

**REGULAR MEETING
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, CO**

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor:	Richard Furton
Mayor Pro-tem:	Ben Scanga
Trustees:	Aaron Kroschel, Galen Angelo, Ron Slaughter, Rebecca Massey, Darryl Wilson
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Absent
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Town Planner:	Dee Miller
Visitors:	Christy Culp, Elyse Ackerman, DOLA Brad Wilkerson, Ken MacNicol, Vernie Martz, Mike Perschbacher, Bob & Katy Grether, Joe Stone(Mtn. Mail)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve April 9, 2012 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Scanga. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

DOLA - New Board Training

Christy Culp and Elyse Ackerman, DOLA, gave a power point presentation for the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Road 210 Upgrade

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that the town and county agreed to repair the portion of CR 210 that runs through Friend Ranch development, which the developer was to maintain. He went on to say the town paid for the material to upgrade the road and the county did the hauling and grading. L'Estrange stated the county has agreed to maintain this portion of CR 210, with the town transferring the HUTF funds to them, until a new developer is found to resume work on the project. He added if/when this happens the town will negotiate the terms of maintenance for this portion of CR 210.

MOTION: Trustee Wilson made a motion to approve the funds for the road material for CR 210, and approving entering into an IGA with Chaffee County regarding the continued maintenance of the portion of CR 210 that runs through the Friend Ranch Development; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Organizational Chart

The Board discussed the organizational chart provided, agreeing to table the item until after the June 4, 2012 CIRSA Board training.

Mayor as Voting Member of Board

The Board agreed to table the item until after the June 4, 2012 CIRSA Board training.

Letter of Support for Cochetopa Scenic Byway

Information provided in the packets. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the scenic byway. Mayor Pro-tem Scanga ask if town staff would be involved in the project. Town Administrator L'Estrange stated he sees Saguache taking the lead and moving through the project, noting he does not anticipate town staff being involved. Mayor Furton stated he has reservations about town staff being involved due to the town's current projects that require staff time and attention.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Scanga made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Cochetopa Scenic Byway; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried 6-1, with Mayor Furton dissenting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Hutchinson Homestead Visitor's Center Grant Update

Information provided in the packets. Katy Grether, SPOT, updated the Board on the grant funding received to move forward with the Visitor's Center, bathrooms, and parking lot. She went on to say the projection is to be fully operational in the not too distant future.

Ditch Water

Administrator L'Estrange stated there is not adequate runoff at this time to get the ditch up and running, noting the PW Crew is working with Bruce Smith, Water Master, to get the town's share of ditch water when it is available.

Geothermal Update

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that in speaking with Dara McDonald, Salida Administrator, regarding the geothermal testing, there are no formal results available at this time. He went on to say Salida has signed a professional services agreement with Gerald Hutter with Geothermal Management Company to look at the potential further. L'Estrange stated staff will keep the Board apprised as things move forward. Trustee Kroschel spoke in favor of the town staying in the loop.

Finance Committee Members Needed

Administrator L'Estrange stated Finance Committee members are needed. Trustee Wilson volunteered to set on the committee.

Meet & Greet with Salida Council

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that Salida Administrator McDonald contacted him and ask if Poncha Springs board would like to schedule a meet and greet sometime in the near future. The Board agreed this would be beneficial. Staff will follow up with the scheduling.

Water Case Update

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board the Judge ruled in the town's favor on the Friend Ranch water rights standing as decreed. He went on to say the Pueblo Board of Water Works will stipulate out.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town attorney Redmiles stated he would report in executive session.

PLANNING & ZONING:

April 16, 2012 minutes

Provided in the packets.

Fire Mitigation

The Board agreed the town should apply for Fire Mitigation grant funding if/when it comes available. Trustee Angelo spoke in favor of the town using the grant funding as they had in the past, with South Park a priority. Staff will follow up on the fire mitigation grant funding.

Trustee Massey ask if the town could consider additional signage in the South Park area due to the high fire danger. The Board agreed to have staff look into this and report back to the Board. Trustee Slaughter stated there is Forest Service signage on the highway about the fire danger. Trustee Kroschel stated there is a county wide fire ban in place also. Staff will follow up.

MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES:

CR 120 Trail Update

Information included in the packets. Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board the surveyors will complete their initial work within the next wee, noting with the Federal funding involved the process is arduous at best. He noted there is a great deal of information that has to be provided, adding staff is working through this. L'Estrange stated he does not know if construction will start in 2012. Trustee Kroschel ask if this is eating into the funding. Planner Miller stated funding is being used for the NEPA and other studies and this is time and money.

FINANCE:

April 16, 2012 meeting

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to pay March bills; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Wilson volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee.

OTHER:

Senate Bill 12-048 – Colorado Cottage Foods Act information included in the packets.

Community Garden Grant

Ken MacNicol informed the Board the Community Garden had received a \$4,000 grant from Colorado Home & Garden Show. He stated the use of the funding may need to be adjusted, noting this is a good opportunity to further develop the garden area. Mayor Furton ask if the funding was for the water tap. MacNicol stated it was.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Mayor Furton made a motion to adjourn to executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney 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) and receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) regarding: the Farrow case; to include the Board, with Trustee Massey not attending due to conflict of interest, Town Attorney and Town Administrator; seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
The Executive Session convened at 9:20 p.m.
The Executive Session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
The regular Board meeting reconvened 9:36 p.m.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

Richard Furton, Mayor

Attest:

Jerry L'Estrange
Town Administrator