

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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, Darryl Wilson Rebecca Massey - Absent
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith - Absent
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Town Planner:	Dee Miller - Absent
Visitors:	Jay Moore, Joe Stone(Mtn Mail)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to approve February 11, 2013 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of AMEC/CDOT Plan before March 1, 2013 Special Meeting/Public Hearing

Administrator L'Estrange stated the item is on the agenda for any follow up by the Board before the March 1, 2013 Special board meeting/Public Hearing. Mayor Furton asked if the map will be posted for the public to see. L'Estrange stated yes. L'Estrange noted some items of discussion from the last meeting were in reference to setbacks along the highway in regards to the Land Use Code update and business access if the setbacks were to be brought closer (than the existing 50') to the highway. L'Estrange added the raised vs striped medians were an item of discussion also. Furton stated it is unknown how the medians will affect the highway corridor. Trustee Kroschel spoke in favor of raised medians, noting the Town has the opportunity for CDOT to look for funding as the Town will never have the funding for such a costly project. L'Estrange stated it is unknown at this time if the funding will be available for the raised medians. The Board agreed to continue discussion at the special meeting/public hearing on March 1, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License Renewal – High Valley Center Pub & Grub

MOTION: Trustee Angelo made a motion to approve the Tavern Liquor License renewal for High Valley Pub & Grub. Motion carried unanimously.

Jay Moore Request for Letter of Support

Jay Moore gave an overview of his background, asking the Board for a letter of support for a Board member of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. The Board agreed to send a letter of support for Jay Moore. Staff will follow up.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update on Chaffee County's Building Permit Fees

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

I attended the Chaffee County Commissioners Public Hearing meeting where changes to the building permit fee schedules were discussed. The outcome was the cost multiplier for residential will increase to 0.007 and the commercial multiplier to 0.0055 starting July 1. On Jan. 1st the commercial fee multiplier will go to 0.007 to match the residential fee. This action should eliminate the amount currently subsidizing the Building Department.

Update on the February 28th Business/Stake Holders Meeting

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

As you know all of our Special/ Work Sessions must be open to the public "at all times". The response from the community to attend the meeting was better than we had projected. I guess if food is offered more people respond. We would like to invite you to commit to bring a side dish to the meeting. The more public input we can get into the Code Update/Highway improvements the better the process.

Administrator L'Estrange asked Board members to let staff know if they would bring a side dish.

Update on Chaffee county Fairgrounds Master Plan

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that Chaffee County continues work on developing the Fairgrounds Master Plan and has asked for input from the Town on what they would like to see. He went on to say he will meet with Axel Bishop on what the Town would like to see, noting more community usage and sales tax generating events are two items he will bring to the table.

Update on Old Boy Scout Camp clean-up

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board Salida will do a controlled burn at the old Boy Scout Camp site on Tuesday.

Economic Development Potential

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board Commissioner Giese called to let the Town know the County is looking into drone testing program that could offer some economic stimulus for the area. He stated he will attend future meetings and report back to the Board.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Redmiles reported

1 - he has filed the Cross Roads Retail Park quiet title action.

2 – the receiver filed a withdrawal motion in the TOMAR case, Bent Tree objected, the Judge ordered the receiver can withdraw. There was a notice of settlement filed in the TOMAR case and within the next few weeks information on this will be available. Redmiles stated it looks unlikely the October trial will happen. He will continue to update the Board as things progress.

FINANCE:

February 25, 2013 meeting

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

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

Richard Furton, Mayor

Attest:

Jerry L'Estrange
Town Administrator