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March 5, 2025 Meeting Update

It has been a great month getting the feel for the Minturn community. I met all the staff February 11. Town staff has a good handle on their respective duties and I hope to provide support where needed if needed. For the most part I am concentrating on the assigned projects.

A. Update on the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Design & Engineering:

HDR provided an explanation to a recent invoice that had \$1,688,540 instead of the \$1,393,000 I reported last month. Below is the breakdown of the \$1,688,540.00 plus the \$280,400.60. This is the comprehensive fee amount from the original contract plus the amendments received over time on the project.

Original Contract Fee	\$	1,529,000.00	<i>WTP Design (July 2022)</i>
Amendment No. 1	\$	53,780.00	<i>Water Supply Alternatives & Evaluation Workshops (Nov. 2022)</i>
Amendment No. 2	\$	105,760.00	<i>Additional Engineering Services (Nov. 2023)</i>
Amendment No. 3	\$	-	<i>Budget Reallocation of \$1,688,540.00 for adjustment of SOW(April 2024)</i>
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Original + Amend. 1-3 Total	\$	1,688,540.00	
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Amendment No. 4	\$	280,400.60	<i>Updated WTP Design Fee (February 2025)</i>
Overall Total Fee Booked	\$	1,968,940.60	

Invoiced to date \$591,918.45 with \$1,377,022.10 remaining. The 2025 budget includes \$875,136.20. To advance the plans to 90% September 2025 will require a budget supplement. This expense is covered by CDF.

B. CDOT Feb 26 Bellm Bridge Kickoff Meeting

CDOT bridge staff will provide an estimate of repurposing the Dolores bridge in Minturn after they review inspection reports, however the other option was to use the arched details as a façade. Even without the inspection reports, CDOT Bridge staff felt that the cost would exceed \$5.5 million. The façade idea seemed to be particularly popular. Minturn is 1st in line for the Dolores bridge and La



Junta is next. Minturn will receive an IGA and additional documents in a week or two to draft an RFQ for design. An engineering firm with CDOT and bridge experience was emphasized several times during the meeting. The grant provides design funding of which expires in four years. Although the bridge replacement is important, the design may sit on a shelf for years until construction funding is secured.

The CDOT staff recommended that the quiet title work planned in this area be completed ASAP.

C. Williams Street and CDOT:

Jeff Spanel found the August 2022 emails regarding redirecting Williams Street north. The explanation provided that without infrastructure to allow a right turn only lane and lack of a physical location for a 3rd lane CDOT would not allow. Due to the congestion, confusion, planned development on Nelson and a discussion with Madison I asked Jeff to consider other physical changes in the town right-of-way that may reduce the conflicts. Jeff can provide more info.

D. Little Beach Park Retaining Wall and Playground:

Below is a draft schedule for the Little Beach Park Retaining Wall and Playground. For the most part this project will avoid summer events, however there are only two summers to complete both projects. We are searching for grant opportunities regarding the playground expense. Jeff Armistead is interested in housing the playground either temporarily or for his purpose.

Little Beach Park Retaining Wall Replacement and Playground Design funded by DOLA \$147,000 Grant Match \$153,097. New Playground funded by Minturn \$?.	Mar/Apr 25	May/Jun 25	Jul/Aug 25	Sep/Oct 25	Nov/Dec 25	Jan/Feb 26	Mar/Apr 26	May/Jun 26	Jul/Aug 26	Sep/Oct 26	Nov/Dec 26	Jan/Feb 27	27-Mar
Determine Salvage Interest in Current Playground Amenities													
RFP for Design/Engineer Consultant/Bid Opening													
Retaining Wall Design and Engineering													
RFP for Contractor/Bid Opening													
Project Demolition & Construction													
Playground Public Input, Survey and Open House													
RFP for Playground Design													
Design Options and Public Response													
Order Playground Amenities													
Prep Play Area													
Prep and Install Playground													
Ribbon Cutting													
Final Details													
Close Grant													

E. Revitalizing Main Street – Phase II Sidewalks:

Submittal deadline for proposals - Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (3pm MST) then evaluation of proposals will go to Town Council for Final Selection - Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

F. Safe Street for All:

The virtual meeting was held the evening of February 25 and stakeholders on February 26. Just a couple more meetings and Stolfus will provide a draft SS4A plan. The photo is a Silt pedestrian extension on US Hwy 6.



G. The Town Manager position ad closes on March 17.