

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, COLORADO**

**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Thonhoff, who asked for a roll call.  
Those present:

Mayor:	Mark Thonhoff
Mayor Pro-tem:	Aaron Kroschel
Trustees:	Rick Roberts, Ruby Taylor, Ron Slaughter
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Town Planner:	Dee Miller
Visitors:	Kathryn Wadsworth, Mike Forro, David Schwartz, Alison Ramsey, Audrey Gilpin (Mtn. Mail)

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO AGENDA:**

Mayor Thonhoff stated Alternative Energy Plan item would be moved up on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to approve February 22, 2010 Board minutes and February 25, 2010 Special Board meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Alternative Energy Plan – Kathryn Wadsworth**

Ms. Wadsworth referred to the information provided in the packets, noting the guiding document has six categories, Local Government, Energy Production, Built Environment, Transportation, Waste, and Education. She went on to outline the six components of the document, noting each entity will develop a plan to suit their community's needs.

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to adopt the Alternative Energy Plan as a guiding document, with the Resolution for adoption being provided by Ms. Wadsworth at the next Board meeting; seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried.**

## **Impact Fee Study Presentation – EPS**

Mr. David Schwartz, EPS, reported to the Board, referring to the draft Impact Fee Study document provided in the packets. He stated the document contains Executive Summary, Background, Projections and Methodology, Fee Program, and Comparable Community Research. Mr. Schwartz gave an overview presentation on the study, noting the recommended impact fees are; Regional Roadway Network, Municipal Facilities, Parks, Trails, and Wastewater Treatment. The Board discussed the parameters of the proposed wastewater treatment impact fee. Mr. Schwartz stated he would check with EPS attorney for a clearer definition of this fee and meet with town staff to report the findings. Administrator L'Estrange stated the Board could take time to think about the proposed impact fees and he and Ms. Miller will finalize things with EPS for presentation to the Board.

## **Visitor Center Update**

Ms. Alison Ramsey, GARNA, referred the Board to the sketch drawing of the proposed new Visitor Center building. She stated with review in was agreed that a new building would suit the VC Mater Plan, asking for Board approval to move forward with the new building using the grant funds. Ms. Ramsey stated the estimated cost for the 850 sf building is right at \$100,000, which would leave \$8,000 for the interpretive/heritage fixtures in the building.

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to approve using the grant funds for a new building at the Visitor Center based on the overview presented by Ms. Ramsey; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried.**

Mr. Mike Forro ask if he could move forward in planning for the BMX track at the Visitor Center. The Board agreed he could move forward with planning, noting it will be beneficial to have the amenities at the VC site.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **SECWCD Storage Agreement**

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to approve the agreement between the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Town, Concerning Exchange, Storage and Use of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water; seconded by Trustee Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ADMINISTRATOR' S REPORT:**

### **Fairgrounds Update**

Administrator L'Estrange stated discussions on the sales tax at the Fairgrounds continues, noting Commissioner Holman will attend a Board meeting to discuss the proposed Fairgrounds Lease/IGA and the language about sales tax that the Town has ask for.

### **Chaffee County Building Permit Update**

Administrator L'Estrange stated the County has provided the resolution that they passed regarding building permit extensions, noting Attorney Redmiles will review the resolution and bring the information to the Board for review/approval.

### **County Wide Sales Tax Update**

Administrator L'Estrange stated a Friday morning meeting is scheduled for further discussion on this item, noting he will update the Board on the progress.

### **SECWCD Meeting**

Administrator L'Estrange stated he will attend the SECWCD meeting in Pueblo.

### **Chaffee County Land Use Application**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that the town received a Chaffee County Land Use application for a gravel pit at CR 140/Hwy 50. The Board discussed the application and had no comments. Ms. Miller stated the town could comment on the truck traffic so that it does not negatively affect the town streets/roads. The Board agreed. Mayor Pro-tem stated Ms. Miller could stay in touch with the Board regarding the application and if it should/would affect the town.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Redmiles stated he would report in executive session.

### **PLANNING & ZONING:**

#### **Engine Brake Muffler Signs**

**MOTION: Trustee Roberts made a motion to purchase the engine brake muffler signs from CDOT, the cost includes CDOT installing the signs; the cost not to exceed \$500; seconded by Trustee Taylor. Motion carried.**

### **MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES:**

#### **March 3, 2010 Meeting**

March 3, 2010 meeting report was included in the packets.

PW Director Smith stated the committee discussed the chip seal project, noting he is getting pricing. He added a letter has been sent to DeAnza Vista, Mr. Bill Simpson, regarding maintenance and snow removal costs for the section of roadway owned by the subdivision. PW Director Smith stated a request from Little River Ranch has been received regarding the town

accepting the roadway and street improvements in LRRI, noting he will work through the details and bring it before the Board. He added he has interest in discussion on town attorney costs, ie what the town's goals are and costs for water attorneys relating to cases the town enters into and what the Board would like to see as far as staff involvement to help defray attorney costs. Administrator L'Estrange stated he will attend the SECWCD meeting to touch base with those involved in filing oppositions, noting the goal is to keep things cost effective for the town.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Trustee Taylor ask for clarification on rentals at the Jackson Hotel. Trustee Roberts stated it depends if the rentals are short term or long term, noting if the rentals are long term sales tax would not be collected. Administrator L'Estrange will follow up on this item with a letter to the property owner.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mayor Thonhoff made a motion to adjourn to executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4) (b); and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) regarding:**

**1. Friend Ranch**

**2. Salida Sewer Agreement**

**to include Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem and Trustees, Town Administrator, and PW Director; seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel. Motion carried unanimously.**

The regular Board meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The Executive Session convened at 9:11 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

The Regular Board meeting reconvened at 10:24 p.m.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Meeting/Executive Session on March 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Diana K. Heeney, CMC  
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark F. Thonhoff, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry L'Estrange  
Town Administrator