



## **BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 2024**

**March 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM  
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

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### **MINUTES**

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**The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.**

**The Zoom link is available on the Town website:**

**<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>**

**Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.**

Due to weather conditions, the meeting was held via Zoom for all.

#### **5:00 PM WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Babich opened the work session at 5:00 p.m.

Evaluation of Town Safety Plans

There was a discussion and review of the current safety plans for the Town. A staff report was provided. A review of roles of the elected officials was discussed. A review was conducted on the hazard mitigation plan action items and what has been accomplished or in progress.

Suggestion to include items for hazard materials spills. It was noted that there is an IGA and plan in place with the County and fire districts. Discussion to find alternate emergency routes out of town.

#### **6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING:**

##### **I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Babich called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Toby Babich

Trustee Kelly Finley-arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Trustee Mark Fossett-arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Pilling

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Also present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney Bob Widner.

Excused

Trustee Joel Dixon

## **II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Trustee Hopkins, Seconded by Trustee Fossett to approve the consent agenda.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Fossett, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Minutes for February 8, 2024

B. Approval of Bills-\$99,852.26

## **III. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES**

**Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only- 3-minute limit please). Any written communications are included in the packet.**

There were two written communications received and included in the Board of Trustees packet. Paul Semmer-Blue Grouse Road: Remarkd on the digital map and winter road maintenance as well as snow storage. He remarked on the special meeting and the development of a public statement.

Martie Semmer-Blue Grouse Road: Asked to update the website for the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting.

C. Written Communications to the Trustees

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

D. Spruce Creek Road

Engineers Steven Humphrey and Levi Niesen with Muller Engineering were present to review the scope of the work and final four options for the Town to consider.

Steven Humphrey provided a background and current progress and options with pros and cons for each. He noted that each is not the perfect solution but best options for improvement.

1. Pave to Crown Drive: \$400,000 and not recommended.
2. Pave to Gold Nugget: \$320,000 is recommended.
3. Pave approach only: \$110,00 is an option if option 2 is not selected but has several cons.
4. No pavement: \$70,000 and is not recommended as it was tried before and didn't produce the results needed in the long term.

Discussion of each of the options and the preferred options.

Pilling-option 2; Hopkins-option 2; Fossett-option 2; Slaughter-option 2; Finley-option

2. Fossett and Finley do like the idea of incorporating segments of the widening at the entrance. There was discussion about the issue of pot holing with option 3.

Levi noted there were adjustments made as requested at the entrance but weren't able to do a full lane width, however there is a wider shoulder of 8'. He noted there is a culvert that exists across on the highway on the north end. It does increase the size but with limitations.

All agreed that they would like to know what the residents would prefer.

Barrie Stimson-Spruce Creek Road spoke on the project. He felt option 2 is the best option for the challenges that exist. He asked about addressing the drainage. The engineers noted that the drainage would be addressed.

Consensus is to move forward with option 2 and send it out to bid and then bring it back for review and approval. Discussion to consider a speed dip and potentially an additional three-way stop to address speeding at a later date after the project is complete and evaluation completed to determine need.

#### E. Approval of 2024 High School Scholarships

There were four applications for high school scholarships. The Citizen Advisory Committee recommended awarding \$1,250 to each per the budget.

Motion made by Trustee Fossett, Seconded by Trustee Hopkins to approve the four scholarships. Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Finley, Trustee Fossett, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

#### F. Town Map Discussion

There was a discussion and review of the digital map created by Muller Engineering. Information was reviewed on what is displayed and how it is updated. It was noted that it is for informational purposes only and not planning purposes.

Manager Eddy reviewed the map, the layers and the tools available on the public side as well as the staff side.

Discussion of what to include or not include on the public side. Discussion on whether or not by including the Summit County Trail system, is an endorsement. Discussion on whether to keep it with disclaimer that this is not Town of Blue River data or to remove it from the public view. It is noted that it does exist on the County GIS map so perhaps work with the County or just remove it from the public view. It's noted that the Town shouldn't try to change outside data sets. Decision to remove the Summit County trails layer and master plan layer from the public side until conversations with owners and the county can take place. Discussion to also remove the USFS trail layer as well.

Suggestion to add cistern locations to the public facing map.

Decision to allow the map to be public after layers discussed are removed and to remove the pdf plat maps from the website. Discussion on need to remove unnecessary documents for ADA remediation compliance that must be met by July 1st.

#### G. Snow Removal Hauling

There was a discussion of snow removal and snow storage. Information and quotes were provided by the snow contractor, Highland Excavating and the road contractor, G & G Services.

Manager Eddy reviewed what the contractors provided for quotes and recommendations. Town Attorney Widner reviewed the prescriptive easements and what has taken place over the last 60 years. He noted this happens throughout the State by towns and the State as snow is removed from roads onto private property.

Discussion of options and challenges. Discussion to review where areas become narrowed and in need to have the snow hauled out of on an as needed basis. Perhaps develop where snow stacking takes place. Decision to take time to review over the summer for next winter.

## V. **REPORTS**

#### H. Mayor

Mayor Babich had no report.

#### I. Trustees

Pilling-no report.

Fossett-no report

Hopkins-reported PZ met and reviewed one project and was approved once colors verified. They discussed snow load changes but opted not to make changes at this time. Slaughter-Wildfire Council met and will be reviewing grants at the next meeting. Finley-referred to the committee report.

J. Attorney

No report.

K. Staff Reports

Manager Eddy update on STR ad reviews by John Debee.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Fossett moved for an Executive Session pursuant to CRS §24-6-402 (4) (b) to receive legal advice regarding the interpretation and application of constitutional term limits to Blue River offices, and advice concerning waivers of attorney-client confidentiality and Hopkins seconded at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Fossett moved and Finley seconded to adjourn out of executive session at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Fossett moved and Finley seconded to direct town staff to post a statement from the Board of Trustees on the elections page. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Hopkins moved and Fossett seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING -**

April 11, 2024

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Eddy, MMC

Town Clerk

*Reports from the Town Manager, Mayor and Trustees; Scheduled Meetings and other matters are topics listed on the Regular Trustees Agenda. If time permits at the work session, the Mayor and Trustees may discuss these items. The Board of Trustees may make a Final Decision on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of whether it is listed as an action item.*