



**MINUTES OF THE BUENA VISTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE A TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S ACTIONS RATHER THAN A VERBATIM RECORD OF DELIBERATIONS.

A virtual/public special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Duff Lacy, at 5:30 pm, Monday, February 1, 2021, having been previously noticed in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Duff Lacy	Mayor	Present
Amy Eckstein	Trustee	Absent
Libby Fay	Trustee	Present
Norm Nyberg	Trustee	Present
Devin Rowe	Trustee	Present
Cindie Swisher	Trustee	Absent
David Volpe	Trustee	Present

Town Staff Present:

Town Administrator Phillip Puckett
Special Projects Manager Joel Benson
Public Works Director Shawn Williams

Town Treasurer Michelle Stoke
Town Clerk Paula Barnett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lacy led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

MOTION NO. 1:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

RESULTS	CARRIED
MOVER:	Trustee Volpe
SECONDER:	Trustee Nyberg
AYES:	Fay, Nyberg, Rowe, Volpe

BUSINESS ITEMS

Purchase Agreement for Land and Water Right

Should the Board of Trustees approve adoption of Resolution No. 11, Series 2021 entitled **"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN CHAFFEE COUNTY, COLORADO."**?

Town Administrator Phillip Puckett reviewed with the Board that Town has the opportunity to proceed forward with the contract to purchase the property located at 36505 N Highway 24, Buena Vista, and the deeded water right. The purchase of this property and water rights helps fulfill one of the highest priorities the Board and Staff have had over the past several years. Puckett stated he would like to recognize Special Projects Manager Joel Benson, Town Attorney Kathryn Sellers, and Town Clerk Paula Barnett for working with him over the weekend to get to this point in the property purchase.

Puckett reviewed the 103-acre property is located ten miles north of town. The main house is 1,276 sq. ft with one bedroom and two baths, and there is additional living space in the detached garage that includes a bunk room, bonus room, and a $\frac{3}{4}$ bath. Also, on the property is a large metal building for storing equipment and several smaller storage buildings. The property's deeded water right is 3.1 CFS of the Dryfield Ditch, a 10/23/1882 water right with a 118 priority.

Puckett stated the purchase price is \$1,385,000.00, with a closing date of March 12th. Between now and March 5th, Staff, water engineers, and water attorneys will research water usage and flows and the ability, options, and cost to direct the water to the appropriate locations. The town can cancel the contract on or before March 5th if it is determined the deeded water usage is not satisfactory.

Puckett stated a Post-Closing Occupancy Agreement has been signed, which allows the seller to retain possession of the property until May 12th. During that time, Staff can access the property upon proper notice to the seller, and the seller is required to obtain a renters insurance policy.

Trustee Nyberg stated it is his understanding that a portion of the water on the property comes from a spring due west of the house and runoff from the mountain. Benson stated they would add the spring to the water discovery process.

Trustees Rowe, Volpe, and Fay all agreed they are excited about obtaining the property and water right, and exploring options for the house, garage with living space, and outbuildings.

Town Treasurer Michelle Stoke reviewed with the Board that Town has the funds available to cover the property's cost.

Puckett shared with the Board it is rewarding to be the Town Administrator in this long-awaited opportunity. After the Town has possession of the property, he would like to do a public relations event(s) to share and acknowledge this monumental occasion.

Puckett shared that Staff was made aware of this opportunity by a Planning & Zoning Commission member. This action demonstrates how members of the Town's Commissions, Advisory Boards, and residents watch over the Town and its future.

Mayor Lacy stated the Town is fortunate to have dedicated Staff who pursue opportunities to ensure an adequate water supply now and in the future.

MOTION NO. 2:

MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 11 APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT TO BUY THE PROPERTY AND DEEDED WATER RIGHT AT 36505 N. HIGHWAY 24, BUENA VISTA, COLORADO.

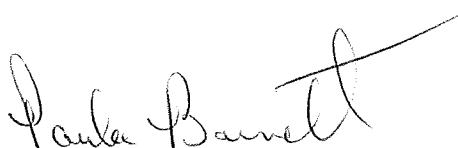
RESULTS	ROLL CALL	CARRIED
MOVER:		Trustee Nyberg
SECONDER:		Trustee Fay
AYES:		Fay, Nyberg, Rowe, Volpe

MOTION NO. 3:

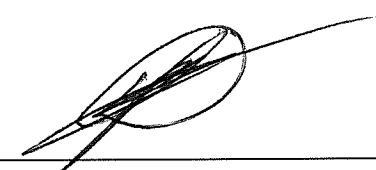
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 5:56 PM.

RESULTS	CARRIED
MOVER:	Trustee Rowe
SECONDER:	Trustee Nyberg
AYES:	Fay, Nyberg, Rowe, Volpe

Respectfully submitted:



Paula Barnett, Town Clerk



Duff Lacy, Mayor

