 6-0.

Voting Yes Trustee Scott Poston, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Mayor Patrick Fallon, Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard Joe Dillsworth


Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk


Patrick Fallon
Mayor