

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Town of Meeker Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor Trustees	Day Browning Day Lockwood Madison Sizemore Smith
Town Staff Present	Administrator Town Clerk Attorney Police Chief Comm. Dev./Planner Public Works Supt.	Etheridge Cook Massih Thompson Thomson Kilduff

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Day suggested switching Item B with C under New Business. Trustee Sizemore made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Trustee Madison made corrections to the minutes regarding the audit and Range Call wrist bands. A motion was made by Trustee Sizemore to approve the minutes of July 1, 2025, as corrected. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Browning to approve the disbursements dated July 15, 2025. Second by Trustee Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEE**

Town Clerk Cook administered the oath of office to newly appointed Trustee, Jeff Madison, who took Scott Nielsen's seat.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Niki Turner, representing RBC Historical Society said the Town will turn 140 years old in September and they are planning a Founders Day event the end of September, possibly the 27<sup>th</sup>, and requested the Town's help, saying she will be back at a meeting in August with more specifics.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

Public Works Superintendent Kilduff, reported during the month of June 36,472,000 gallons of water was pumped; there had been two water leaks and two power outages that affected the upriver pump houses; our newest hire AJ Bourge has resigned; Cory and Daylon attended a two day water class in Grand Junction; Third through Eighth Street paving is complete, the rest of the paving should be complete by the end of this week, and concrete is scheduled for next week; staff sprayed Ute Park for weeds, and we will be

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interviewing a new candidate for the open Utilityman position. Trustee Lockwood asked if we sprayed the pump track area. Kilduff replied no, only from the south parking lot area and south of the ditch. Trustee Day asked if the asphalt curbs would be replaced when United is finished, Kilduff said that was correct CRC would replace them with possibly the Town's help.

Police Chief Thompson reported during June his department received 367 calls for service resulting in 11 citations; four written warnings and one individual taken into custody, there have been several investigations, and our PD Officer received compliments from the District Attorney on what a great job he had done with his investigation. Trustee Madison asked how 367 calls compare to other months, Chief Thompson said that number is pretty standard and the amount of calls include investigations of which there have been many lately.

Community Development/Planner Thomson reported her department's update is included in the packets and she had been answering several questions on different land use options across town. Trustee Smith asked if the open Planning position had been filled. Administrator Etheridge replied she had received two applications that will come before the Board in August.

Town Clerk Cook reported liquor license renewals were issued for Gofer Foods, Meeker Café and Trailhead Cabins; a Special Event License was approved for RBC Fair Board for a concert and the Jr. Livestock Sale to be held during County Fair. Cook also gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report stating the total cash and investments of all funds was \$8,440,122.57.

Attorney Massih stated she had completed the water easement work last week as Mandi had updated the Board on Friday, once signed by the property owners it will come before the Board for approval, and there will be court next week.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Presentation from Ben Mendenhall of Centennial State Liquid Investment Pool (CSLIP).*** Mendenhall thanked the Board for inviting him and commented it has been a pleasure to watch this community grow responsibly over the past several years. Mendenhall introduced CSLIP which is a professionally managed portfolio consisting of U.S. Treasury securities, federal instrumentality securities, agency securities, repurchase agreements, tri-party repurchase agreements, collateralized bank deposits, and commercial paper. CSLIP aims to maintain a high level of current income while enabling liquidity and preserving Participant's capital. This is a local government investment pool trust fund and is available only to governmental entities in Colorado, we have retained State Street Global Advisors to administer the portfolio, we are AAAM rated which is the highest rating provided by S&P and our current yield is 4.29% which is currently similar to other investment companies. To participate in CSLIP the Town Board would need to adopt a resolution.

Trustee Smith asked if CSLIP is accredited with FDIC. Mendenhall replied they are not as CSLIP is not a depository but has a structured portfolio of securities. Trustee Madison asked about the expense ratio. Mendenhall replied it started at 26 basis points, and now entering our new fiscal year it is 18 and we expect it to go down to 15 in the fall. The Board had several questions that were in depth regarding the Town's cash and investments, Trustee Smith suggested moving this discussion to another meeting. Clerk Cook said tonight was an introduction of CSLIP and there will most likely be more discussion in the future about further diversifying the Town's funds by opening an account with CSLIP and thinking to move some of the funds from ColoTrust. Trustee Smith asked if there was a way to get the Information Statement from CSLIP. Mendenhall said it is available on our website but would also be happy to send it.

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***Consideration of the request from MAMBA to purchase port-a-john for Hill Street Trailhead.*** Regas Halandras and several youth members of MAMBA introduced themselves to the Board. Halandras said the boys are part of the crew who have been working the trails, the pump track and the structure to house the port a john and tools at the Hill Street entrance where we would like to place the port a john, Lee Overton said he will service it for us, a basic unit costs over \$700 and shipping is another \$300. There was discussion regarding color choices, Mayor Day suggested tan. Halandras said there is a lot of activity out there and as the track is used more there will be a need for it. Trustee Smith asked if Overton Recycling sells them. Halandras said they buy them in lots of ten, but they have no plans to purchase any at this time. Trustee Day asked if MAMBA will be in charge of maintaining them. Halandras replied “I am sure we can, Overton said they would service it free of charge. Administrator Etheridge asked if MAMBA is asking the town to purchase it or to reimburse them. Halandras said either way was fine. Trustee Smith asked if the service donation would be forever and who will be responsible if Overton no longer services it. Trustee Lockwood commented the Board allowed them to build the track and felt like we needed to set them up for success. Trustee Day made a motion to donate \$1200 out of the Community Improvement line item for the port a john and equipment at the pump track. Second by Trustee Smith. All ayes. Trustee Browning abstained due to a conflict with her son being part of MAMBA. Motion carried. Trustee Lockwood asked that supplying water to Ute Park be included in the capital planning session.

***Consideration of citizen request to regulate official town survey markers.*** Jim Joy, of Joy Surveying, said he was present to offer a suggestion to the Board that a requirement could be implemented in the Town’s regulations to preserve survey markers. Joy drew a diagram to illustrate his request, explaining that during street projects over the past, several of the markers at the intersections were removed and not replaced. Also, if you are doing an on-sight or in-house construction project there should be a requirement by the Town to see that the markers are not taken out, and requested the Board to take a look at this and see if there is a mechanism for the Town to protect them. There was discussion on how to replace the missing markers. Joy said the answer to replace them is a range box, which is similar to a water meter box, other communities require them.

Mr. Joy said the second dilemma is surveying private lots, easements run down the lot line, a utility company comes in and needs to lay a line, they install it in the middle of the easement on the lot line and that removes the marker. Joy requested the Town consider a requirement of utility companies to not put it directly on the property line but move it a few feet off the lot line. Property owners pay a lot of money for a survey, and it is very discouraging to find it has been removed. Mayor Day stated he thought it was against the law to remove them. Joy said you have to see them do it. Trustee Day asked if the Board could give Attorney Massih a directive to add this to all contracts now. Administrator Etheridge replied the Town Engineer prepares the contracts, but Supt. Kilduff has a list of language he would like to see changed in the future and we can add the requirement to that list.

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

Administrator Etheridge reported on BLM recreation updates:

- ~ White River Field Office (WRFO) has three Outdoor Recreation Contracts on the ground this field season; 16 new kiosks were installed field office-wide, a kids OHV course and a single-track training course was as well as a new cabana was installed at LO7. If you have not been to LO7 lately, please check it out, they have worked really hard over the years on implementation and improvements. The WRFO will be hosting Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for one week, August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> to work at the LO7 single track.
- ~ National Public Lands Day will be September 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., a flyer will be sent out when it gets closer.
- ~ WRFO received \$10,000 to support trail maintenance of the Meeker Trails and is working with MAMBA on priorities for additional grant funding.
- ~ The meeting schedule for August is to have the Capital Planning workshop prior to the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with a working dinner. The 19<sup>th</sup> will be our annual joint meeting with ERBM Rec District

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Board. They offered to host it this year at the Rec Center at 5:00 p.m., the agenda and reminders for that meeting will be forthcoming. Trustee Browning mentioned the Rec District hosted it last year and it should be the Town's turn. Board consensus was to request the Town host the meeting at Town Hall.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Day said there will be a workshop with the commissioners within the next few months, he will keep the Board updated. Mayor Day asked if Administrator Etheridge had requested the engineers for Circle Park do a final walkthrough. Etheridge said she had and was told the engineers did their final walkthrough before the drainage was finished and we are out of money in that line item, the only thing they have left are the As Builds. Mayor Day said that is ok as long as they sign off on it.

## **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

Trustee Lockwood would like to see the picnic tables and trash receptacles that are being replaced at Circle Park be moved to Ute Park. Trustee Lockwood also asked if the Town had ever had a fire audit done and thinks the State will come in and perform the audit for free, adding it would be good for the Town to have it done before the money runs out.

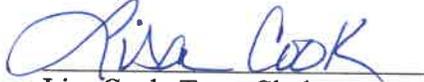
Trustee Sizemore asked if there was an update on Robert Street. Administrator Etheridge replied Engineer Hale is out until the first of August and we should have his information by then. Etheridge added that she had not heard back from the energy audit yet. Trustee Sizemore asked if the Chamber had cleaned up the cables from the highway banner and what about our four-way light on Main Street. Someone commented that the cables have not been taken care of and Administrator Etheridge said with a short Public Works crew they simply have had no time to take care of the light on Main Street.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Travis Day, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Lisa Cook, Town Clerk