

**TOWN COUNCIL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 1, 2020**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of De Beque was held by virtual means on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 6:02 p.m. Present were the following:

Mayor: Zeke Gaudern

Trustees: Judy Lake Cindy Farris Dave Jackson Summer Black-Greening
 Walter Wood

Absent: Trustees: Shanelle Hansen

Staff Present: Care' McInnis Bob Dalley Toni Vincenzetti Marge Mackey

Town Administrator, Care' McInnis welcomed the participants and explained how the meeting would be conducted and the instructions listed on the agenda.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE – NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No one asked to speak

2. OLD BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: MEMORANDUM, OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF CORONOVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) FUNDS:

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Town Administrator Care' McInnis wanted to first let all Board Members know that we are now in Stage 1 Fire restrictions.

Ms. McInnis wanted to bring everyone's attention to Page 3, paragraph H, "all parties will need to regroup if all the funds are not spent. The funds will need to be given to someone who needs it." These funds can only be used for unbudgeted Covid-19 expenses or we can lose all the funds.

Motion: Trustee Lake

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Allocation and Disbursement of Coronavirus aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (Cares Act) Funds.

Second: Mayor Gaudern

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion and it carried.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING MASS GATHERINGS – SPECIFICALLY WILD HORSE DAYS AND FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES:

Ms. McInnis led discussion on who the Board wanted to make these decisions. She feels that according to her contract, she should be making these decisions. Do you want to support the decision of the Administrative Authority, or do you want to tell the Administrative Authority what to do, or do you want to let an outsider make the decisions?

She discussed the fact that most bars will be closing (Mesa County has a variance). We do anticipate moving to the next phase called "Protect our Neighbors". But we will still have to comply with Social Distancing, Stay at Home, and Mandatory Masks. We still must follow the compliance guidelines and increase flu shots.

If we were to go ahead with these celebrations, we would still only be allowed 50% capacity, 6-foot distancing and 12 foot when moving. We would also need letters of support indicating compliance with social distancing and masks. Mesa County Health department would have to approve of our plans and that is a 2-week process. Everyone **MUST** wear masks. We would have to double the number of porta potties, and hand washing and sanitizing stations. We would need to sanitize all high touch areas; all sales transaction devices must be disinfected after each transaction. We would have to do wellness checks on everyone. We would need signs for social distancing, defined entrances and exits. Staff would be required to monitor the number of people coming in. There could be no children's activities.

At this time there is only 1 vendor signed up, no ATV run, and no mud run.

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Trustee Farris stated that we have been going back and forth on this issue for a while. She feels that common sense needs to rule. We do not want to take the gamble. We need to consider the decisions of other towns. We are really concerned, and we cannot cover all the issues.

Trustee Lake agrees with everything that Cindy said. She said it is not worth risking one life or one illness.

Ms. McInnis received a message from Trustee Wood who believes we should cancel it all because of the ever-changing guidelines. He feels we cannot force all these guidelines on others.

Rec Director, Marge Mackey said that at this last minute this would be very hard to throw together. She stated, "How would I feel if my program caused a problem?"

Motion: Trustee Farris
To cancel Wild Horse Days

Second: Trustee Lake

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion and it carried.

Wild Horse Days is a Park and Rec program and that the Administrative Authority should be the one to make this decision. It still must be justified and explained to the Board. Ms. McInnis wondered who should be making this decision. She did make it and the Board decided to discuss it more.

Trustee Lake said that Care' should be making this decision.

Trustee Farris – Care' should make the decisions.

Trustee Black-Greening – glad we had the discussion and Care' should make the decision.

Mayor Gaudern – Care' has been in the loop with everything that has been going on and should make the decision.

Trustee Jackson – Care' has his complete confidence and whatever you believe he is with you.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Trustee Farris
To adjourn

Second: Trustee Jackson

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

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Approved

Date