

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION MEETING
Tuesday January 27, 2015
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

Call to Order

Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 7:30. Roll call for the Arriba Town Board was read and those answering were Troy McCue, Jody Schifferns, Will Rowe, Caleb Brent, and Marcella Flores. Karen Kovar was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jody Schifferns.

Public Audience included: Jack Degerlia, Lynn Francis, Ed E. Schifferns.

Approval of Agenda Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as written, Trustee Schifferns seconded and the motion passed.

Lisa Nolder with LCEDC Lisa Nolder asked the Board what would be some good benchmarks for Arriba in regards to economic development. She gave a brief update on what she has been working on, and an update on businesses in Lincoln County. She said that she didn't have any major changes to report.

Trustee McCue shared his views of the future for Arriba as far as business growth. He said that he didn't see Arriba attracting any industry, he did see Arriba housing people that work in other parts of the county or state. He felt that the Town could continue to improve streets and maintain infrastructure. And that through this a lot of the vacant housing will be occupied and maybe build more affordable housing. Through all of this eventually a town with 400-500 people could then support a grocery store or café or restaurant.

Trustee Schifferns said that to get people to move into Arriba she felt that the town needed to be cleaned up.

The Board then discussed that cleaning up properties and making Arriba more attractive for prospective homebuyers was a priority.

There was discussion about the campground and possibilities of getting that opened up and how if it was open that would mean more income and more traffic for Arriba.

There was discussion about concentrating on tearing down vacant houses that are derelict and falling down. The Board discussed sending letters to these property owners and follow Ordinance #112 by sending out letters then starting the fining and municipal court process. Lisa Nolder suggested an urban renewal authority, where basically a certain percentage of property taxes goes to property cleanup funding.

Lisa Nolder said that she would check into possible grants to help with tearing down these houses and buildings.

There was discussion about possible asbestos in the houses or buildings and how that would impact cleanup. Certain houses and buildings would have to be tested for asbestos and if found it is very costly to take care of.

There was discussion about gas and oil companies and how the drop in oil is affecting them, and how this in turn will affect the oil wells in Lincoln County

The Board agreed that they would like to see how LCEDC has helped other communities with cleaning up properties.

There was discussion about Seibert's community cleanup project and how they had run into problems with property owners threatening the person who was serving the tickets.

Lisa Nolder suggested having DOLA representative, Greg Etl, attend a Board meeting and see if DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) has any programs that could help the Town. Lisa Nolder also suggested checking with GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) for grant possibilities.

The Board discussed having Lisa Nolder contact the Smithburgs who are the owners of the campground and finding out if they are interested in selling it or donating it.

Lisa Nolder said that she would attend the Town's next Board meeting, the Board agreed to wait until spring to have Greg Etl attend a meeting.

There was discussion about taking pictures of the houses and properties that need cleaned up.

There was discussion about Alco in Limon, Shop Co is buying Burlington's Alco but is not interested in Limon's store.

CIRSA Clerk Hart told the Board that correcting the cost of the pipestand with CIRSA increased the premium by about \$330. She said that she went ahead and accepted the quote, the next step is to adopt Resolution 1-2015, which is a Resolution of Commitment to the CIRSA Loss Control Standards that states that the Town will commit to the establishment and implementation of the applicable loss control standards establish by the CIRSA Board of Directors. Trustee McCue moved to adopt Resolution 1-2015, Trustee Brent seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk Hart said that the Town also needs to adopt Resolution 2-2015 which states that the Town has reviewed the CIRSA Bylaws and wishes to participate in a self-insurance pool as set forth in the agreement with CIRSA. Trustee McCue moved to adopt Resolution 2-2015, Trustee Rowe seconded and the motion passed.

Comments The Board made a brief list of what properties were priorities and discussed getting pictures of the properties to have at the next meeting. The next step will be to send letters to the property owners notifying them that their property is in violation. According to Ordinance #112 the Town is required to send out 3 letters before fining the property owners.

Adjournment There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee McCue seconded. Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart

Signed by:

Approved by the Board on: February 8, 2015