

Town of Collbran Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
July 6, 2021

I. Call to order

Mayor Todd called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees at 6:01 pm on July 6, 2021 at Collbran Town Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll call

Present: Trustee Appelhanz, Dalrymple, Evans, Melnikoff and Mayor Todd

IV. Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes from June 1, June 18, 2021 and Expenditures from June 2021

A. MOTION: TRUSTEE MELNIKOFF MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY TRUSTEE EVANS

Vote Results:

Ayes: Trustees Appelhanz, Dalrymple, Evans, Melnikoff and Mayor

Todd

Nayes: None

Motion carried.

V. Persons Present Not on the Agenda

VI. Mesa County Commissioners- Commissioner Janet Rowland, Commissioner Cody Davis and Commissioners Scott McInnis; Questions/Comments/Concerns

1. **Trustee Melnikoff**- Thank you all for helping with getting broadband up here.
2. **Mayor Todd**- There are times when we feel forgotten, but not with you guys. Thank you for not forgetting us and we do feel that you are all giving us attention and support.
3. **Administrator Matarozzo**- Wanted to highlight a few of the working relationships the Town has with the County.

- a. The Mesa County Sheriff's office, we have a Marshal and a Deputy Marshal who can't work 24/7 so we heavily rely on the sheriff's office.
 - b. Road and Bridge- They are always here for us. They have helped plow our roads when we are short handed. Not only do they take care of the county roads, but they take care of us here in Town limits. They were able to help us with a street broom a few weeks ago. They are hand in hand with our Public Works.
 - c. Local department- Matt Nichols has helped us with a street paving project as well as this year we have two streets that are going to be paved. He has helped us with that bid from the very beginning. He's allowed us to piggyback on a couple of jobs that Mesa County has going.
 - d. Building Inspectors- They handle all of our building codes, inspections and permits.
 - e. Broadband Grant- We did receive the grant so \$86,000 towards the first step.
4. **Commissioner Janet Rowland**- We have some money from the ARP dollars and we decided today that we would put 1 million dollars towards your project for Broadband. It's not official until the hearing on the 19th of July, but we are going to do that for you guys.
5. **Peter Baier**- Thank you to Administrator Matarozzo for being a part of the economic development group. It was very important that everyone communicated with one another. We all wanted to be sure we were all receiving the same information, passing it along and looking for economic development opportunities. Meeting weekly on zoom with Collbran, Fruita, Palisade, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Chamber of Commerce and others to continue to put our resources together so we can recover together.
6. **Ken Steadman**- Asked about seeding the clouds.
- a. **Commissioner Scott McInnis**- The City of Grand Junction has been seeding the clouds for 20 or 25 years.
 - b. **Commissioner Scott McInnis**- We are very fortunate that we have such senior rights on the Colorado River. We are either number one or number two on the Colorado River. We have been much more aggressively engaged in attempts to move the water from agriculture, up here, to the cities and towns.
7. **Mike Gemmell**- Wanted to talk about the UN Program that affects exhibit 21. Exhibit 21 is a sustainability to erode property rights of individual homeowners. They establish a new regional governing body and get back into Colorado. He was wondering if they had seen anything that is trying to get into this area? If so, what are they doing to prevent it from happening?
- a. **Commissioner Scott McInnis**- We see this kind of thing all the time, where they try to exercise the jurisdiction. What you should be more concerned about is the waters of the United States.
 - b. **Commissioner Cody Davis**- The Trump administration redefined the United States so the more water that is in definition of waters in

the US means more regulated waters and more regulated waters. The State of Colorado is trying to preempt redefinitions of the waters in the US and go with a more aggressive definition in the future. Locally, what can impact us is the State of Colorado talking specifically about the Colorado Department of Health. Talking about TMDLs, total maximum daily limits. Essentially they take a test at the beginning of the Colorado River as it comes in the valley and at the end of the valley to see how much pollution gets in the river.

- c. **Mike Gemmell**- Do you monitor background limits for various things and use it to compare standards?
 - d. **Commissioner Cody Davis**- That's what we want them to do, What we don't want is an arbitrary TMDL which outweighs too much on us.
 - e. **Commissioner Scott McInnis**- What would be helpful in your viewpoint is to invite up the US congressional office and the congressional office in Grand Junction. They have two Senate offices in Grand Junction. Ask those people to come here and start addressing those kinds of things.
 - f. **Mike Gemmell**- Do you have hearings scheduled to discuss this or what the actual action items are at this point in time?
 - g. **Commissioner Scott McInnis**- People think we have a lot more authority than we do and we've gone through that the last couple of weeks. That's why I referred you. We don't have any information that comes down so you really need to ask those questions to the congressmen or at least their representatives.
8. **Ken Steadman** - Not a question, but keep in mind paving a blacktop for the Silt cut off. That would bring a lot of economic and commercial development to this end of the county.
- a. **Commissioner Scott McInnis**- We'd have to stop on top, Garfield County is on the other side. There is a lot of winter maintenance and we used to have to ask the oil and gas companies. It's for service roads.
9. **Tom Rowell**- We're adding a remote deputy up in your area. The BLM is paying for a position so we're going to free up one of our RAD deputies. Right now we have five, we're going to have six in total which will add two times the deputy up here. We are working on getting two trailers for traffic, one of the biggest issues we get.
10. **Tom Rowell**- This year, for the first time, we've staffed a fire engine. Not to take over any of the fire districts, but to have out there supporting. If there is not a fire, they will be doing graffiti removal.
11. **Tom Rowell**- We did have a COVID outbreak in the jail, 120 out of 140 inmates did have it. It was a huge balancing act trying to keep people quarantined, making sure staff didn't get it and trying to keep criminals in jail that couldn't be on the streets.
12. **Tom Rowell**- On the other side of things, applications are down 50%. Not a lot of people want to be cops right now. We're very lucky to have all the support we do from you guys and gals. Our population is 473 as of this

morning. We were in the low 300's, but have changed things around and are creeping back up.

- a. **Administrator Matarozzo**- A suggestion to you guys adding a RAD officer up here might be to find someone local. Having that interaction with the community is always better. Sometimes the other officers coming up from the sheriff's office have a hard time connecting with the community because they have such a tight relationship with our officers. He won't be on 24/7, but it will give him the opportunity to get involved by going to community events and have more of a visual face.

VII. Special Events Permit and Street Closure Permit for Hope West on August 28, 2021- Action Requested: Motion to approve the Special Events and Street Closures Permit for Hope West on August 28, 2021

A. MOTION: TRUSTEE APPELHANZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT AND STREET CLOSURE FOR HOPE WEST ON AUGUST 28, 2021; SECONDED BY TRUSTEE EVANS

Vote Results:

Ayes: Trustees Appelhanz, Dalrymple, Evans, Melnikoff and Mayor

Todd

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VIII. Accept the audited financial statements for the year ending 12/31/2020 as prepared by management and audited by Jeff Wendland, CPA

A. MOTION: TRUSTEE EVANS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/2020 AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT AND AUDITED BY JEFF WENDLAN, CPA

Vote Results:

Ayes: Trustees Appelhanz, Dalrymple, Evans, Melnikoff and Mayor

Todd

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IX. Memorandum of Understanding Between Collbran Job Corps Center and the Town of Collbran's Marshal's Office- Action Requested: Motion giving Mayor Todd permission to sign the MOU between the Collbran Job Corps and the Town of Collbran's Marshal's Office

- A. MOTION: TRUSTEE MELNIKOFF MOVED TO GIVE PERMISSION TO MAYOR TODD TO SIGN THE MOU BETWEEN THE COLLBRAN JOB CORPS AND THE TOWN OF COLLBRAN'S AMRSHAL'S OFFICE; SECONDED BY TRUSTEE EVANS**

Vote Results:

Ayes: Trustees Appelhanz, Dalrymple, Evans, Melnikoff and Mayor

Todd

Nayes: None

Motion carried.

X. Cancel Board of Trustee Work Session Scheduled for July 16, 2021- Action Requested: Motion to cancel Board of Trustee Work Session

- A. MOTION: TRUSTEE APPELHANZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE CANCELATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE SCHEDULED WORK SESSION ON JULY 16, 2021; SECONDED BY TRUSTEE EVANS**

Vote Results:

Ayes: Trustees Allephanz, Dalrymple, Evans, Melnikoff and Mayor

Todd

Nayes: None

Motion carried.

XI. Trustee (Informational and/or items for future agenda)

1. Trustee Melnikoff would like to bring up the congressmen and representatives to discuss the TMDL issues.
2. Trustee Melnikoff also gave kudos to the staff at Town Hall for all of their hard work over the 4th of July.
3. Trustee Appelhanz was wondering if there was money in the budget to add a third deputy to the Town of Collbran.
4. Administrator Matarozzo mentioned having an agreement with the school for a SRO and asked that they pay half the salary. We are hoping to have at least a 3 year commitment, but would really like a 5 year commitment. The school would be paying about \$19,000 per year. The SRO would be working Monday- Thursday at Plateau Valley School, not the Job Corps.

The agreement is in the hands of the school now.

5. Administrator Matarozzo would like to see a RAD officer get hired up here. With our officers being busy in the Town limits, it would be helpful to have someone else help with the outlying areas.
6. Administrator Matarozzo added that when people need to get a hold of our officers, we really encourage them to call dispatch instead of the office. All of our calls are routed through Grand Junction that way we can keep track of how many assists we have with the sheriff's office if they are outside of Town limits. With the new system they have, it is actually much safer to call dispatch. Dispatch knows exactly where they are and knows they are responding to a call wherever that is.
 - a. Mayor Keith Todd added that people think it is faster to call the Town Hall to get a hold of the officers. When they get told to call dispatch, they automatically think they are going to send someone from down below.
7. Trustee Evans wanted to thank everyone for putting on a great parade and kids carnival.

XII. Monthly Staff Update: Questions?

1. Administrator Matarozzo said her Colorado City and County Managers conference went really well.
2. Administrator Matarozzo mentioned that by attending all of the Broadband meetings, Collbran is being recognized. We received our first grant and want to thank the commissioners again for all of their help.
3. Administrator Matarozzo says the tennis courts are close to being finished. The only thing that needs to be done is the fence. We do have lines for pickleball, we are just waiting for the equipment to be delivered. We only renovated one tennis court and will tear the other one out. We might add more grills for reunions, family gatherings, company picnics.
4. Administrator Matarozzo stated how well the 4th of July went.

XII. Public Correspondence

1. A gal from out of State came into Collbran to visit the Women's Memorial and wanted to thank everyone. She runs the Women's Memorial in Washington D.C. and she was very pleased with ours.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Approved

Attest