



MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Town of Red Cliff Chambers, 400 Pine Street, Red Cliff
TUESDAY, April 01, 2025

CALL TO ORDER at 7:07 pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Duke Gerber	Trustee Art Fox	Trustee Dana Veljacic
Trustee Bob Oppenheimer	Trustee Ondrej Mertlik	Trustee Garrett Alexander (Absent)
Trustee Ben Kleimer	Deputy Clerk Chris Brown	Administrator/Clerk Melissa Matthews (Absent)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Motion by Ondrej Mertlik to approve the agenda, seconded by Art Fox, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 18, 2025

Motion by Ben Kleimer to approve minutes, seconded by Duke Gerber, unanimously approved with Bob Oppenheimer and Dana Veljacic abstaining.

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

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Board approval for staff to submit the DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Grant Application, Fiscal Year (FY) 2025: Cycle 25-07; Tier II Funding Application for Streetscape Phase 1 Drainage Project

Motion by Ben Kleimer to approve staff to submit the DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant application, seconded by Art Fox, unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 4 SERIES 2025:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF COLORADO AND THE TOWNS OF GYPSUM, MINTURN, EAGLE, RED CLIFF, AVON AND VAIL, PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve RESOLUTION 4 SERIES 2025, seconded by Ben Kleimer, unanimously approved.

STAFF/TRUSTEE UPDATES

Mayor, Duke Gerber: None

Administrator/Clerk, Melissa Matthews:

- Staff had a call with AT&T's State Director, Guillermo Lambarri (at Senator Bennett's urging), and others from his team to discuss our wireless needs and their stalled Hwy 24 site. This project is stalled with no resume date at this time. They are going to brainstorm some ideas for helping get some wireless options in Red Cliff in the near future.
- Funding Request: Outside Festival Participation: The Outside Festival in Denver (May 31 - June 1) is an opportunity to showcase Red Cliff and Minturn to 25,000 outdoor enthusiasts, and distribute and promote the Responsible Recreation and Visitation Guide and Website. With increasing visitor

pressure on our public lands, the severe decrease in staffing of the National Forrest, and the likely elimination of the Front Country Rangers program, this event would allow us to promote responsible recreation and distribute our Visitor Guide directly to a key audience. Minturn will cover the majority of the booth cost. Does the Board approve sending a staff member to represent Red Cliff at this event, additionally, contributing funds toward the booth cost?

Motion by Duke Gerber to approve \$500 contributing funds toward the booth cost and to send a staff member to the event, seconded by Art Fox, unanimously approved.

- The Housing Needs Assessment has been finalized - The key takeaway was that regionally, the housing need is 6,400 units within 10 years. This is about the same as the number at the assessment about 10 years ago, meaning that the region has kept up with growth, but not made any progress in lessening the gap.
- The final application for the State Historical Fund planning grant for the Old Town Hall was submitted on 4/1/25, asking for \$92,877 and requesting that the 25% match be waived. Thank you to Lauren Morris for her many hours of work on this.
- The DOLA EIAF grant application was submitted on 4/1/25 for the MMOF grant match (50%, \$950,000). The final MMOF grant application for the other 50% is due April 15th.
- We submitted the full Streetscape project for CDS (Congressionally Directed Spending) through the offices of Congressman Neguse, Senator Hickenlooper, and Senator Bennett last week. This process is in limbo, but they recommended submitting anyway.
- Melissa is at the DCI conference this week in Greeley and looking forward to reconnecting and making new connections with people and organizations who can help Red Cliff with our challenge.
- The Community Fund group meeting went well - there were quite a few engaged citizens in attendance. They will continue to work on annual events (Easter and Town Clean Up Day in the near future) and have some fun ideas for new events. They are also trying to help find volunteers to help with weekly food pantry pick ups.
- At the March NWCCOG Council Meeting, the attorney Barbara Green discussed navigating recent federal reversals on language in grants. A professional grant writer provided a list of words that were leaked and will risk funding revocation and prevent grant awarding if these words are used. We went through current grant applications and removed/changed these words, which was quite time consuming.
- This week, a concerned citizen reported alleged snow dumping and damage to a railroad tie retaining wall at the south end of Eagle Street along the river. Staff investigated and determined it was not caused by Town activities, but removed a board from the river as a precaution.
- Core Transit's summer schedule begins April 14, with double the daily trips to Leadville and five additional trips daily to Minturn. Riders traveling to Leadville will still need to pay a \$7 one-way fare, with payments now only accepted via mobile app, loadable card, or ticket purchase at designated locations.
- The Audit is next week and we are going to once again with Uli Keeley (Prospective Business Solutions) and Accountant Linda Overcash.

BILL PAY

1. General Account

ABC Parts	5093 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$(45.44)
Century Link - x2191	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$(207.95)
Empower Retirement Plans	Payroll Liabilities:Retirement Plans - PPE 03/31/2025	\$(1,418.88)
Xcel Energy x7923-0	5084 · Xcel Street Lights	\$(15.83)
Xcel Energy x7086-0	5083 · Gen Ops: Xcel Town Hall	\$(1,931.89)
Xerox Financial Services - Copier	5041 · Postage, Print, Telephone, Supplies	\$(195.00)
Duke Gerber	5062 · Board Member	\$(250.00)
Art Fox	5062 · Board Member	\$(150.00)
Ben Kleimer	5062 · Board Member	\$(150.00)
Dana Veljacic	5062 · Board Member	\$(150.00)
Garrett Alexander	5062 · Board Member- reprint check	\$(150.00)
Ondrej Mertlik	5062 · Board Member	\$(150.00)
Robert Oppenheimer	5062 · Board Member	\$(150.00)
Beyer, David	Payroll	\$(1,265.22)
Brown, Chris	Payroll	\$(1,268.65)
Brown, Chris	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(458.00)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Payroll	\$(1,199.77)
Sandoval, Lorenzo	Reimbursement - Mileage	\$(122.56)
Matthews, Melissa	Payroll	\$(2,315.05)
Matthews, Melissa	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(458.00)
Matthews, Melissa	Reimbursement - Mileage	\$(273.00)
Matthews, Melissa	Expense Reimbursement - Cell phone/ Travel Expenses	\$(37.50)
Gallegos, Nick	Payroll	\$(1,368.28)
Martinez, William	Payroll	\$(1,361.81)
Martinez, William	Reimbursement - Health Insurance	\$(448.00)
Vayan, Katelyn	Payroll	\$(88.94)

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

2. Enterprise Account

American Conservation & Billing Solutions	5028 · Meter Reads/Billing	\$(734.25)
CenturyLink	5033 · Wastewater Ops - Utilities	\$(73.70)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Art Fox to adjourn, seconded by Dana Veljacic, unanimously approved at 7:40pm.