



**MINUTES OF THE BUENA VISTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, October 13, 2020**

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 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Duff Lacy, at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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	Present
Libby Fay	Trustee	Present
Norm Nyberg	Trustee	Present
Devin Rowe	Trustee	Present
Cindie Swisher	Trustee	Present
David Volpe	Trustee	Present

Town Staff Present:

Town Administrator Phillip Puckett
 Special Projects Manager Joel Benson
 Public Works Director Shawn Williams
 Police Chief Dean Morgan
 Recreation Director Earl Richmond
 Town Clerk Paula Barnett

Town Attorney Jeff Parker
 Town Treasurer Michelle Stoke
 Principal Planner Mark Doering
 Fire Chief Dixon Villers
 Airport Manager Jack Wyles

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lacy led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

MOTION NO. 1:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of matters that are routine in nature that require review and/or approval, i.e. minutes and reports. (Professional Service Agreements (PSA) that exceed \$25,000.00 require the Consent Agenda to be approved by a Roll Call vote.)

A. Minutes

- 1. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 22, 2020
- 2. Airport Advisory Board – August 18, 2020
- 3. Recreation Advisory Board – August 5, 2020
- 4. Beautification Advisory Board – September 3, 2020
- 5. Tree Advisory Board – September 3, 2020

B. Police Chief Report

C. Fire Chief Report

D. Chaffee County Office of Housing September Activities Report

E. Chaffee County Development Services Department September Activities Report

MOTION NO. 2:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was received.

STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Town Administrator – Highlights of the report in the packet were reviewed and Puckett responded to Trustee comments and questions.
- 2. Town Treasurer – Highlights of the report in the packet were reviewed and Stoke responded to Trustee comments and questions.
- 3. Recreation Director – Highlights of the report in the packet were reviewed and Richmond responded to Trustee comments and questions.
- 4. Public Works Director – Highlights of the report in the packet were reviewed and Williams responded to Trustee comments and questions.
- 5. Airport Manager – Highlights of the report in the packet were reviewed and Wyles responded to Trustee comments and questions.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Fire Mitigation Project Proposal

Cindy Williams with Envision Chaffee County, County Commissioner Keith Baker, United States Forest Services (USFS) Leadville District Ranger Pat Mercer, Chaffee County Fire Battalion Captain Kent Maxwell, and Vice President of the National Forest Foundation Marcus Selig, reviewed with the Trustees that Envision Forest Health Council has the opportunity to apply for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) RESTORE Grant for the Railroad Bridge Habitat Fire Mitigation Improvement Project.

Williams shared the Community Wildfire Protection Plan is to treat 30,000 acres of land to decrease the risks of severe wildfire(s), and the Railroad Bridge Project would address the treatment of 2,700 acres surrounding Railroad Bridge, and the Otero Pump Station.

Envision Forest Health Council will be submitting a grant request for \$400,000.00 and is seeking matching funds and Letters of Support from the Town of Buena Vista, Common Ground, Colorado Springs Utilities, City of Aurora, and USFS.

The Trustees, Puckett, Williams, Baker, Mercer, Maxwell, and Selig had lengthy conversation related to fire mitigation in the county, and Mayor Lacy and Puckett stressed the importance of addressing fire mitigation in the North Cottonwood Creek area since it directly impacts the town’s water supply. Mayor Lacy asked if Chaffee County Fire Protection District has been asked to provide a Letter of Support and matching funds. Maxwell stated the fire district is focused on the Chaffee Chips program chipping the slash piles throughout the county.

The Trustees agreed to provide a Letter of Support, \$10,000.00 in matching funds, and requested Envision Forest Health Council to ensure North Cottonwood Creek is designated as a high priority area for fire mitigation to be proactive in protecting the town’s water source.

MOTION NO. 3:

MOVE TO APPROVE MAYOR LACY SIGN THE RESTORE COLORADO PROGRAM GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT, COMMIT \$10,000.00 TO THE RAILROAD BRIDGE HABITAT FIRE MITIGATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND TO AMEND THE EXPENDITURE IN THE 2020 BUDGET.

RESULTS	ROLL CALL	CARRIED
MOVER:		Trustee Swisher
SECONDER:		Trustee Fay
AYES:	Eckstein, Fay, Nyberg, Swisher, Volpe	
NO VOTE CAST - ZOOM CONNECTIVITY ISSUES:		Rowe

Update to Housing Authority IGA

Puckett reviewed on September 22, 2020, the Trustees unanimously approved Resolution No. 54 which would have set up the Multijurisdictional Housing Authority with Chaffee County, City of Salida, Town of Poncha Springs, and the Town of Buena Vista. Unfortunately, the Town of Poncha Springs has chosen not to join the parties in the agreement requiring the need to

rescind the Board’s prior approval, and a new agreement approved between Salida, Chaffee County, and Buena Vista.

Puckett stated the Board of Directors for the Authority will consist of nine members; three selected by the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, and two from each of the municipalities. The remaining two will be at-large appointees approved by a majority of the local governments. The terms of office for Directors will be two-year terms with the representatives from each jurisdiction overlapping each other.

Chaffee County Director of Housing Becky Gray, thanked Trustee Eckstein, Trustee Fay, and Town Administrator Puckett for their contributions to the creation of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Multijurisdictional Housing Authority.

MOTION NO. 4:

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 56 APPROVING A REVISED ESTABLISHING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CHAFFEE COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 54 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 APPROVING A PRIOR VERSION.

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

Beautification Advisory Board

Joy Duprey, chair of the Beautification Advisory Board presented the Trustees with an update on the activities and accomplishments in 2020 and reviewed the 2021 budget requests.

Trails Advisory Board

Kelly Collins, chair of the Trails Advisory Board, reviewed with the Board the projects that were completed in 2020, purposed trail improvements and developments, and budget requests for 2021.

Recreation Advisory Board

Mckenzie Phillips, chair of the Recreation Advisory Board, and Recreation Director Earl Richmond reviewed with the Trustees the mission statement, activities, programming, special events, activities at the community center, facility management, trail maintenance, trail development, and capital improvement projects completed in 2020, and proposed 2021 budget requests.

Gallagher Amendment B

Mayor Lacy reviewed with the Trustees at the September 22, 2020 meeting the Board directed Staff to draft a resolution endorsing Amendment B, the Gallagher Amendment Repeal and Property Tax Assessment Rates Measure.

MOTION NO. 5:

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 57 ENDORSING THE PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT B ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT.

RESULTS	ROLL CALL	CARRIED
MOVER:		Trustee Fay
SECONDER:		Trustee Volpe
AYES:	Eckstein, Fay, Nyberg, Swisher, Volpe	
NO VOTE CAST - ZOOM CONNECTIVITY ISSUES:		Rowe

Public Hearing – 2021 Budget Presentation

Mayor Lacy opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget.

Town Treasurer Michelle Stoke reviewed with the Board that Staff will be launching the new transparency website ClearGov, and that the Trustees will be utilizing the tool to review the proposed 2021 Budget.

Stoke stated the Board must set the hearing dates for the 2021 Budget public hearings, and recommended the Trustee meetings dates of October 27th, November 10th, November 24th, and December 8th.

Mayor Lacy opened the hearing for Public Comment. No comments were received, and Public Comment was closed.

MOTION NO. 6:

MOVE TO SET THE 2021 BUDGET HEARING DATES TO OCTOBER 27, 2020, NOVEMBER 10, 2020, NOVEMBER 24, 2020, AND ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET ON DECEMBER 8, 2021.

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

Stoke gave the Trustees an overview of the ClearGov Transparency Center and provided tips on how to utilize the system when reviewing the proposed 2021 budget.

MOTION NO. 7:

MOVE TO CONTINUE THE 2021 BUDGET HEARING TO OCTOBER 27, 2020.

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

TRUSTEE/STAFF INTERACTION

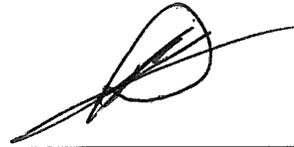
Trustees and Staff reported on or commented about recent and upcoming events, activities, and topics.

MOTION NO. 8:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:33 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Duff Lacy, Mayor



Paula Barnett, Town Clerk

