



MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Town of Red Cliff Council Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

Meeting held virtually

CALL TO ORDER at 7:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber	Trustee Art Fox	Trustee Tom Henderson
Trustee Dana Veljacic	Trustee Andy Fobair	Trustee Bob Hill
Trustee Mary Walker	Clerk Melissa Matthews	Administrator Barb Smith
Town Attorney Richard Peterson-Cremer		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve the agenda, seconded by Dana Veljacic, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 05, 2021

Motion by Dana Veljacic to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Walker, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

1. Sara Cassidy, Colorado Midland & Pacific: Introduction to possible change with the rail line through Red Cliff.

Sara Cassidy introduced herself, the company and the concepts for this rail line which include freight and passenger opportunities. They want to develop a plan in consultation with the communities along the line, which spans four counties including Eagle County.

Questions/comments from the public included topics such as:

- Asked what the potential commercial freight opportunities are. Per Cassidy, they would likely be building materials and currently have no plans/means to run oil through the pass – because they do not have the means to link beyond this corridor. Terms of the lease are ‘years’ and they do have the authority to pursue passenger and freight opportunities on the line.
- Many community members expressed that they want to be guaranteed to have a station in town for commuters. Cassidy responded that a passenger solution would not be a completely private endeavor – would need to partner with local agencies.
- Types of trains would not be determined until studies are done.
- Frequency was brought up, which has not been determined as of yet. Per Cassidy, still to be determined are: how many trains per day, times of day, and commuter ticket cost.
- Many community members don’t see a need for a train: don’t believe people would use a commuter train and wouldn’t benefit from goods coming into/from town.
- This is the only scenic by-way in Eagle County.
- Per Cassidy, they haven’t done costs and feasibility yet.

- Discussion on tourist trains: per Cassidy there is not plan for or against that.
- Per Cassidy, they will be doing a number of studies, such as wildlife, the river, the canyon, etc.
- The current line has not been left in good condition, with waste materials and storage materials that needs to be address. Community members would like this to be in the plan, along with some accountability.
- Crossings and existing recreation use would need to be taken into account.
- Discussion of right-of-way regarding the possibilities to put a hard path for recreation along the side of the railway.
- Hazardous material – would the company agree in good faith to not have these on the line? Cassidy was unable to make any guarantees.
- Community members asked that they do a noise impact study for the Town.

2. COVID – 19 Updates

Anyone over the age of 70 is eligible. The vaccination plan locally seems to be rolling out well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Duke Gerber to go into executive Session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to go into executive session with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a legal question relating to water rights and developments on the Homestake Collection System, seconded by Tom Henderson, unanimously approved at 9:19pm.

Call to order at 10:04 pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber	Trustee Art Fox	Trustee Tom Henderson
Trustee Dana Veljacic	Trustee Andy Fobair	Trustee Bob Hill
Trustee Mary Walker	Clerk Melissa Matthews	Administrator Barb Smith
Town Attorney Richard Peterson-Cremer (left at 10:06pm)		

UPDATES

1. Mayor Duke Gerber

- Plowing has been going well.
- Homestake Creek Dam update: we are awaiting the decision by the Forest Service and we are doing our due diligence in overseeing this process.

2. Other Staff/Trustee Update:

Administrator, Barb Smith:

- Changes in our maintenance department. The supervisor left with no notice. We have hired a local for the maintenance position: Nick Gallegos. Lorenzo Sandoval has taken over the management side of the maintenance department.
- We are looking into making some improvements on the equipment that the maintenance department has.
- We will be turning on the heaters at the water treatment plant to try and avoid the line from freezing.
- There is an update with the Ranger program and regarding an additional Forest service ranger to help us out. This will be on 1/26/21 - we will send out the link for this presentation.
- Vail Valley Partnership asked for our participation (just as last year, which we did not do). The requested amount is \$325, the Board has directed staff to send \$100.

- The lease on our copier is up. We have a couple of options: lease a new one or buy the existing one. Either way, we will continue our maintenance agreement. After discussion, we will buy the printer outright, and continue the service plan.

BILL PAY

1. General Account

Amazon Marketplace	5100 · Building/Grounds	\$ (96.65)
Century Link - x199B	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (166.73)
Century Link - x664B (FAX)	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (94.23)
Colorado Dept of Revenue	Payroll Liabilities - State Wage Withholding-2020 Q4	\$(2,145.00)
Eagle County Animal Services	5050 · Animal Control	\$ (213.00)
Hunn Planning & Policy, LLC	5012 · Planner	\$(1,037.50)
Northwest CO Council of Governments	5182 · Dues	\$ (198.00)
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance (Copier)	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (240.10)
Valley Manufacturing	5091 · Repairs	\$ (300.00)
Waste Management	5086 · Trash Collection	\$ (86.34)
Xcel Energy x7923-0	5084 · Xcel Street Lights	\$ (27.43)
Xcel Energy x7080-4	5082 · Xcel TV Tower	\$ (151.06)
Smith, Barbara J	Payroll	\$(1,800.26)
Smith, Barbara J	Expense Reimb-Health Insurance	\$ (349.15)
Smith, Barbara J	Expense Reimb	\$ (49.09)
Smith, Barbara J	Expense Reimb	\$ (171.83)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$(1,419.55)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	\$(1,430.50)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$ (349.15)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement	\$ (467.74)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$ (972.37)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Expense Reimbursement	\$ (46.22)

Motion by Dana Veljacic to approve the General Account bill pay, seconded by Andy Fobair, unanimously approved.

2. Enterprise Account

American Conservation & Billing Solutions	5028 · Meter Reads/Billing	\$ (822.75)
CenturyLink	5033 · Wastewater Ops - Utilities	\$ (56.43)
Karp Neu Hanlon, PC	5013 · Attorney	\$(1,026.00)
USDA/Rural Development	2075 · Refunding Bonds - Series A	\$ (777.00)
USDA/Rural Development	2085 · Refunding Bonds - Series B	\$ (829.00)
Xcel Energy -x1529-6	5023 · Utilities - WTP	\$ (747.01)
Xcel Energy -x8434-7	5033 · Utilities - WWTP	\$(1,997.27)

Motion by Dana Veljacic to approve Enterprise Account bill pay, seconded by Bob Hill, unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Art Fox to adjourn, seconded by Duke Gerber, unanimously approved at 10:23PM.