

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 381 Minter Avenue, De Beque, Colorado. Present were the following:

Mayor: Shanelle Hansen

Trustees:	Cindy Farris	Walter Wood	Judy Lake
	Sarah Hambrick	Vernon Bruse	Lisa Lippoldt

Staff Present: Care' McInnis, Lori Malsbury, Lisa Rogers

Also Present: Diane Sandelin, Jeanette Refior, Dawn Palmer, James Roberts, Cathy Latham, Janet Lamb

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Shanelle Hansen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator McInnis reported that De Beque's request for infrastructure funding has made it into the congressional bill, with the support of both Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennett. De Beque is seeking \$1,246,000.00 in federal funding for the water plant.

The Town received a letter from the Dick and Connie Prather, pertaining to a rate increase of the "availability rate" for un-used taps. The Prather's also, personally reached out Ms. McInnis by phone. Ms. McInnis expressed gratitude to the Prather's for their open and direct communication with her.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING:** The establishment of utility rates for water and sewer services.

Ms. McInnis described the three worksheets that outlined different scenarios for the proposed utility rate increase. One of the worksheets demonstrated allocating staff expenses as it has been historically (Figure #1). The additional two sheets represented data requested by the Board. Worksheet 1-7 &

2-7 describes the time the staff devotes to subjects relating to the utility fund, and worksheet 1-6 & 2-6 illustrates the figures requested by the mayor.

**Motion:**

Trustee Lippoldt motioned to approve utility rate increase based upon Figure #1  
Trustee Hambrick seconded  
Motion failed 3-3

Trustee Wood arrived at 6:24 p.m.

Trustee Hambrick asked for clarification on the worksheets.

There was discussion amongst the Board pertaining to the importance of retaining the grants De Beque has been awarded to build a new water plant and reallocating staff contributions at this time.

**Motion:**

Trustee Lippoldt motioned to approve grant worksheet figure #1 & 2  
Trustee Hambrick seconded  
Motion carried 6-1

There was discussion amongst the Board on which date to implement the rate increase, as well as ways to provide help to customers that may experience hardships.

**Motion:**

Trustee Hambrick motioned for the rate increase to take effect September 30, 2022.  
Trustee Farris seconded  
Motion carried 7-0

**ADJOURNMENT SPECIAL MEETING:**

**Motion:**

Trustee Farris motioned to adjourn.  
Trustee Lippoldt seconded  
Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori Malsbury, Town Clerk