

TOWN OF DEL NORTE
Regular Town Board Meeting
April 9, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. There being present at call of roll the following:

ROLL CALL

Town Board present at roll call: Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato, Trustee Brenton Williams, Trustee Andrew Velasquez absent, Trustee Bob Muncy absent, Mayor Shelly Burnett, Mayor Pro-tem Sarah White and Trustee Louie Velasquez. Mayor Burnett declared a quorum present.

Members of Staff: Town Attorney Eugene Farish, Town Administrator Bernadette Martinez, Public Works Kevin Larimore, Sergeant Colton Medina.

Minutes of March 12, 2025, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing- Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato made a correction to the March minutes that she was representing Broken Arrow and elected to sit in the audience as it was public meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Brenton Williams to approve the minutes for March 12, 2025 as noted, seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Burnett declared motion carried. **Financial Accounts /Reports-**Motion was made by Trustee Bob Muncy and seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams to approve the financials for March 2025. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Burnett declared motion carried. Town Attorney gave the oath of office to Katie Suttles, Town Treasurer as interim, since there is a probationary period of new hires.

Approval of moving monies from Community Banks to ColoTrust-Motion was made Trustee Bob Muncy to move monies from Community Banks of Colorado to ColoTrust for the higher interest rate, seconded by Trustee Andrew Velasquez. Roll call: All yes, Mayor declared motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Glynnis Williams mentioned that the police department should be considered posting the blotter on their face book page, any police activities without names, since the local newspaper has rejected to allow it in the newspaper. Sergeant Medina stated that they could allow it to the police department face book page.

SLV Aquatic Center update- Grace Young approached the Town Board about the letter of support that she asked for last month, that Town Board had tabled. She gave some economic comments if the pool was to be built what it could do for Rio Grande County. Colleen Vanderpool, Monte Vista resident stated the Center would be useful for the college students and she support it and the Center should be allowed to be voted on by the voters. John Anderson approached the Town Board and wanted to state that it should be allowed to go to the voters to be voted on by the voters.

SLV Aquatic Center Citizen against-Trish Slater approached the Town Board that SLV Aquatic center is going to bring higher taxes to the local business in Town, some will be as high as 58%. Kathy Ellithorpe also commented on the impact of what the center will bring and urged the Town Board not support the pool, as other municipalities have done. Supporters of the Center asked for a letter of support from Town Board, after some discussion motion was made by Trustee Brenton Williams to submit a letter of

support SLV Aquatic Center, seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: Lobato-Nay, Williams-Nay, A Velasquez-Nay, Burnett-Nay, White-Yes, and L Velasquez-Nay. Mayor Burnett declared motion failed for letter of support to SLV Aquatic Center.

Brian Burrell- Airport Manager- Airport Economic Study- Brian gave the Town Board a review of the economic study of the airport. He mentioned that the currently have seven tracts of land to build more hangars if requested. The impact that the airport has been on the area has been a great asset. The medical flight crew who are based here to transport critically ill. A total of 36 jobs that the airport employs from the aircraft mechanic to the medical flight crew. The flights that come in for a day of skiing at Wolf Creek is an economic impact and is lifestyle we don't see often, but we welcome those visits. Town Board thanked Brian for his study on the airport.

Special Events Permit- Yolanda Martinez- Basketball Tournament-Yolanda Martinez approached the Town Board about wanting to host an event in the Town Park and use the Town basketball court to put a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on May 2 and May 3. With some discussion motion was made Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato and seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams to approve special events permit. Yolanda stated she will submit the certificate of insurance before the event. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Burnett declared motion carried.

Arbor Day Proclamation-Motion was made by Trustee Bob Muncy to adopt Arbor Day proclamation, seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams. Roll call; All ayes, Mayor Burnett declared motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Office remodel expenditure-Chief Archuleta was not able to attend the meeting, Town Administrator mentioned that the Police department had been budgeted monies to renovate the front entrance of the police department, but the amount came in a bit more and he needed Town Board approval for the shortfall of the expenditure. Motion was made by Trustee Brenton Williams to approve the added expenditure up to \$5k, seconded by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Burnett declared motion carried.

Public Works-Kevin mentioned Ninth Street should be done this week. He wanted to let the Board street sweeper is down, and he thinks a pump may have gone out on the vac truck. He will get the information to Trustee Andrew Velasquez to troubleshoot the issue. The cost could be as high of \$100K. Kevin will let the Town Board know once it's looked at and the approval could be done through email. Clean up day tree limbs were discussed and we will allow tree limbs for cleanup day.

Awarded the DOLA grant for the WWTP project-Town did receive the DOLA grant to help offset some of the cost the project. USDA has been informed of the grant.

Discussion of Water Improvement project-Public meeting is set for May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. **Followed by a special board Town meeting** about the water project.

Town Attorney- stated that it was good to see all the Town Board members in attendance. He mentioned that he is working on the model traffic code. **Town Board-CML Conference-** June 24-27, 2025 Breckenridge- those Board members wishing to attend please let Town Administrator know so they can get registered to attend.

With nothing further motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Submitted this May 14, 2025