



MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Town of Red Cliff Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER at 7:10 pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber	Mayor Pro-Tem Art Fox	Trustee Garrett Alexander
Trustee Ondrej Mertlik	Trustee Ben Kleimer	Trustee Dana Veljacic(Absent)
Trustee Bob Oppenheimer	Deputy Clerk Chris Brown	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 Garrett Alexander unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 04, 2025

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

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

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Ice Skating Rink:

The Ice Rink has sat dormant in the gymnasium for a couple of years, Community fund volunteers are inquiring about getting the ice-skating rink ready for next winter, Also the Town of Vail has inquired about purchasing it. The volunteers mentioned that with the extra funds from the sale we could purchase a smaller more portable ice rink.

After discussion, the Board determined that an ice rink is an asset that truly brings value to the community.

The Board directed staff to look further into the sale of the ice rink. If we would be able to purchase a smaller rink with the funds then move forward with the sale.

STAFF/TRUSTEE UPDATES

Mayor, Duke Gerber:

- Recommends staff to put a reminder in the newsletter and send out an email to ask locals to help clean up the fire hydrants near their homes.

Administrator/Clerk, Melissa Matthews:

- Regarding concerns about parking incorrectly and potentially hazardously at the "Y", we have been in talks with the County. This area is also dealing with CDOT ROW which could complicate/slow things down. That said, it is on their radar and they will consider possible solutions.

- We have set up a Fundrazr Page for the Old Town Hall and just got the funding mechanism validated so we can receive monetary donations through it. We will launch this by early next week along with a campaign through local media sources and social media to promote it, using the momentum from the recent Most Endangered Places designation.
- 2025 Eagle County Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Operations Plan has been formally adopted and is now being circulated.
- At the most recent Mayor’s Roundtable meeting, there was discussion on the CAC, noting that they are reorganizing to be more focused on education and not trying to drive policy and politics. Also, being more focused in general, and not trying to do things that others already are (like water preservation, transportation, etc.)
- Senator Bennet and Congressman Neguse are bringing back the SHRED Act which is good news for our region. This Act ensures that a portion of ski area permit fees collected by the USFS is reinvested in the national forests where they are generated. For Eagle County, this would mean more funding for trail improvements, wildfire mitigation and forest conservation.
- The Valentine’s Day dance was really great! Huge thank you to the volunteers (mostly Lauren and Whitney) for their efforts and donations. Everything was great: the decorations, the music, the treats and drinks, and the activities.
- Update on Water St resident: There was an issue with a resident's electrical system during a time we were using a welder, a standard practice, to thaw out a frozen pipe leading to the maintenance shop on Water St. This has been addressed and we will communicate future situations like this with this homeowner ahead of time.

Trustee Bob Oppenheimer:

- Attended the rail study committee meeting, the committee has a large vision
- Has more meetings with owners of trinity and Vail valley waste, they are more than willing to work with the town for an easier, more streamlined process. Oppenheimer will connect them with staff to discuss other options

Trustee Garrett Alexander:

- Core Transit update: Accidents have fallen in numbers and passenger numbers have increased.

BILL PAY

1. General Account

Advanced Diesel Pro	5093 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$(2,844.00)
Colorado State Treasurer	Payroll Liabilities	\$(141.67)
Eagle County Animal Services	5050 · Animal Control	\$(230.00)
Empower Retirement Plans	Payroll Liabilities:Retirement Plans - PPE 02/15/2025	\$(1,321.93)
Hunn Planning & Policy, LLC	5012 · Planner	\$(1,240.00)
Vail Lock & Key	5093 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$(14.00)
Xcel Energy x7923-0	5084 · Xcel Street Lights	\$(16.24)
Xcel Energy x7080-4	5082 · Xcel TV Tower	\$(188.87)
Beyer, David	Payroll	\$(1,118.80)

Brown, Chris	Payroll	\$(1,132.67)
Brown, Chris	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(458.00)
Finamore, Kristina	Payroll	\$(225.95)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$(1,135.15)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	\$(2,315.05)
Matthews, Melissa	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(458.00)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement - Cell phone/ Travel Expenses	\$(37.50)
Gallegos, Nick	Payroll	\$(1,368.28)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$(1,367.03)
Martinez, William	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(448.00)
Vayan, Katelyn	Payroll	\$(148.23)

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

2. Enterprise Account

Ferrellgas	5026 · Utilities: Propane	\$(1,154.00)
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	\$(850.69)
Xcel Energy -x8434-7	5033 · Utilities - WWTP	\$(2,034.55)

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

3. Community Fund Account

Ubereats- Melissa	5043 · Education/Training- check chargeback	\$(54.15)
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Motion by Garrett Alexander to approve the Community Fund Account bill pay, seconded by, Duke Gerber unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Art Fox to adjourn, seconded by Garrett Alexander, unanimously approved at 8:34 pm.