

## RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sept 21, 2022

### Call to order

Mayor Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Trustees Present:** Mayor Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon  
Trustee Christopher Condon (Zoom)  
Trustee Joe Croke  
Trustee Joe Dillsworth

**Trustees Absent:** Trustee Benn Vernadakis  
Trustee Linda Yellowman

**Staff Present.** Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

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

### Approval of Minutes

#### Motion

To approve the minutes.

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

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

### Payment of Bills

#### Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

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

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

### Public Comment

Nicole Pieterse: Attended the Historic Society meeting. The Historic society is looking into grants for engineering to assess the structure of the Van Winkle structure.

Joe Croke: Brought to the Town Managers attention that snow storage needs to be assessed for the upcoming winter season. Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy expressed that he and Dennis Swank are looking to obtain permission from land owners as well as post no parking signs in snow storage areas.





**Action Items**Consideration of acceptance of the 2021 Audit.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary of the audit. Highlighting the one weakness that the audit firm mentioned. The small staff of Rico inhibits separation of duties.

**Motion**

To approve the audit for 2021.

**Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

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

Consideration of first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado amending the 2022 budget and approving supplemental appropriations of money.

Town Manager gave a summary of the ordinance and the amendments.

**Motion**

To approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10 amending the 2022 budget and approving supplemental appropriations of monies.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

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

Consideration of Resolution 2022-03 a resolution of the Town of Rico Board of Trustees supporting the submission of a grant application for funds from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife non-motorized trail fund.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gave a summary of the resolution and the support it would give to the River trail.

Jim Ostrem from the Rico Trail alliance expressed that this resolution is a requirement for the application.

**Public Comment:**

Florence Ezell had questions about the area the Forest Service is clearing and if it has anything to do with this project. Nicole Pieterse explained the location of the trail in question.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse recused herself due to conflict of interest.

Kari Distefano: this is a great starting point for connecting the Galloping Goose trail from Ridgeway to Dolores. This is a non-technical trail that would greatly benefit the Town.

**Board Comments:**

Joe Croke: This is just a support letter.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon: Expressed that this is just a support letter at this time with no funding requested from the Town.

**Motion**

To approve Resolution 2022-03 a resolution of the Town of Rico Board of Trustees supporting the submission of a grant application for funds from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife non-motorized trail fund

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

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

Consideration of a liquor license renewal application, Motherload Liquor LLC, applicant.  
Town Clerk Anna Wolf expressed that all is in order for this renewal application.

**Motion**

To approve liquor license renewal application, Motherload Liquor LLC  
**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

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

Consideration of a liquor license renewal application, Rock Laubster LLC (dba Mountain Top Liquor), applicant.

Town Clerk Anna Wolf expressed that all is in order for this renewal application.

**Motion**

To approve liquor license renewal application, Rock Laubster LLC  
**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

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

**Staff Report:**

Clerk's Report:

The Town Clerk explained that she is working on the Election including election judges, ballot creation and more.

Manager's Report:

The Truelson's sold their oar carts. The Women's club is buying them and donating some to the town to replace the flower barrels.

The Town Manager is pursuing engineering for the shop.

CML League yearly meeting will be in Arvada next year. The Town Manager urges board members if they have the time to consider joining this conference next year.

Rico center grant cycle October first. Historically grants requested for the Street Fund. This season the most value for the Town and community would be a tract side by side, grooming, allow to access tanks and well. Light maintenance in the summer. The right machine could potentially be covered by the Rico center. Additional expenses could be covered by the sale of the snowmobile. Nicole question: it will make the grooming more efficient. Chauncey: less time: more efficient, more people could be able to drive it. Easier on the body less workmen's comp chance. Also it would have a plow attachment. Light plowing if needed. Groomers: Esteban, Mikey O, Chauncey. If the smaller loader failed there are other options. Public: Alex Wing: in support of the tool for the town in general. Worth considering to combine forces with the fire department.

**Discussion Items**


VCUP Update

Nicole Pieterse gave a summary. There will be a public forum September 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the town hall.

Special Meeting

The Board agreed upon a Special Board meeting on October 3, 2022 to discuss the Budget, and Election Judges, This will be at 7:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

  
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Anna Wolf  
Rico Town Clerk

  
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Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor