

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 381 Minter Avenue, De Beque, Colorado. Present were the following:

Mayor Pro-tem: Dave Jackson

Trustees: Judy Lake Cindy Farris Walter Wood Shanelle Hansen Summer Black-Greening

Staff Present: Care' McInnis David McConaughy Bob Dalley
 Lisa Rogers Shirley Nichols Marge Mackey

Also Present: Dawn Palmer Vern Bruse Wade Holland

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem, Dave Jackson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion: Trustee Farris

To approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021, minutes

Second: Trustee Hansen

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the Motion

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES:

Motion: Trustee Hansen

To abstain from voting for the De Beque Country Store and approve everything else

Second: Trustee Farris

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Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion: Trustee Black-Greening
To approve the expenditures for the De Beque Country Store

Second: Trustee Lake

Voice Vote: Six to 0 in favor and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE – NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Hansen commented on the July 4th celebration and the number of people that were there and what a good job was done by Marge Mackey, Recreation Director.

Trustee Farris stated that the Town was looking nice and that the Code Enforcement Officer was doing a good job.

Trustee Wood recommended the Town put up a white board soliciting anonymous suggestions for what they would like to see in De Beque. Their vision of the future.

A suggestion box could be put up with no signatures required.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

She spoke to Trustee Wood's suggestion stating she felt signatures should be required on comments/questions or there was no way for her to respond to them. Additionally, there is no way to determine if comments were made by citizens of De Beque or others from outside of the community.

1. Critical needs: Ms. McInnis encouraged the Board to celebrate the many recent successes in terms of funding and projects surrounding critical needs. A great deal of work and collaboration has gone into these efforts on all fronts. We recently received a \$1,000,000 grant for a new water treatment plant. We were given a \$100,000 for a rate study and will soon be getting a new Community Hall. Now the work begins.

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2. Staffing and Structure: O'Neil Blackwell is currently the new van driver and part time landscaping worker. Sarah Hambrick, who also works at Kum and Go, is now spraying mosquitos. Outsourcing this would have come at a cost of \$19,000. Marge Mackey is working hard to assure a fun and successful Wildhorse Days.

3. Future staffing Plan: The Town is in need of additional staffing in the immediate future. There are a number of employees on leave both now and throughout the fall. Another position in Administration is needed, particularly concerning the budget and finance. Someone will be hired through the temp service we used previously. A job description is being developed now.

4. Regional Resiliency and Recovery Grant: This is moving forward. We are working on the MOU. Staff will be meeting with the consultants paid for by the grant. The Marshal has received a Grant for \$3,000 and is expecting another for \$3,900.

5. SRF Funding: A panel consisting of Stephanie Parker, Steve Lalonde, Ms. McInnis, DOLA, and lenders will participate. Being a disadvantaged community is vital or there may be little value.

6. Project Development and Proposals: Example of a fishing pond was given showing an option of what can be done.

Stephanie and Ms. McInnis will be meeting with an architect with CU Denver this week, that works with DOLA in developing plans/projects for communities.

7. Work on Roan Creek: Work was done by Mesa County. It looks great.

8. Community Building: On August 18, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., there will be an open house to gather citizen input on what they would like to see in a Community Hall. It is being built and paid for by Mesa County in De Beque. The building will be based off the Community Hall in Mesa. This is not a Rec Center but rather a Community Hall that will be available for multiple uses. If De Beque wants something in addition they will need to pay for it. Trustee Hansen suggested moving the library from the school to here to allow more access time. Better access for IT services may be possible. Location is important and a site has not yet been selected. Community involvement is key. This is an exciting and significant project for the benefit of the De Beque community.

9. Collaborating: Forest Mattis is the interim Fire Chief. He, Marshal Dalley, Audra Lane and I are meeting quarterly to collaborate on community issues and needs.

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10. Emergencies: The call chain which we established with other communities along the Colorado River emergency warnings for flooding is working well.

11. Chip and Seal: We will get chip and seal if materials become available. There is a shortage of oil. It is possible that we may have to wait on this.

12. Recreation Department: The Rec Department just purchased, at a bargain price, wrestling mats from CMU. They are planning on implementing a wrestling program at the school if there is enough interest. This will be a Town run program. Marge is busy working on Wildhorse Day as well.

13. Schlumberger: They have not transferred water shares to the Town, yet, but the Town is actively involved in pursuing the shares.

14. Code Enforcement: Campers parked on private property with people living in them continues to be a problem. Many would like variances to allow this without changing the code. There was a recent request for this that was pulled from the agenda because the Town did not receive the letter from the owner the Town requested. Warnings are being given. Our Code Enforcement Officer is doing a good job.

15. Workshops: Ms. McInnis would like to schedule as many workshops as possible. It will be necessary to just pick a date as dates and times do not always work for everyone.

16. Hava Gardens Renewal: Ms. McInnis stated that renewals this will be coming before the Board rather than being handled administratively.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-06 AUTHORIZING A TABOR ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, FIXING THE BALLOT TITLE AND QUESTION AND SETTING FORTH OTHER DETAILS RELATING THERETO:

Mr. McConaughy informed the Board that the voters authorized a 5% excise tax. The wording in the first Resolution was questioned. The wording in this Resolution matches word for word State Statute. The difference is not just purchase/sales but also transfers based on Statewide rate.

Once this is passed the Town may not spend money for or against the question but may issue pro and con statements.

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Motion: Trustee Hansen

To approve Resolution 2021-06

Second: Trustee Farris

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. RECREATION DIRECTOR: OUTLINE WRESTLING PROGRAM

Ms. Mackey explained the wrestling program. The mats, which are 42x42, costing \$1000, (valued at \$40,000.00 each new), were obtained from CMU. This Rec program will be for younger kids. The program for older kids will be through the school. A monthly fee of \$25 to \$30 has been suggested and waivers would need to be signed. The school will be in charge of their own tournaments and those fees would go to the school. The Rec department hopes to get sponsors for uniforms. There will be a possibility of scholarships. The goal is to not turn kids away.

At the end of August there will be an open house to introduce the program and to assess interest. It will be on the web site and the next agenda.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEXT STEPS TO FILL VACANT SEAT ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mr. McConaughy explained that they have 60 days to fill the position or have a Special Election. With the resignation of Mayor Gaudern that position is now vacant. The Mayor Pro-tem is now filling that position. They can appoint one of their own or advertise for this position. If the Mayor is appointed from the existing Board, then they will have to fill the Trustee vacancy using the same method and time. Anyone appointed will serve the remainder of the term. This will be until the April 4, 2022, election.

The Board was not in favor of a Special Election and made the decision to ask for letters of interest.

OLD/TABLED BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ADOPTION OF 2020 FINAL AUDIT:

Ms. McInnis informed the Board that the Audit was for public Information but the letter in the front was not and was meant for the Board of Trustees.

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Motion: Trustee Hansen

To approve the final audit for 2020.

Second:

Trustee Black-Greening

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (b) CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE LOCAL PUBLIC BODY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING TOWN COLLECTION OF MARIJUANA EXCISE TAXES.

Motion: Trustee Black-Greening

To go into executive session for the above stated purposes.

Second: Trustee Hansen

Voice Vote: Unanimous and the motion carried.

Time: 7:33

The executive session proceeded according to Statute and for the purpose stated. No other subject was discussed, and the session was concluded at 7:49 p.m.

7:51 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session. Mr. McConaughy read the closing statement and listed those who attended. There were no objections to the conduct of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Trustee Farris

To adjourn at 7:54.

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Second: Trustee Wood

Unanimously approved by all.



Approved

8-26-2021
Date