

MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RIDGWAY OURAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2020

Members Present: Kate Kellogg
 Don Swartz
 Scott Williams
 Austin Ray
 Roze Evans
 Al Lowande
 Dave Jones

Also Present: Tom and Kathy Heffernan
 Rein and Jen Van West
 Gene Ulich
 Diane Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Kate Kellogg. She first announced that ROCC would be hosting a candidate's forum on Monday at Town Hall and there is a need for volunteers. There was no response at the meeting.

Upon motion by Roze Evans with a second by Scott Williams the minutes of the meeting held December 8, 2019 were approved as presented.

Due to recent restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus, the spaghetti dinner committee recommended that the annual dinner scheduled for March 28, 2020 be cancelled. Upon motion by Kathy Heffernan with a second by Rein Van West, the motion to cancel the dinner was approved. Additionally, the members present voted to postpone the annual Parking Lot Sale. If the sale does take place, it was recommended that it be turned over to the high school students to run.

Following discussion by the members, Scott Williams moved to establish a new Public Lands Committee. The initial members of the committee are:
Diane Thompson, Roze Evans, Jen Parker, Kate Kellogg, Tom Heffernan.

With a second by Dave Jones, the motion carried.

Scott Williams presented the Treasurer's report. Total assets as of March 9, 2020 are \$40,966.55. Income through March 9, 2020, was \$6,967.45 with expenses of \$3,154.38. With a motion by Rein Van West and second by Dave, Jones, the Treasurer's report was approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants Committee: Dave Jones asked for approval of a request from the Plain Dealer for \$500 for the support of Affordable Housing in Ouray County via Report for America. Upon a second by Kathy Heffernan, the request was approved.

WCA: Al Lowande reported that only one candidate applied for the Ouray County organizer position and was not hired. Further two positions with WCA were vacated and remain open. Thus staffing at WCA is limited. Financially, WCA remains in sound shape despite losing membership due to the reorganization.

WCA Legislative Report: Roze Evans presented a written report of WCA Assigned Bills. A copy is available on line. Bills are assigned Tiers: Tier 1, are bills actively being lobbied (i.e. a full court press), Tier 2 are Bills that WCA supports but is not lobbying, Tier 3 are Bills that WCA monitors but is taking no action.

Additionally, Rein Van West reported on his legislative visit. HB1225 covers cooperative energy storage ability to utilize batteries for storage. This is being opposed by Tri-State. HB1265 provides a state wide standard for toxic air emissions including oil & gas emissions.

Land Use: Scott Williams reported that he and Kate Kellogg attended the BOCC Workshop on regulations covering structures for non-commercial camping use. BOCC proposes grandfathering yurt structures already in existence. No action was taken at the workshop.

Scott also gave an update on the status of the County Road 5 litigation between the County and the Landowners. He states a conference is scheduled for April 1,

2020 between the parties to the suit and the Judge. The case is working its way through the court.

Dark Skies: Dave Jones reported the Application Packet has been delivered to the IDA. Currently, waiting on a response.

Social Justice: Kathy Heffernan reported on continued efforts to explore cash bail issues as well as affordable housing. Al Lowande added that the town has hired a consultant to provide input on platting of lots to provide greater density in the town core.

Clean Energy: Dave Jones covered the Totally Green program available through San Miguel Power. He reported that the Ridgway Town Council has agreed to participate in the SMPA Totally Green program.

Dave reported on the success of the LED light bulb project at the schools and would like to continue light bulb replacement in town. He proposed that ROCC give \$500 to the Town of Ridgway to replace its light bulbs with LED, and then another \$500 to the Town of Ouray to replace their lights. Upon motion by Don Swartz with a second by Tom Heffernan, the request was approved with the condition that the two towns agree to switch to LED lights for all town properties.

Membership: Austin Ray handed out a spreadsheet as of March, 2020, which showed membership down to 165 individuals. He will be sending out a reminder letter.

Miscellaneous: Scott Williams, as Treasurer, requested approval to place \$20,000 in a certificate of deposit with Citizens Bank in Ridgway for 11 months. Upon motion by Al Lowande with a second by Roze Evans, approval was given.

The meeting was adjourned.