



**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Town of Red Cliff Council Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

**Meeting held virtually**

**CALL TO ORDER at 7:08PM**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Duke Gerber

Trustee Art Fox

Trustee Tom Henderson

Trustee Andy Fobair

Trustee Bob Hill

Trustee Dana Veljacic (arrived at 7:11)

Trustee Mary Walker

Clerk Melissa Matthews

Administrator Barb Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve the agenda with the removal of the Vista Presentation and the addition of Steve Thomas presentation, seconded by Tom Henderson, unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. January 19, 2021

Motion by Art Fox to approve the minutes, seconded by Andy Fobair, unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Garrett Alexander commented on make-shift speed bump (out of ice and snow) at the intersection of Monument and Pine Streets built by residents of that area – it worked well in terms of slowing traffic through that area. He would like this noted for future considerations. Staff noted that there were complaints and this was removed. A more permanent option could be considered with streetscape project, likely with a shift in location. Recommended that residents contribute this suggestion to [www.redcliffstreets.com](http://www.redcliffstreets.com).

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

1. ~~Vista Presentation by Eagle County~~ – Postponed until next meeting (2/16/21)
2. Steve Thomas presenting Colorado Code Consulting

Thomas presented this company as a potential provider of inspection services for our town. They provide building department services to jurisdictions across Colorado, including Lake County, Minturn and Avon. They are a full-service firm and can provide: plan reviews, inspections, and administration of the building code. Their approach is “to get people to yes” instead of being the “building police” by administering the code. The goal is safety. Thomas said that our local contact would be Jerry Long and possibly a second inspector, offering inspections within 24 hours. Thomas has provided a proposal; which staff will distribute to the Board.

Staff explained that the cost of this company will be about 10% higher than current provider, however this company looks to offer more services and faster service. In addition, Minturn has expressed that they have had a positive experience with this company.

They can help with code adoption work, as they encourage consistency in code within the region. After this preliminary review, there was agreement that having the code be the same regionally as well as having an inspector working in our area will improve our services significantly. There will be more on this at the next meeting.

### 3. Front Country Ranger Program report

This program spends a lot of time and effort in the Homestead and Camp Hale areas, as well as Shrine Pass. They ask all towns and the county to contribute to their budget (based on property taxes) to keep this program going and they are asking for Red Cliff to contribute \$249.86. They will be adding two additional people this summer to help with patrols. They patrol Homestead significantly.

Motion by Duke Gerber to contribute \$249.86 to the Front Country Ranger Program, seconded by Bob Hill, unanimously approved.

### 4. Appointment to the NWCCOG Board, one representative and one alternate

Northwest Colorado Council of Government provides significant support to our town, including: keeping us informed of grants, helping businesses with loans, transportation of aging populations, organize the home energy efficiency program and aide in the costs for these homes to get needed things like heat, provide advice for the town and businesses, to name a few. They meet a few times throughout the year and we need a representative from the Board to participate in these. This is an annual commitment. Trustee Bob Hill and Mayor Duke Gerber volunteered for this role.

Motion by Duke Gerber to appoint Bob Hill as the representative and Duke Gerber as the alternate for the NWCCOG Board, second by Tom Henderson, unanimously approved.

### 5. COVID – 19 Updates

The State has proposed a new deal with three goals in mind: 1) better balance disease suppression with economic hardships, 2) be more responsive to local conditions, and 3) accounts for the benefits of vaccinations of those 70+ and frontline healthcare workers to hospital capacity.

The County will begin vaccinating the rest of the 1b in Phase 1 next week. This includes frontline essential workers including educators and grocers.

## UPDATES

### 1. Staff/Trustee Updates:

Administrator, Barb Smith:

- Residential fire yesterday was likely an electrical fire, we have not received a report on what started the fire as of yet. We have contacted the owners; they plan to tear it down anyways. It was not occupied.
- We received our first grant payment to reimburse us for expenses for the streetscape project. We are talking to them about including High Street in the Project. The top third of that street will likely not be an option, but they will get us an estimate to add the rest of the street into the project.
- Per John Volk, the Water Treatment Plant could use some maintenance/upgrades which should save us money in the long-run: switch to LED lights, move some lights to more useful spaces, board up skylight, and possibly other upgrades. Our staff can do much of this, and we do have some funds available for this. He could also take the BOT on a tour of the WTP soon.

Trustee Tom Henderson:

- Asked staff to get an update from the Forest Service on Wearyman.

Trustee Art Fox:

- Appreciates the work that the maintenance staff has done to prevent snowmobilers from going around the gate onto Cemetery Road.  
Staff said that the residents who were going around the gate (and over private property) have been given notice to restrain from doing this anymore. Staff will also look into additional signage.

**BILL PAY**

1. General Account

ABC Parts	5093 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$ (543.60)
Forethought.net	5046 · Computer & Internet	\$ (140.00)
IRS/US Treasury	Payroll Liabilities - Federal Wage Withholding	\$ (3,932.08)
Utility Notification Center of CO	5100 · Building/Grounds	\$ (60.00)
Vail Valley Partnership	5182 · Dues	\$ (100.00)
Xcel Energy x7086-0	5083 · Gen Ops: Xcel Town Hall	\$ (1,939.65)
Duke Gerber	5061 · Mayor	\$ (250.00)
Andy Fobair	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Art Fox	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Bob Hill	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Dana Veljacic	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Tom Henderson	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Mary Walker	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Smith, Barbara J	Payroll	\$ (1,800.25)
Smith, Barbara J	Expense Reimb-Health Insurance	\$ (349.15)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$ (1,567.03)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	\$ (1,201.43)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$ (349.15)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement	\$ (16.09)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$ (642.87)

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

2. Enterprise Account

Town of Red Cliff - General Fund	Payroll Allocation - Per 2020 Budget-Balance	\$ (30,718.00)
Water Quality Control Professionals	5021 · WTP Operators/5022 · Repairs	\$ (2,302.65)
Water Quality Control Professionals	5031 · WWTP Operators/5032 · Repairs	\$ (1,857.53)

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve Enterprise Account bill pay, seconded by Dana Veljacic, unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Art Fox to adjourn, seconded by Dana Veljacic, unanimously approved at 8:29PM.