



MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Town of Red Cliff Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber	Mayor Pro-Tem Art Fox	Trustee Garrett Alexander
Trustee Ondrej Mertlik	Deputy Clerk Chris Brown	Trustee Ben Kleimer, absent
Trustee Bob Oppenheimer	OPEN SEAT	Administrator/Clerk Melissa Matthews

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *Items to be added or pulled from the agenda*

Motion by Garrett Alexander to approve the agenda with the addition of an event application, seconded by Art Fox, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 20, 2024

Motion by Art Fox to approve the minutes, seconded by Garrett Alexander, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - *For items not on the agenda, please keep comments to five minutes or less.*

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Event Application: Cemetery Tour on 9/11 & 9/12, 2024

Katie Brandl is a teacher at VSSA and has been bringing her students up here for a historical tour of the Greenwood Cemetery with Kathy Heicher from the Eagle County Historical Society for many years. Kathy previously did all of the arrangements, but is no longer helping in this capacity. Katie is requesting to bring her students up here and lead the tour herself. She is requesting that the fee and deposit be waived, as this is local students and educational. Staff discussed allowing this as in the past, allowing Red Cliff residents to join.

Motion by Garrett Alexander to approve the event and waive the fee and deposit, seconded by Duke Gerber, unanimously approved.

STAFF/TRUSTEE UPDATES

Mayor, Duke Gerber:

- Inquired about the washboard feel in two sections of the new paved road. Staff will inquire with the construction company.

Administrator/Clerk, Melissa Matthews:

- Scot Hunn and Melissa met with Community Planning Strategies to game plan funding for the Joint Comp Plan and Code update. We are beginning conversations with potential grantor organizations and beginning the application processes. We will need a joint work session to discuss immediate steps that staff can work on while funding sources are established and obtained. After discussion the Board requested this to be on October 1st.

- We are planning to apply for the 2024 RE connecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program for a Capital Construction grant for the Streetscape Project. This application is due at the end of this month, and is hefty. Staff will make this a priority. We also learned that the Streetscape Project was added to Senator Bennett's CDS list (in addition to Senator Hickenlooper's). This hopefully increases our chances of getting federal budget funding.
- We are likely going to be applying for a Brownfield grant to get started on the Old Town Hall project. This would help to clean up the building and get it ready for the next step.
- SpeakUp ReachOut will be here on Thursday, 9/5/24, to do an all staff training for suicide incidents. We will be joined by the Eagle County Sheriff's office, Vail Mountain Rescue, and Eagle County Emergency Management.
- The stakeholder group for the Wearyman Creek Watershed Health Improvement Project met onsite on August 28th. We toured the area, stopping at each of the crossings as well as other key places. The group included long-time locals, Red Cliff staff, USFS, CPW, rescue groups, commercial OHV businesses, and erosion specialists. Shared information included: history of the trail, history of erosion and major events, and fish and bug biology and health. There were many ideas shared regarding options to improve the watershed and preserve the recreational aspects while ensuring that the Red Cliff water supply and natural habitats are not negatively impacted. There will be at least two more stakeholder meetings as well as a public meeting before the project moves forward.
- Eagle County Animal Services is working towards purchasing body cameras for their officers in the field. It is estimated to result in about a 1% increase to their field services budget which would affect our 2027 contract. They believe that this will improve their services and are asking for feedback before this is finalized. The Board had no feedback on this and no opposition.
- House Bill 24B-1001 passed with reduced property tax assessment rates in phases over several years and caps annual revenue growth. It passed with strong support and led to the withdrawal of two proposed ballot measures.
- We are once again receiving a high volume of land use questions, so staff would like to make the Board aware of some questions to think about which may come up in the future.
 - Would the town be open to lots being subdivided?
 - Would the town like to see more single-family homes on lots or a subdivision with a few homes and a potential HOA?
- The application for the State Historical Registry was accepted and will be heard at the next State Board Meeting on 9/20/2024. This will be virtual, so let us know if you want the link to watch.
- Staff is considering a proposal to change the number of Trustees on the Red Cliff Board. The Board is open to furthering this discussion and directed staff to move forward with research on this topic.
- We are starting the budget process on 9/16/2024, and plan to have it ready for the first reading at the beginning of October.
- There will be a P&Z meeting on 9/17 and possibly a Liquor Board meeting that same night.

Deputy Clerk, Chris Brown:

- Community Unity Day is planned and all set up for this Sunday.

Trustee, Art Fox:

- Encouraged Board members to attend and help with the activities at Community Unity Day.

BILL PAY

1. General Account

ABC Parts	5093 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$ (97.21)
Amazon Marketplace	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (36.20)
Barb Smith	5014 · Accounting/Bookkeeping/Finance	\$ (84.98)
Century Link - x2191	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (187.10)
Century Link - x2191	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (189.26)
Empower Retirement Plans	Payroll Liabilities:Retirement Plans - PPE 08/31/2024	\$ (1,362.67)
FirstBank	5181 · Bank Service Charges	\$ (10.00)
Home Depot	5100 · Building/Grounds	\$ (8.47)
IRS/US Treasury	Payroll Liabilities - Federal Wage Withholding	\$ (2,384.08)
Linda Overcash-By the Numbers	5014 · Accounting/Bookkeeping/Finance	\$ (1,761.25)
Mango's Mountain Grill	5051 · Marketing/Advertising - Town Events	\$ (123.00)
Mitchell & Company, LLC	5046 · Computer & Internet	\$ (163.75)
WalMart	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$ (81.14)
Duke Gerber	5062 · Board Member	\$ (250.00)
Art Fox	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Ben Kleimer	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Cassandra MacUmber	5062 · Board Member	
Garrett Alexander	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Ondrej Mertlik	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Robert Oppenheimer	5062 · Board Member	\$ (150.00)
Beyer, David	Payroll	\$ (1,147.89)
Brown, Chris	Payroll	\$ (1,198.39)
Brown, Chris	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$ (412.00)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$ (1,238.34)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	\$ (2,121.33)
Matthews, Melissa	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$ (412.00)
Gallegos, Nick	Payroll	\$ (1,310.06)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$ (1,215.28)
Martinez, William	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$ (412.00)
Vayan, Katelyn	Payroll	\$ (3.51)

Motion by Garrett Alexander to approve the General Account bill pay, seconded by Duke Gerber, unanimously approved.

2. Enterprise Account

CDPHE	5024 · Annual Fee - Drinking Water	\$ (113.00)
CDPHE	5034 · Annual Fee - Pretreatment	\$ (92.00)
CDPHE	5034 · Annual Fee	\$ (1,757.00)
CenturyLink	5033 · Wastewater Ops - Utilities	\$ (63.27)
FirstBank	5181 · Bank Service Charges	\$ (2.00)
Water Quality Control Professionals	5031 · WWTP Operators, 5032 · Repairs	\$ (1,886.17)

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Motion by Garrett Alexander to approve the Enterprise Account bill pay, seconded by Art Fox, unanimously approved.

3. Community Fund Account

FirstBank	5181 · Bank Service Charges	\$ (2.00)
Kodiaxe LLC	5051 · Marketing & Town Events - Community Unity Day	\$(1,150.00)

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve the Community Fund Account bill pay, seconded by Bob Oppenheimer, unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Art Fox to adjourn, seconded by Duke Gerber, unanimously approved at 8:05 pm.