

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 23, 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	Lisa Lippoldt
	Sarah Hambrick	Vernon Bruse	

Trustee Judy Lake was absent.

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Care' McInnis; Town Clerk, Lori Malsbury; Town Attorney, Chris McAnany.

Also Present: Dawn Palmer, Jeanette Refior, Joe Keys, Diane Sandelin, Jacob Reichley, and Jason Paley

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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:

Without objection, the Solid Waste Service Agreement was moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda, as item #3 under new business.

PRESENTATION:

Paula Stepp, Executive Director of Middle Colorado Watershed Council, spoke to the Board about projects and goals the organization is involved with. These projects range from post-fire restoration, flooding impacts, and water quality mitigation, to the future preservation of the river. This organization is a non-profit organization, dedicated to protecting and enhancing the health of the middle Colorado River.

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

Joe Keys, owner of Jet Boat, expressed concern about the discarding of trash and canine waste along the riverfront area. There was a discussion about installing signs and trash receptacles. Marshall Dalley requested video footage of an incident Mr. Keys previously indicated he possessed.

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The credit card machine has been installed at the bulk water facility. The Town must wait for Nayax to implement the software and establish the appropriate surcharges as agreed upon with the vendor.

Sean Honicker has inquired if the Town would be interested in purchasing the truck wash.

The Cameo Call is still in effect and the Town continues to pump water out of the river. At this time the use of the water is only intended for residents inside Town limits.

The water plant was shut down several times due to the high turbidity in the river.

An air compressor at the water plant burned out a motor. The motor and pump have become obsolete. For cost-effectiveness, the Town hopes that they will not need to be replaced, pending the new water plant.

Xcel is to evaluate the removal of the former poles around town.

Ting f/k/a Cedar Networks anticipates having additional fiber lines installed by the summer of 2023, to accommodate new customers.

The administration will be posting two employment positions that have recently opened. Both positions are necessary and in the approved 2022 budget.

The preliminary 2023 budget is due in September. Ms. McInnis hopes to meet with each Trustee individually before the next Board meeting.

With no action taken, Ms. McInnis discussed with the Board about out-of-Town taps. Ms. McInnis described what action previous Boards have taken, the current Municipal Code adopted by this and prior Boards, as well as the fiduciary obligation of protecting the best interest of those inside the town limits. Ms. McInnis provided examples of prior contracts requiring consideration, such as easements and pre-annexation as well as other types of consideration before the Board consents to out-of-Town taps. Mayor Hansen questioned why the loop line was placed in the valley. Dawn Palmer indicated that it was for Fire mitigation and the Fire department when it was a department of the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Minutes: (regular meeting July 26, 2022, and special meeting August 2, 2022)
- b. Bills and Expenditures: Financial transactions and expenditures not related to the Country Store.

Motion:

Trustee Hambrick motioned to approve
Trustee Lippoldt seconded
Motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

REMAINING BILLS AND EXPENDITURES:

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION No. 2022-10: A resolution authorizing an application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to secure a grant to construct a sewer line extension underneath Interstate 70 near the De Beque interchange.

Motion:

Trustee Lippoldt motioned to approve the submittal of the grant application.

Trustee Bruse seconded

Motion carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT REGULAR MEETING:

Motion:

Trustee Farris motioned to adjourn.

Trustee Lippoldt seconded

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Lori Malsbury
Lori Malsbury, Town Clerk