

DEL NORTE TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2025.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in special session at 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado at the hour of 7:37 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 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 , Trustee Bob Muncy, Mayor Shelly Burnett, Mayor Pro-tem Sarah White absent 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, Chief of Police Frank Archuleta, Town Treasurer Katie Suttles.

Discussion and Decision on to move forward with Water Improvement Project- The Town Board held a public meeting prior to this Special Board meeting to hear concerns of the residents of Del Norte.

The Town had Nick Marcott and Mike Hager from Element Engineering give a presentation on how we reach the conclusion to move forward with a public meeting to get residents feedback. Element did a preliminary engineering report on our water system, back in 2021. Results showed the following:

- The distribution system is comprised of mostly original water lines that are undersized and comprised of aging material mainly cast iron which threatens the system's ability to reliably supply water under current system pressures.
- Dead-end mains that contribute to poor water quality.
- Need for upsized water main diameters to improve the hydraulic capacity available fire flows in segments of the system.
- Upsizing the diameter of the transmission lines for the North and South Wells to achieve the required contact time for 4-log inactivation and removal of viruses in its chlorine system.
- Proposed Water System Upgrades-
 - 62,000 Linear Feet of PVC pipe size ranges from 6" to 12".
 - 150 new water valves.
 - 51 new fire hydrants.
 - PRV replacements as necessary
 - Increase pipe size at each well site to obtain chlorine contact time

Several Town residents spoke to the Town Board on their concerns of having a higher utility bill, but also agreed that the Town's infrastructure was in need of repair. Those in attendance thanked the Town Board for listening to their concerns, and knew it was not going to be an easy decision to make on moving forward.

With some discussion motion was made by Trustee Brenton Williams to approve or deny moving forward with the Town's water improvement project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: Trustee L Velasquez-aye, Mayor Burnett- aye, Trustee A Velasquez- aye, Trustee G Muncy-aye, Trustee Williams- aye, and Trustee L Lobato-aye. Motion passed. Mayor Burnett declared motion carried.

Trustee Brenton Williams did thanked those in attendance and stated he knew this was not an easy decision to move forward with the water project.

Adjournment

Submitted this June 11, 2025