



MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Town of Red Cliff Council Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

Meeting held virtually

CALL TO ORDER at 7:07pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber

Trustee Art Fox

Trustee Tom Henderson

Trustee Dana Veljacic

Trustee Bob Hill

Trustee Andy Fobair

Trustee Mary Walker

Administrator Barb Smith

Clerk Melissa Mathews

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve the Agenda, seconded by Art Fox, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 6, 2021

Motion by Art Fox to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Walker, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

1. Wildland Fire Update by Karl Bauer with ERFPD

Karl Bauer presented an update on current situations and upcoming plans. The new 30-year average has been adjusted upward based on the inclusion of the averages over the past decade. In addition, melt off is happening faster (translating into dryer soils and stressed fuels). Twenty of the largest wildfires in history have occurred in the past 20 years. The fire departments believe that they will see a continuing worsening of threat of wildland fire. Based on this, they/we need to prepare and ensure that we have a system of response, mitigation and community education in place. As of last year, they formed Eagle Valley Wildland (EVW) which is a cooperative between Greater Eagle Fire and Eagle River Fire. Their goal is reduced wildfire risk through appropriate mitigation, suppression and community outreach. They have recently approached the County for additional funding allowing them to hire a couple more positions and begin the process of more effectively mitigating situations and educating the community. This agreement is in the final steps. At this time, Bauer is simply asking for a continued partner with the Town of Red Cliff, especially in allowing for lines of communication and support. Bauer and the Board members participated in discussion about increased information/communication – Bauer explained that this a focus of Eagle Valley Wildland, and specifically Tracy LeClair.

2. Jerry Long with Colorado Code Consulting Introduction

Jerry spoke to the safety concerns that he focusses on. In addition, Steve Thomas with CCC proposed that the Town move to a more current code such as the 2015 or 2018. There was extensive discussion about code change possibilities as well as pros and cons of each of the options. CCC will work to create a comparison of some of the main changes from 2009 to 2018 Code for the Board. This will be an ongoing conversation.

3. Request to Sign-on to HR 1162 / S.487: *21st Century Conservation Corps Act* from Congressman Joe Neguse' office

Summary: This is essentially asking for additional funding to invest in a workforce for wildfires, getting people back to work and addressing climate change challenges. The Board discussed that they don't have strong feelings about this, and agreed that they would sign on to this. They directed Staff to move forward with this.

4. COVID – 19 Updates

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been pulled by the County at this time. The other vaccines are available to anyone over the age of 16. The State Order has expired and they did not renew. The County has renewed its Public Order, which essentially changes nothing at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1, SERIES 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RED CLIFF, COLORADO, REGARDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF SPECIAL REVIEW USE PERMIT FOR A MECHANIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RENTAL BUSINESS LOCATED AT 166 ½ EAGLE STREET, RED CLIFF, COLORADO

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve Resolution 1, Series 2021, seconded by Andy Fobair, unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2, SERIES 2021

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER USE RATE VARIANCES EXHIBITED IN RESOLUTION 4, SERIES 2018 FOR MANGOS MOUNTAIN GRILL AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE RENTALS LOCATED AT 166 ½ EAGLE STREET, RED CLIFF, COLORADO

Motion by Andy Fobair to approve Resolution 2, Series 2021, seconded by Bob Hill, unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 3, SERIES 2021

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE VARIANCES EXHIBITED IN RESOLUTION 5, SERIES 2018 FOR THE GREEN BRIDGE INN, CONVENIENCE STORE, AND RED CLIFF LIQUORS LOCATED AT 104 WATER STREET, RED CLIFF, COLORADO

Motion by Dana Veljacic to approve Resolution 3, Series 2021, seconded by Mary Walker, unanimously approved.

UPDATES

1. Staff/Trustee Updates:

Mayor, Duke Gerber:

- Still working to connect with Leanne with the Forest Service regarding Wearyman Road.
- We need to start planning the Town clean up event.

Administrator, Barb Smith:

- In the process of getting the brass memorial plate made for the Beck's for the Museum Dedication.
- Met with CDOT representative and a Forest Service representative to discuss wildfire signage. They will be providing a large sign showing the current level of fire danger. CDOT, the fire department, and our maintenance crew will work together to get this installed.
- Candy Burbage (formerly with ERWSD) asked if she can come and show some people from Naturita our WWTP system as an example of a system that may work well for them.

Clerk Melissa Matthews :

- Town Clean Up Day: Propose May 22, 2021, for this event. After discussion about roll-offs and costs, the Board directed staff to order 3 roll-offs. I will also follow up with Mango's about the 'after-party'.
- The Eagle River Watershed Council is having their annual Highway clean up event on May 1st. They have asked about Red Cliff volunteers helping with mm 154 on Highway 24. We had one resident volunteer for this so far.

Trustee Andy Fobair:

- Inquired about the status of pot hole filling. Per staff, this is still 'in-progress'.
- Inquired about the plan for Xcel Energy moving power lines. Manager Barb Smith explained that they have to replace a few old poles and will be powering those houses from the front. This process will mean undergrounding these power lines. The work is primarily on Monument Street.

BILL PAY

1. General Account

COLO Trust+ General Emergency Reserve	Operating Transfers Out	\$ (7,573.00)
COLO Trust+ General Capital Savings	Operating Transfers Out	\$ (28,628.00)
Colorado Dept of Revenue	Payroll Liabilities - State Wage Withholding-2021 Q1	\$ (1,997.00)
Colorado State Treasurer	Payroll Liabilities (SUTA)-2021 Q1	\$ (139.59)
Eagle County Animal Services	5050 · Animal Control	\$ (207.00)
Home Depot	5100 · Building/Grounds	\$ (77.20)
Hunn Planning & Policy, LLC	5012 · Planner	\$ (1,147.50)
IRS/US Treasury	Payroll Liabilities - Federal Wage Withholding-MAR 2021	\$ (3,531.82)
Two Valley Tires	5093 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$ (107.00)
Waste Management	5086 · Trash Collection	\$ (93.86)
Xcel Energy x7923-0	5084 · Xcel Street Lights	\$ (23.77)
Xcel Energy x7080-4	5082 · Xcel TV Tower	\$ (113.65)
Smith, Barbara J	Payroll	\$ (1,802.25)
Smith, Barbara J	Expense Reimb-Health Insurance	\$ (349.15)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$ (829.34)
Gallegos, Nick	Payroll	\$ (1,049.88)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	\$ (1,336.85)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$ (349.15)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$ (1,236.90)

Motion by Art Fox to approve the General Account bill pay, seconded by Mary Walker, unanimously approved.

2. Enterprise Account

COLO Trust - Enterprise Emergency Reserve	Operating Transfers Out	\$ (13,841.00)
COLO Trust - Enterprise Capital Savings	Operating Transfers Out	\$ (14,645.00)
Dana Kepner Company	5022 · Repairs, Testing, Maintenance - WTP	\$ (1,126.68)
USDA/Rural Development	2075 · Refunding Bonds - Series A	\$ (777.00)
USDA/Rural Development	2085 · Refunding Bonds - Series B	\$ (829.00)
WalMart	5022 · Repairs, Testing & Maintenance	\$ (43.41)
Xcel Energy -x1529-6	5023 · Utilities - WTP	\$ (656.51)
Xcel Energy -x8434-7	5033 · Utilities - WWTP	\$ (1,961.14)

Motion by Art Fox 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 8:30 PM.