

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Creecy
Day
Gutierrez
Kindall
Lockwood
Nielsen

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Town Attorney

Cook
Tupy (Attended by phone)
Massih (Attended by phone)

Citizens Present: None.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Borchard 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 Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. Administrator Cook noted that an Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) for the purposes of discussion of personnel matters was added to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to accept the agenda with the changes listed above. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Trustee Gutierrez noted that her last name was spelled wrong. A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the disbursements dated March 02, 2021. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution 02-2021 appointing Chris Lockwood to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees and administer the Oath of Office. Mayor Borchard called for any questions or comments, hearing none he called for a motion to approve the Adoption of Resolution 02-2021 appointing Chris Lockwood to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees and administer the Oath of Office. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borchard administered the Oath of Office to Chris Lockwood.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard congratulated Trustee Lockwood on his appointment and encouraged everyone to wear their masks.

Mayor Borchard opened the discussion on how the Town can work with the Office of Just Transition

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(OJT, the State office transitioning away from coal) to help fund opportunities to expand our region's economic development capacity and expertise, Administrator Cook noted that OJT encourages a multi-jurisdictional approach so, Carly Thompson with RBC, Lisa Piering Rangely's Manager, and Administrator Cook met with Kimberly Bullen from DOLA this week to discuss what our application could look like. None of the entities involved have a plan on how we can retain coal transition workers, Kimberly suggested we use the REDI grant cycle to hire a consultant to help us put our plan in place, a consultant can help us prioritize that information. Once a plan is in place, she thought we could apply for a second round of the REDI grant to hire someone for the Town as a "Community Development Coordinator" to work on these goals. Kimberly will be putting us in touch with a few people than can help us through the RFP process for the consultant. We would be applying with the Town of Rangely, and the County if they decide to be involved, Administrator Cook asked the Board for their approval to move forward with a meeting with Kate Guibert of DOLA on Thursday. Administrator Cook will not be in the office to attend but Lisa Piering will be available to represent both Towns. The Board agreed to move forward with the meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook noted the Town had received a dividend check from CEBT Health Insurance in the amount of \$9,945 for the policy year 2020/

Administrator Cook stated staff has been preparing the RFP for the bulk water facility, Supt. Overton met with Ducey's Electric to discuss lighting and discovered some major electrical upgrades were needed in the building, they are working on getting an estimated cost and depending on how that comes back we may not be able to complete the entire project this year; RBC will be holding their Interagency meeting on Tuesday at 2:00pm, Trustee Day stated he would try to attend; she also added that Attorney Massih is reviewing proposed changes to the Town's Personnel Policy pertaining to required sick leave during a public health emergency.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Gutierrez felt it was important the Town make a proclamation for March 20, 2021 as 'Meat In Day' which supports our local ranchers and is in opposition to Governor Polis' Proclamation for March 20, 2021 which is 'Meat Out Day'. Attorney Massih will get a proclamation written up for the March 16th agenda.

Mayor Borchard is aware of work taking place to declare Rio Blanco County as a sanctuary to native wolves which would not allow CPW to introduce them to RBC.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the regular meeting into an executive session at 7:37pm pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) for the purposes of discussion of personnel matters. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:56pm Mayor Borchard called for a motion to return to the regular session and adjourn the meeting. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Cook, Administrator