



MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Town of Red Cliff Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER at 7:07 pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber	Mayor Pro-Tem Art Fox	Trustee Garrett Alexander
Trustee Ondrej Mertlik	Deputy Clerk Chris Brown	Trustee Ben Kleimer
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 Art Fox to approve the agenda, seconded by Ben Kleimer, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 3, 2024

Motion by Garrett Alexander to approve the minutes, seconded by Art Fox, with Ben Kleimer abstaining unanimously approved.

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

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Update on Green Bridge incident prevention

Staff participated in a meeting last week with top officials from CDOT, Senator Bennett, Congresswoman Lukens, other State officials, CDPHE, Eagle County Emergency Management, and law enforcement/first responders. Erin Ivie with SpeakUp ReachOut organized the meeting. It was a very productive conversation and CDOT was encouraged to put focus on finding an appropriate solution to help prevent suicides from the Bridge. This process would typically take 3-4 years, but they are going to try to push it through much more quickly. Once CDOT has engineered plans for a solution (which they are currently thinking of a 6-to-9-foot fence along the top of the bridge), they can present it to the State Historic Preservation Office for approval. Everyone on the call was supportive of this solution. Board members expressed frustration over the expedited process of the suicide prevention barrier project and feelings of being misled. There were concerns about whether the barrier would truly prevent suicides or simply shift the problem elsewhere. Members also expressed gratitude for staff not having to manage the negative consequences of suicide in the community. Ultimately, it was noted that the board has no authority over the decision since the bridge does not belong to the town.

STAFF/TRUSTEE UPDATES

Mayor, Duke Gerber:

- Community Unity Day was great, and was a lot of fun with all the older generational families.

Administrator/Clerk, Melissa Matthews:

- SpeakUp ReachOut was here on Thursday, 9/5/24, to do an all-staff training for suicide incidents. Also present was the Eagle County Sheriff's office, Vail Mountain Rescue, and Eagle County Emergency Management. The training was very informative and will be helpful should there be any future situation. All staff found it beneficial.
- The application for the State Historical Registry was accepted and will be heard at the next State Board Meeting on 9/20/2024 for the Old Town Hall Building sometime between 12:30-1:30.
- Our Streetscape Project was cut from the federal budget (Congressionally Directed Spending). Senator Bennett's office has reached out to discuss other funding options. We are looking into other Federal grant options as well.
- Tom Boyd won the primary for the Eagle County Commissioner for District 2 seat and is now running unopposed. He introduced himself at a recent Town Manager's meeting. District is the only contested countywide race this year with incumbent Matt Scherr against Gregg Cooper.
- We changed the batteries in the thermostat at the shed at our internet tower (last year, we were out of internet service for almost a full 24 hours because the batteries died and the heaters did not come on). The guys also did some clearing up there for easier access should we need to get there quickly.
- The maintenance team took an old fence out that was on the north side of the water pond. The Forest Service had been requiring that we repair this fence as part of our permit renewal, and eventually agreed that it served no functional purpose and allowed us to remove instead of repair, likely saving us thousands of dollars.
- Today, Nick & Dave attended a CIRSA luncheon in Keystone, earning us points for insurance premium decreases.
- We had the same Mason who did work on the building last year give us a bid to repair the front south corner of this building. This needs to be done before winter. The bid came in at \$3,800, and we are hoping to get one more bid. This company can ensure to get it done by winter, so staff is looking for approval to spend this un-budgeted money on this project. We do have additional funds in the budget, just not allocated specifically to this project. Motion by Duke Gerber to approve the masonry repair on the old school building, seconded by Ben Kleimer, unanimously approved.
- We have begun preparing the 2025 budget. There will not be any significant changes from past years. Payroll will likely see a 3% cost of living increase as well as individual merit increases. The first reading of the 2025 budget is scheduled for October 1st.
- There will be a Joint Work Session on October 1st at 6 pm, followed by a P&Z meeting at 6:30.

Deputy Clerk, Chris Brown:

- Community Unity Day update - Thank you to Mango's for preparing food, staff working on a Sunday, Bob & Garrett for cooking, Art & Ondrej for helping with set up and break down.
- Eagle County Historical Society request: have asked us to renew our community membership. Motion by Garrett Alexander to renew our community membership with Eagle County Historical Society as a Community Organization for \$275, seconded by Duke Gerber, unanimously approved.

Trustee, Garrett Alexander:

- EVTA Update- Released Winter schedule for Red Cliff and Minturn, and the schedule will stay the same during the winter with a mid-day stop in Red Cliff.

BILL PAY

1. General Account

Acorn Petroleum, Inc	5092 · Fuel	\$(1,261.02)
Apex Waste	5086 · Trash Collection	\$(162.62)
Amazon Marketplace	5100 · Building/Grounds	\$(131.14)
Amazon Marketplace	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$(27.90)
Amazon Marketplace	5022 · Repairs, Testing & Maintenance - WTP	\$(25.32)
CIRSA	5071 · Liability/Commercial Insurance Premium	\$6,293.51)
Doctor's on Call	5043 · Education/Training	\$(132.00)
Eagle County Animal Services	5050 · Animal Control	\$(230.00)
Empower Retirement Plans	Payroll Liabilities: Retirement Plans - PPE 09/15/2024	(1,503.73)
Home Depot	5051 · Town Events	\$(65.94)
Hunn Planning & Policy, LLC	5012 · Planner	\$(401.93)
IRS/US Treasury	Payroll Liabilities - Federal Wage Withholding	\$(2,137.72)
Karp Neu Hanlon, PC	5013 · Attorney	\$(880.00)
Mitchell & Company, LLC	5046 · Computer & Internet	\$(175.00)
Trafficsign.com	5110 · Road/Bridge	\$(208.21)
Vero Broadband	5046 · Computer & Internet	\$(140.00)
Xcel Energy x7923-0	5084 · Xcel Street Lights	\$(501.70)
Xcel Energy x7080-4	5082 · Xcel TV Tower	\$(76.46)
Xcel Energy x7086-0	5083 · Gen Ops: Xcel Town Hall	\$(16.25)
Xerox Financial Services-Copier	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$(195.00)
Beyer, David	Payroll	\$(1,275.50)
Brown, Chris	Payroll	\$(1,220.28)
Brown, Chris	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(412.00)
Brown, Chris	Reimbursement - Mileage	\$(141.36)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$(1,238.33)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	(2,171.14)
Matthews, Melissa	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(412.00)
Gallegos, Nick	Payroll	\$(1,310.06)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$(1,410.05)
Martinez, William	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(412.00)
Vayan, Katelyn	Payroll	\$(4.32)

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

2. Enterprise Account

American Conservation & Billing Solutions	5028 · Meter Reads/Billing	\$(742.75)
Bear Excavating	5022 · Repairs	\$(1,673.38)
Karp Neu Hanlon, PC	5013 · Attorney	\$(495.00)
Town of Red Cliff - General Fund	7000.2 · Operating Transfer Out Jan- Jun 2024 Road and Bridge	\$(21,530.00)

Town of Red Cliff - General Fund	7000.2 · Operating Transfer Out Jan-Jun 2024 Payroll Expense	\$(33,787.00)
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	\$(443.09)
Xcel Energy -x8434-7	5033 · Utilities - WWTP	\$(1,917.70)

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

3. Community Fund Account

Jerome Medina	Marketing & Town Events - Community Unity Day	\$(200.00)
Mango's	Marketing & Town Events - Community Unity Day	\$(400.00)
Walmart	Marketing & Town Events - Community Unity Day	\$(101.52)

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 8:36 pm.