

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting of the Town of Meeker – August 4, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Day (attended by phone)
	Mayor Pro Tem	Lockwood
	Trustee	Browning
		Day
		Lockwood
		Madison
		Smith

Town Staff Present	Administrator	Joy
	Town Clerk	Massey
	Admin Asst	Pakuer
	PW Superintendent	Kilduff

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present except for Trustee Sizemore.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood asked for changes to the agenda. Administrator Joy stated *item a* under Public Participation has been postpone and *item c* under New Business has been moved to September 15th meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Madison to accept the agenda with corrections. Second by Trustee Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem asked for corrections to the Minutes. Due to the importance of the Public Hearing section, Trustee Madison requested that the Public Hearing *section b* be redone verbatim. After some discussion it was decided to table the approvment of July 21, 2026, minutes until corrections have been made. A motion was made by Trustee Day to table approve the minutes of July 21, 2026, at the August 18th meeting after said corrections have been made. Second by Trustee Browning. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Browning to approve the disbursements dated July 30, 2026. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chuck Cole Civil War Plaque Dedication Idea. Administrator Joy stated Mr. Cole had a family matter come up and has asked to reschedule.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Meeker Police Department Fee Schedule. Administrator Joy voiced this is mainly a housekeeping task, but it does require a resolution from the board. There have been changes to the Colorado Revised Statutes which set the guidelines for these charges. Specifically, we are referring to records requested by police departments. Additionally, the town is also subject to other Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) regulations and needs to update that information as well.

Included in each trustee packet is a draft, a fee schedule for CORA and the Police Department that have been highlighted in yellow for your consideration, everything listed as in compliance with the Colorado revised statutes area also attached as is a resolution for your consideration and possible adoption. The Town needs to show for public record what the fees are. Administrator Joy reminded the BOT this needs to be done by a Resolution. After some discussion Trustee Day made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2026 To Adopt Usage Fees for Town of Meeker Police Department and Colorado Open Records Act to include the correction of the spelling of in compliance. Moved by Trustee Day. Seconded by Trustee Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion about Water Load Out Fees and Process. Administrator Joy referred to the written description in BOT packet that outlines an opportunity to better maximize our treated water. Joy and Public Works (PW) Supervisor Kilduff are requesting the BOT to consider establishing a Raw Water Load-Out Service and corresponding usage fees as part of the Towns Wate Usage Fee Schedule. Implementing this service will improve operational efficiency while helping manage the costs associated with producing treated water. Currently, many bulk water customers use treated water for industrial purposes such as road dust suppression and magnesium chloride applications. This increases operating costs because the water must be processed through the Town's treatment system. Staff believes it would be more efficient to provide untreated (raw) water directly from the White River for these industrial uses and establish a dedicated Raw Water Load-Out process with an associated usage fee.

If approved, industrial water users would transition from the existing treated bulk water station to the new raw water load-out location whenever conditions allow. Customers would sign in, record beginning and ending meter readings, and be billed monthly based on their documented water usage. The Town will continue to comply with all applicable water rights and regulations. If a call is placed on the White River or conditions otherwise restrict raw water diversions, the raw water load-out service will be suspended, and customers will return to using the Town's treated bulk water supply.

Betty Kraft, Division 6 Water Commissioner, has been notified of this proposal and has confirmed that providing raw water in this manner is consistent with the Town's water rights and water use authority. Water diverted from the White River must be metered and documented. This summer, the Town has partnered with Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge to utilize their water pump for raw water distribution and has placed a meter on it. This arrangement allows the Town to accurately measure, and document water used for the Road & Bridge magnesium chloride program as well as water supplied for firefighting purposes.

Staff recommend adopting a fee structure that mirrors the current Bulk Water Rates of:

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- Base Rate (up to 4,000 gallons): \$36.00
- 4,001 to 10,000 gallons: \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons

The benefits would be:

- Reduces the amount of treated water used for industrial purposes.
- Lowers treatment and operating costs.
- Preserves treated water capacity for potable and municipal needs.
- Provides a metered and documented process that complies with applicable water regulations.
- Over 10,000 gallons: \$18.00 per 1,000 gallons

PW Supervisor Kilduff stated the cost of an electric pump will be approximately ten to twelve thousand dollars; it should be an electric pump so it can be run twenty-four hours a day without disturbing the citizens and would be a consideration for the 2027 Budget. Kilduff reported from June 1st – Aug 4th of 2026 Shallenberger Energy has pumped 992,424 gallons of water; from July 29th – Aug 4th H&K Trucking has pumped 197,205 gallons. There are cameras down at the load out for security purposes and the Town will use a QR Code for tracking purposes. Mayor Day commented on the possibility of Rio Blanco County pitching in with the cost of the pump.

After some discussion Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-2026 Approving Amendments to the Town of Meeker Fee Schedule. Motion by Trustee Smith. Seconded by Trustee Browning. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Water Usage Study—Moved to September 15, 2026. Administrator Joy informed the BOT on the water study, Colorado River Engineers (CRE) is just starting on the project and as of last week had shared a list of additional information that they need for analysis. Staff is working with CRE to gather that information and will have it to them by Friday, with the goal of presenting the study results to BOT in September. Mayor Day stated the Town needs to get this done more sooner than later. The reason for this study is to protect water rights and protect the consumers. This study will show what water is available and set guidelines without endangering our water rights.

OLD BUSINESS

Camping Fees at Town Parks. Joy reminded the BOT that back in May 2026 the board passed a resolution for the park fees, at that time fees were set with RV Camping overnight fee \$20/day. At the July 7th board meeting the RV camping fees were discussed again and staff was instructed to complete a comparison of the camping fees from surrounding campground businesses. That chart is included in each Trustee's packet. Joy requested direction from the BOT inquiring if they are comfortable maintaining the daily fee of \$20/day or if they would like to make any changes. If there are changes to be made it would involve a new resolution which will be presented at the next BOT meeting on August 18th. Trustee Madison handed out a campground comparison that he did of various campgrounds. After some discussion it was determined that the Town of Meeker's fee is in the range of other facilities. It was decided unanimously to leave the current fee of \$20/day that was implemented in May as is.

IGA with Meeker Regional Library District. Administrator Joy pointed out the revised Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town and the Library Board is included in

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their packet for approval. Hearing no further discussion or concerns Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood called for motion to accept the IGS with Meeker Regional Library District. Moved by Trustee Browning. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Joy reported the following:

- **Meeting tomorrow night with BOCC and Town of Rangely.** Meeting will start at 6:30 pm upstairs in the Blue Spruce room. Some topics will be; water, asset management and inventory, wildfire recovery. Main goal is to collaborate with all entities and discuss projects and issues.
- Trustee Smith and Jak were asked to present to Sanitation Board Meeting (8.5.2026) for cost sharing on sewer line repairs.
- **HVAC Update:** Carl Padilla has been leading our efforts to find the best path forward regarding the HVAC system. Earlier this spring the company Tolin did a very thorough maintenance job that found some deficiencies and then repaired them. So far temperatures have been holding well, there is still a bit of inconsistency in the Board Room as well as in the Police Department offices, these areas are better but still need improvements. Through conversations with both Carrier who is the manufacturer of our control system, and Tolin who does the maintenance of the system, we have learned that the boiler and the air handlers are in good condition and both should have a lifespan of another ten to fifteen years. (Replacing boilers would only give us about a 2% increase in energy efficiency.) There are some computer-related upgrades it would be prudent to do on the Carrier system that would cost about \$20,000.00. Tolin can continue to maintain the system but might be worth the investment of a more robust maintenance contract to better cover the as needed repairs for air compressors, filters etc. We are researching the cost associated with putting mini splits into the boardroom and the Police Department to augment those inconsistencies and might cost about \$10,000 -12,000. We are hopeful that this is an effective and efficient approach that will last several years, that would cost around \$35,000 plus an annual maintenance contract.
- **Library Board:** Michael Cobb has resigned from the Library Board. This is a BOCC appointed position. Rio Blanco County we'll be managing this entire process for a replacement with the hope to name that replacement on August 18th.
- **Budget:** There is a reoccurring theme for budget need in the area of operational efficiencies, one example being the web site needs to be fully ADA compliant. Joy anticipates at budget workshop on September 22nd the BOT will see a mix of necessary capital and operational investments.
- **Upcoming Dates**
 - August 11—Best Budgeting Practices Workshop with DOLA—7pm at Town Hall
 - August 18—Trustees Board Meeting
 - August 19—AGNC Economic Development Summit
 - September 1—Trustees Board meeting
 - September 15—Trustees Board Meeting
 - September 22—Budget Workshop

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MAYORS REMARKS

- **Workshop:** Mayor Day suggested doing a workshop regarding revocable licenses.
- **Data Center:** Possible discussion in the future regarding Town's involvement with data centers.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood requested staff put out some social media informing the residents to be aware of their surroundings regarding bear activity.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Asst.



Chris Lockwood, Mayor Pro Tem

