

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October
Date: Sept 17, 2025
Call to Order 7:00 PM

Trustees Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard
Trustee Gerrish Willis
Trustee Scott Poston
Trustee Benn Vernadakis

Trustees Absent:

Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Mayor Patrick Fallon
Trustee Chris Condon

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

Approval of the Agenda

To add the Chris Condon resignation letter to the end of the action items. The Water system update to be the first discussion item. Table Montelores update to future meetings.

Motion

To approve the agenda with the changes.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes of September 17, 2025

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

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

Consent Agenda

Payment of the Bills

Motion

To approve payment of the bills.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.
Voting Yes Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Public Comment:

Skip Zeller through Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard thanking the Board and first responders in the community.

Gerrish Willis asks questions about splicing crew in town for Direct Communication.

Action Items

Appointment of 2025 general election judges

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Town Clerk Anna Wolf gives update on county ballots.

Motion

Move to approve the 2025 election judges: Mary Hagan, Genevieve Yellowman, and Laurie Adams.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.
Voting Yes Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Consideration of Resolution 2025-05 a resolution of the Town of Rico, Board of Trustees supporting ballot measure 1B and ballot measure 1C

Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard gives summary.

Motion

Move to approve Resolution 2025-05 a resolution of the Town of Rico, Board of Trustees supporting ballot measure 1B and ballot measure 1C

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.
Voting Yes Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Consideration of quarter 3 financial statements

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Board has discussion.

Motion

Move to approve quarter 3 financials.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.
Voting Yes Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Consideration of Ordinance 2025-05 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado amending the year 2025 budget and approving supplemental appropriations of money
Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Amend section 2 from 2022 to 2025.

The Board has a discussion.

Motion

Move to approve Ordinance 2025-05 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado amending the year 2025 budget and approving supplemental appropriations of money.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

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

Consideration of a letter of support for the Rico Trail Alliance Rico Center grant application

Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard abstained from the vote

Town Board has discussion

Jim Ostrem from the RTA represented the RTA

Motion

Move to approve the letter of support for the Rico Trail Alliance Rico Center grant application.

Moved by Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Trustee Scott Poston.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 3-0.

Voting Yes Trustee Gerrish Willis, Trustee Benn Vernadakis, and Trustee Scott Poston.
Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard abstained from the vote

Consideration of a memorandum of understanding between the Town of Rico and the Rico Fire Protection District regarding the transfer of fire station property (lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, block 2)

Mayor Pro Tem gave summary.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update.

Trustee Benn Vernadakis will abstain from the vote.

The Board has a discussion.

Motion

Move to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Rico and the Rico Fire Protection District regarding the transfer of fire station property (lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, block 2).

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 3-0.

Voting Yes Trustee Gerrish Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Cristal Hibbard, and Trustee Scott Poston.

Trustee Benn Vernadakis abstained from the vote.

Consideration of letter of resignation from Trustee Chris Condon

Mayor Pro Tem gives summary.

The Board has a discussion.

Motion

Move to accept the letter of resignation from Trustee Chris Condon affective 10/16/2025.

Moved by Trustee Gerrish Willis, seconded by Trustee Scott Poston.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

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

Staff Report

Clerk's report:

Closing out of quarter 3.

State inspection for food pantry.

Election update.

Attending CMCA clerks conference 10/16-24/2025

Replaced all staff computers except the Town managers.

Manager's report

Working on 2026 budget.

Town website now has the Rico calendar.

YouTube livestream active for meetings.

RFP for Manse building on the Town website.

South Silver street has new roadbase.

LUC to be seen by the Planning commission in the next few months.

Discussion Items

Water system update

Town manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update.

Water consumption is down.

Funding discussion to come to the Board in November.

Board has discussion

Public hearing of the 2026 Town of Rico budget pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-1-106

Town manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update.

Board has discussion

Pavilion policy

Town manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update.

Public Comment: Florence Ezell

Board has discussion.

Public Comment

Dylan Robertson brings to the Town Boards attention that he is interested in the Public Works position.

Motion

Move to postpone the executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on Leah Lane and associated legal cost pursuant to C.R.S 24-6-402 (4)(c) to the November 20, 2025 Board of Trustee meeting.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

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

Motion

Move to adjourn.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

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



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk



Patrick Fallon
Mayor

