

TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804

Monday, March 11, 2013

Call to Order Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 7:30. Roll call for the Arriba Town Board was read and those answering were Bob Rush, Jody Schifferns, Troy McCue, Tyler Andersen, Mayor Grundmeier was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Troy McCue

Public Audience Josie Hart was there because she was interested in the board vacancy

Approval of Agenda Trustee McCue requested to add Water Line Funding under unfinished business. Trustee McCue moved to approve agenda as amended Trustee Schifferns seconded and the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes Trustee McCue started a discussion on how much detail would be put into the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Flores stated that if something was worded differently then what the board members remember from the conversation then that could be a problem. Trustee McCue stated that if the board members read the minutes and find something that wasn't as they remember it then they are to request that that part be rewritten. Trustee Schifferns stated that she felt like there hadn't been enough information in the minutes that someone coming in wouldn't know what was going on if they hadn't been at the meeting. Trustee Rush stated that it would be kind of hard to follow the discussions. Mayor Pro tem Flores stated that in the past minutes have been abbreviated because of the length of the discussions. Trustee Schifferns requested more information to be in the minutes. Clerk Bell requested that as soon as the minutes are read that she please be notified if something should be rewritten. The time frame of when the minutes should be sent out was discussed and it was agreed that at least a week from the

Meeting should be acceptable. Trustee McCue moved to accept the minutes for the February 11, 2013 regular meeting and the February 26, 2013 action meeting as written. Trustee Schifferns seconded and the motion passed

Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable February The Board reviewed the Receivables and Payables for February. There was a statement made concerning the cigarette taxes going down. There was a discussion about the sale of marijuana, and the locations of med boxes in Denver. Trustee McCue made a statement about the cost of the bill to KC Electric. Trustee Schifferns questioned the payment to Art Stevens. Which Tom Rush clarified as the refrigerator for the park building. A discussion followed on how well it was working. Trustee Schifferns stated she was glad to be able to keep business in the area. Trustee McCue moved to accept the Accounts Receivable and Payable for February. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed.

Approval to Pay March Bills Trustee Schifferns asked if the bond was the clerks bond. Which Clerk Bell agreed that it was. A couple comments were made about the cost of the Black Hills bill as well as Dj Petro. Trustee McCue made a positive comment about the roads in Arriba being clear after the resent snow storm and a discussion followed, about the Highways being closed, and the accidents that followed. Trustee McCue questioned the RRWCD amount. Clerk Bell had written the check to RRWCD which had not been voided but will be voided. So a correction was to be made in the Accounts Receivable and Payable, check number 17186 in the amount of \$3480 should be voided. A discussion followed about the amount of usage from the wells. Trustee Andersen questioned the amount paid to Ted Miller which Tom stated was a state regulation to have the flow meters regulated a discussion followed on how often this would be needed. Trustee McCue moved to pay the March bills. Trustee Schifferns seconded and the motion passed.

Ordinance #112 The Jack Eberle's property was discussed. Trustee McCue questioned whether anyone had volunteered to take the firewood from the property. Jason Brent's place was discussed. Kelby Vicks burn pile was discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Flores stated that they really shouldn't let it get so high. Trustee Andersen stated that it would really be up to the board as to how far they were willing to take the ordinance #112. Trustee Schifferns voiced concern about the time of day that Kelby Vick was burning. Mayor Pro Tem suggested that the town not allow the piles to get so high. Trustee Rush suggested that Kelby Vick dig some kind of pit or other way to contain the trash he was burning. Trustee McCue suggested a burn barrel. Trustee Schifferns suggested sending a letter Trustee Flores suggested it say that it was greatly appreciated that he was burning it down but not to wait for it to get so high. Trustee Schifferns suggested that the burning not be so late at night. Trustee McCue stated that a letter should go out to Kelby Vick. Trustee Andersen commented that there where safety issues involved in the burning. Trustee McCue voiced that he felt it was in violation of #112 because it was rubbish. Trustee Schifferns suggested that Kelby might have more time on the weekends to burn. Trustee Rush stated that really the biggest issue was how big the pile becomes before it was

burned. Trustee McCue stated that really it was a safety issue due to the fact that the pile wasn't fenced and so kids could get into the pile. The Board agreed that a letter would be sent to Kelby Vick. Trustee Andersen wanted to know what the letter would say, Trustee McCue summed up the above issues. A discussion followed on how long different things in town had burned, legacy lane, and the old elevator where mentioned. Jack Eberle was discussed and the firewood that was on his place. Trustee Andersen suggested that the wood be burned. A discussion followed on why this wouldn't work, trees, power lines, and the proximity to Eberle's house where mentioned. Trustee Schiffers volunteered to help with this project as long as no snakes were visible. Tom Rush suggested the back hoe be used to move the wood to the west side of Jack Eberle's to be burned. Trustee McCue suggested a letter be sent with the above suggestions, a time frame was discussed. Jason Brent's property was discussed. A letter would go out to him requesting an update on his property and a request that he finish cleaning up by the end of May. The free day at the dump was discussed, and how it would impact those properties listed above. The cars on Jason's property were discussed and how much they are worth. Ron Petty's truck full of trash was discussed. Clerk Bell said she had a number for Ron and she would call him. Clerk Bell asked if certified letters should go out, the board agreed to just send them regular mail would be fine. Ron Roan's property was discussed, the ownership of the property was discussed. The board agreed that a certified letter would be sent to the owners on the deed and that it would state that if the town had not received a response from them a fine would be issued, the town would then take care of the property. Trustee Rush cautioned that maybe the board members shouldn't be the ones to deal with the trash issues due to the unknown content. Trustee McCue stated that pine street needed a lot of work. Tom Rush suggested that Rebeltech receive a letter also requesting the equipment be removed from the building behind town hall. Where Rebeltech was located and what kind of services they provided was discussed. The Board agreed to send Rebeltech a letter. There being no other properties to discuss at this time the board agreed to move onto the next item.

Leisure Pines Refinancing Trustee McCue informed the board that a letter had been sent to USDA with the amount of \$5000 and in the event that they accepted this offer the town would need another month to pass an ordinance and hold a hearing. The letter was sent on 3/4/2013 and it was received by P.Keller on 3/6/2013. The letter was sent to Jamie Spakow. Trustee Schiffers stated that she knew that the residents had received their vouchers from HUD because Tom Metkechum had shared this knowledge with her. Trustee McCue explained that these vouchers would be good for one year if in fact the residents decided to use them to relocate. Trustee Andersen suggested that the town send out a letter also. But since no one had called wondering about the status of LP it was agreed that the residents were getting their information from another source. Trustee McCue stated that Diane Petty was working on getting 2 new residents and that would make the occupancy 100% which it had not been since the early 1980's. Then there would be a waiting list. Trustee McCue stated that at this point there where no

guarantees that the USDA would approve the amount to settle but he did believe that they had given the Town of Arriba priority in making an offer. Possibility of who would be purchasing LP and what and how it would be used was discussed in the event that USDA did not accept the offer. The Windmill phases were discussed in detail and the upcoming phase. Trustee McCue stated that when he had talked to Don Nunn that he had stated that he was "ready to get this done." A comment was made that just because a voucher had been sent to the resident that didn't mean that the USDA was going to approve our proposal. Trustee McCue stated that he and Trustee Andersen had talked about the content of the letter and agreed to include the facts that the town was a small town and had limited resources, the purpose behind the refinance was to keep the project running for the 8 residents already there, and for the future residents, there was a written commitment from HUD for a contract for up to 20 yrs and that the Town's offer was \$5000 and they should let us know their decision. The town would need another month to accomplish ordinances and such.

Water Line funding. Trustee McCue had an email correspondence from Ken White from GMS, Dragger Well works had given an estimate of roughly about \$10,000 for just the one line, from out of town, and down Lincoln Avenue to tie into the new system. Then something also a third of that distance, from the out of town wells, down Lincoln then over to the tank. This should be roughly in the \$4-5000 range. This would be a total of about \$15,000. GMS wants to do another water study, and have the town borrow from DOLA, Trustee Andersen wanted to know the purpose behind the study, Mayor Pro Tem Flores commented that it was a requirement that can be pretty expensive. Trustee McCue suggested that the Town apply to someone like Cooper Clark for a \$10,000 and match the rest out of town funds. Trustee McCue stated that he felt that by going through GMS they would be wasting resources. Trustee Rush stated that the size of pipe might be an issue. Tom Rush said that he believed 2 inch, 250lbs would work. Trustee Andersen voiced concern about expanse of soil within the project. Trustee McCue stated that if new pipe was layered parallel with the existing line there shouldn't be a problem. Trustee McCue said that bids could be taken so that everything was done right. He also stated that he didn't feel like this project was big enough to go through all the hoops of GMS. Trustee Schiffers stated that Cooper Clark seemed to be begging for projects. Mayor Pro Tem Flores suggested that Tom Rush get a real close ball park figure of costs of the project. Trustee Andersen suggested writing up a proposal on the cost of the project for Cooper Clark. Trustee Andersen will bring an application to the next Board meeting. A discussion followed on reasoning behind going this route vs. going through GMS. There was also a discussion on how to complete this project, who could do it, the equipment that would be needed, as well as equipment that would make the job easier. The project would be tied into the south side of Lincoln so there would be 2 streets closed while the pipes were going in. Mayor Pro Tem Flores stated that detour signs might be needed for this project. Trustee McCue voiced his pissed off ness because this had not been included in the initial project. The type of pipe, and the reason that it had been missed was Minutes of

discussed in detail. How often Cooper Clark meets was also discussed. The action meeting was also discussed, Trustee Schiffers suggested something girly be discussed at the action meeting. Trustee McCue suggested the town garage sale.

Board Vacancy Trustee Tippet's resignation letter was reviewed by the board. Mayor Pro Tem Flores questioned whether Trustee Tippet's had signed his resignation letter. This letter will be attached to these minutes and as such will become part of the minutes. Josie Hart's interest in the position was discussed and how she could benefit the town by being part of the board. Clerk Bell will advertise the position in the Limon Leader. Trustee Schiffers voiced that she felt the letter was very honest. The reason behind the resignation was discussed by all the board members. Trustee Schiffers moved to accept the resignation of Robin Tippet's as Trustee. Trustee McCue seconded. No one opposed and the motion passed. The new Trustee will be appointed at the regular Board meeting on April 8, 2013. The Treasures report was discussed, it had been given to Robin Tippet's, and Trustee Schiffers stated that she would get it from him. The delivery of the report was discussed in detail. Nothing was decided at this time.

Water Load Out Trustee Rush stated that he had heard nothing new about the highway project. Deadlines, equipment needed, politics of the project, when the project would begin and what the project would entail was discussed. Trustee Schiffers stated that trading water for roadwork had been used in the past. A discussion followed on whether the board would agree to sale water for the project, and which well could be used, Trustee McCue was concerned about metering the water. Pat Parkers opinion was discussed. The amount of water was discussed, as well as the rate which at which the town should sale the water, which would be the rate of the stock water. Tom Rush requested an approval from the board if someone approaches him about the usage. Who would be providing the water if we did not was discussed. Where the asphalt pile would be located was discussed. Previous asphalt piles where also discussed. Trustee McCue stated that no one seemed to object so at this point if someone approached Trustee Rush or Tom Rush they where to let the other board members know and they would make a decision then.

Maintenance Report Tom Rush reported that a new water tap had been purchased out by Tarado, a discussion followed in detail on how it would go in, Trustee Andersen voiced concern about water pressure at his house. Remedies to the problem where discussed in detail if the pressure became a problem. The Meter reading gun had still not been sent back, so the last reading had been used from last months readings. Dana Kepler had agreed to let us borrow a gun until ours came back.

Clerks Report Clerk Bell presented a renewal from ECCOG for the senior services. Which the board agreed to renew. ECCOG had also sent an activities request to include in the events guide that they publish. Dates were discussed for the annual Arriba yard sale. The first week in June was picked as the date for that event. The haunted house was also discussed as an event to be included. Clerk Bell presented an update to the quick books which it was decided we would wait until it was absolutely necessary to update.

Treasurer's Report The Board agreed that the treasures report was not available.

Trustees Report Trustee Andersen questioned when work would begin on the park bathroom. A discussion followed on what kind of septic to use, how big the tank should be, how often the tank will be pumped, options on how to tell if it was full was, and if water would be hooked up to the bathroom. Trustee Schifferns questioned if the town still had fire hydrants, she suggested that everyone on the board receive one. Mayor Pro Tem Flores disagreed with that suggestion. Trustee Schifferns also questioned the status of delinquent accounts which Clerk Bell informed the Board that there had only been 3 accounts that were slightly over due which she decided not to take action on them but if they did not get caught up by the next meeting would definitely take action. Trustee McCue attended a Colorado Economic Colorado Blue Print seminar, Gov Higginlooper started a grass roots program that puts together the wish lists from communities that would like to see economic development they develop a blue print and business plan so far the out come has been very promising. A minister from one of the churches in Limon will be contacting business in town this will hopefully bring a lot of visibility to the county. Trustee McCue stated that one project that he would like to see come about would be a digital receiver that would rebroadcast local news, and local channels. Trustee McCue did not have any other information on costs or how it would go about getting it done. Trustee Schifferns commented that the new phase of the windmills will be coming, suggested the board come up with tourism ideas. Several impractical ideas were discussed, can-can girls, bungi jumping, reenacting the towns history, where a couple ideas. Energy impact grants where discussed and ideas on how to use those funds where discussed.

Mayor Report. Mayor Pro Tem Flores voiced concern about the minutes but felt that it had already been addressed. The Fire Dept will be doing a Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry on March 30th. Not sure about the time. The action meeting was discussed. The board agreed that there really where no pressing issues at this time and so no action meeting would be needed this month.

Adjournment There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Schifferns moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee McCue seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Steffanie Bell

Signed by _____

Approved by the Board on _____