



BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUGUST 2024 MEETING

**August 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

MINUTES

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

5:00 PM WORK SESSION:

Mayor Decicco called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Road Maintenance Presentation by Envirotech & G & G Services

Representatives from Envirotech and G & G Services were present to present to the Board of Trustees the types of products applied to the roads in Blue River as well as the maintenance process. Discussion of the different options and products available.

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING:

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Decicco called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Nick Decicco

Trustee Jonathon Heckman

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Trustee Barrie Stimson

Trustee Jodie Willey

Also Present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney Bob Widner.

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Decicco, Seconded by Trustee Heckman to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Trustee Stimson, Mayor Decicco, Trustee Heckman, Trustee Willey, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Minutes for July 16, 2024

B. Approval of Bills-\$62,504.69

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES

Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only- 3-minute limit please). Any written communications are included in the packet.

There were no communications to the Board of Trustees.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

C. 2023 Audit Report-McMahan & Associates

Matthew Miller with McMahan & Associates presented the final audited financials for 2023. He noted the Town had a good financial year and a clean audit. The Town currently has two years of operating expenses in reserves.

D. Plow Contract 2024-2025

The 2024/2025 plow was presented for approval.

Discussion of the proposed contract and potentially going to bid in the spring.

Motion made by Mayor Decicco, Seconded by Trustee Stimson to approve the plow contract for 2024/2025. Voting Yea: Trustee Stimson, Mayor Decicco, Trustee Heckman, Trustee Willey, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Review of Blue River Ambassador/Code Position

The proposed Blue River Code Ambassador position was presented for approval. Discussion of the wage and need to potentially adjust all wages which is being evaluated by the Finance Committee. Discussion to place the wages at \$25-\$30/hour depending on experience. Approval to advertise and work to get position filled.

F. Proclamation Honoring Trustee Ted Pilling

Mayor Decicco read a proclamation honoring former Trustee Ted Pilling. A framed version is being sent to the family of Trustee Pilling.

Motion made by Trustee Stimson, Seconded by Trustee Hopkins to approve the proclamation with edits. Voting Yea: Trustee Stimson, Mayor Decicco, Trustee Heckman, Trustee Willey,

Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

V. **REPORTS**

G. Mayor

No report.

H. Trustee Reports

Trustee Hopkins reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission which he attended on behalf of Trustee Heckman. Discussion of the variance process and review. Discussion of possibly restricting building size or percent. Discussion to put on the September agenda a review of building size restrictions.

Trustee Slaughter reported on the Wildfire Council meeting and the policy recommendations coming forward. There was information on the work being conducted by Xcel. The watershed conservation board and the Wildfire Council meeting.

Trustee Hopkins reported on the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting and the Town Party on September 12th at Town Park.

Trustee Heckman discussed 0033 Crown and the Building Official inspections. He recommended hiring a different company or bringing it in house. Discussion of the ongoing issues and review of the ongoing complaints. The Building Official, Kyle Parag answered questions by the Trustees. Discussion the project should be fined and there is a feeling of a lack of enforcement. Discussion to review when enforcement moves to fining and defining how many violations then become a fine. Discussion to review the construction rules and regulations. Discussion to have Planning & Zoning Commission review the current construction rules and regulations for recommendation of changes to the Board of Trustees.

I. Attorney

No Report

J. Staff Reports

Town Manager Eddy reviewed the Xcel project and work in the wetlands.

Discussion on the code violation report within the staff report. Chief Close provided information, background and types of calls received and how they are handled. Discussion of a requirement of enclosures and bear resistant trash cans throughout town. Discussion of providing additional education for residents in the newsletter.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Town Attorney Widner read the executive session items.

Trustee Willey so moved the motion to move into executive session, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive legal advice on annexation process and procedure and to devise negotiation strategy and instruct negotiators concerning a potential annexation of land.

Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice regarding the statutory options for the filling of vacancies on the board of trustees.

Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) to devise negotiation strategy and instruct negotiators concerning a proposal for land acquisition and a potential agreement with other governmental entities related to land acquisition.

Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive legal concerning the statutory processes for the local consideration of areas and activities of state interest, potential threat of litigation, and to devise negotiation strategy and instruct negotiators concerning a state agency proposal for the use of State Highway 9" and Trustee Hopkins seconded at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Heckman moved and Trustee Slaughter seconded to adjourn out of executive session at 9:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Audio was muted.

VII. ADJOURN

Mayor Decicco moved and Trustee Heckman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - Work Session, September 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, September 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

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Reports from the Town Manager, Mayor and Trustees; Scheduled Meetings and other matters are topics listed on the Regular Trustees Agenda. If time permits at the work session, the Mayor and Trustees may discuss these items. The Board of Trustees may make a Final Decision on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of whether it is listed as an action item.