

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013 - 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 Present:	Aaron Kroschel, Galen Angelo, Ron Slaughter, Rebecca Massey, Darryl Wilson
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles - Absent
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Town Planner:	Dee Miller - Absent
Visitors:	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve January 14, 2013 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting with AMEC/CDOT Regarding 285/50 Intersection Improvements

Information provided in Administrator L'Estrange's memo:

This is a follow up to our last design meeting with further refinements to the project. While it mostly deals with utility questions there are some other changes to be discussed. The issue regarding medians has not yet been resolved by the Town. We will stress the median question cannot be resolved until after the Public meeting regarding the project.

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board the meeting would be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29th. Mayor Furton and Trustee Angelo said they would attend with staff. L'Estrange stated it was agreed that the Board would review the FIR at 30% and discuss the medians at that time. Mayor Furton stated he thought the direction was for painted medians and look at raised medians. PW Director Smith stated this was agreed the Board would review the FIR at 30% and make decisions. L'Estrange stated there would also be a Public Hearing to allow public comment on the proposed project.

Ordinance #2012-1, Prohibition of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities, Marijuana Testing Facilities, and Retail Marijuana Stores

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-1 as provided; seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-2 with Mayor Pro-tem Scanga and Trustee Slaughter dissenting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Direction from the Board on Offsite Results

Administrator L'Estrange thanked everyone for their participation.

He reported in his memo:

We have included the memo from Crabtree Group/Joe DeLuca that indicates the results of exercises' you performed at the retreat. As Joe stated, this will provide strong direction for the land use code update. While we have a lot more work to do in that respect, Staff would like to know if these results represent projects you want the Staff to hone in on with our time. Sometimes we feel like the line from a Jimmy Buffet song "my ship she has a rudder but I don't know where to steer". We want to be working on the issues that are of the highest priority to the Board. From the results it appears that we are on track but have gotten some mixed messages coming out of some of the meetings. We all want to use our time as productively as possible; perhaps this discussion can provide clarity.

MEMO:

FROM: Joe DeLuca, Crabtree Group

TO: Town of Poncha Springs

We hope the Town Board, Planning and Zoning and Staff found the offsite productive and useful.

We feel the offsite provided strong direction for the land use code update.

Attached are the results of the brainstorm process and the tallied votes.

Our interpretation of the key results is as follows:

1. Clearly the highest priorities are:
 - a. The land use code
 - b. New revenue streams for the Town
 - c. Economic Development
 - d. A positive dialog with CDOT on the Highway Diet and Gateway Signage
2. For economic development
 - a. Attracting new businesses to the Town
3. For Sense of Place
 - a. Walkable
 - b. Live Work
 - c. Develop a social center
 - d. Slow traffic
 - e. Engage the community
 - f. Develop a bedroom community
 - g. Public Realm – Great Streets
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4. For the Land Use Code
 - a. Main street
 - b. Parks, Recreation, Trails, Civic Facilities
 - c. Mixed Use
 - d. In Home Small Business
 - e. Accessory Dwelling Units
5. For Parks, Recreation & Trails
 - a. Capitalize on outdoor activities
 - b. Multi-use access to the mountains
 - c. Events sites
 - d. The Fairgrounds

The Board agreed the results covered the topics of discussion at the retreat, with the Land Use Update as top priority. Staff and Board will work through the update assisted by the results.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Follow Up on the Retreat Meetings

Administrator L'Estrange stated this item was covered in the Offsite Results under New Business. He went on to say there was a press release included in the packets regarding Updating/Modernizing the Land Use Code for Board review and comment, noting the Planning Commission would also review/comment before the item goes to the public.

CIRSA's Response to Friend Ranch Reservoir Question

Administrator L'Estrange reported in his memo:

We have an opinion from our CIRSA representative in regards to insurance coverage at the Friend Ranch Reservoir. It seems that no action is needed right at this time. I would like more time to see the situation unfold before taking any further action.

L'Estrange stated CIRSA is okay with the Town's position at this time, noting the Town's liabilities are limited and staff is covered when onsite.

Salida Chamber Request

Information provided in the packets. Administrator L'Estrange reported:

The Salida Chamber of Commerce (to which we belong) has requested that I present you this information regarding their upcoming event "Denim & Diamonds". I explained that we had not budgeted \$375 for a Table sponsorship but I would put information in your packet if individuals want to attend.

Annual Adoption Plans

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

As some remember we are supposed to update/adopt certain items each year. One is our three mile plan required by the State. Dee wants to take the plan through P&Z before we bring it to your attention.

Mayor Furton stated his understanding is the Three Mile Plan is required when towns have 3,000 residents. L'Estrange stated a plan is important when municipalities deal with the County on where subdivisions go in.

Storage Agreement with UAWCD

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

I felt our meeting with the UAWCD Storage Committee was productive. Issues in question were clarified and we all walked away with a better understanding of their policy practices. I think we can move forward with a formalized agreement within the next month. Thank you for your attendance it was an economical way to get resolution.

L'Estrange stated the Board came away with a different understanding of the UAWCD formula. He went on to say staff will follow-up in February and report to the Board on this item.

Exchange Case/Henry Reservoir Update

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board consideration is being given to removing the proposed Henry Reservoir from the Town's Exchange Case. He stated the Town has easements on one side only at this time and obtaining further easements could be a concern and costly. L'Estrange stated Matt Loose, Town Water Engineer, W. W. Wheeler, compiled a report that indicates the Henry Reservoir storage is probably not needed, noting Water Attorney Monson agrees with this report. He went on to say design, engineering and construction costs and operating and maintenance could possibly be more costly than leasing storage. L'Estrange stated if the Henry Reservoir is taken out of the exchange case the case could possibly move forward with fewer objectors.

MOTION: Trustee Wilson made a motion to remove the Henry Reservoir from the Town's exchange case, seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried.

Xcel Land Use Application with Chaffee County

Administrator L'Estrange stated he has received calls regarding the Xcel land use application with Chaffee County, noting the Board sent comments based on discussion at the last Board meeting. He went on to say the Public Hearing for the application would be Tuesday, January 29th, the same night as the Joint Meeting. L'Estrange stated Town Planner Miller will attend the Public Hearing to advocate for the Town. Mayor Furton stated he would attend also. L'Estrange stated he has heard concerns regarding the increase in height of the poles and the increased size/voltage of the proposed substation expansion. Trustee Slaughter asked what Xcel's response was to possible annexation. L'Estrange stated Xcel did not have interest in annexing. Mayor Pro-tem Scanga asked what the reason for not annexing was. L'Estrange stated associated costs.

FINANCE:

January 28, 2013 meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Wilson made a motion to pay November & December 2012 bills; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

Richard Furton, Mayor

Attest:

Jerry L'Estrange
Town Administrator