



## **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 14, 2023 at 6:00 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/citizen-advisory-committee>**

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

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In person: Charlie Brittz; Bruce Queen; Jodie Willey

Via Zoom: Steven Kucera; Board Liaison Kelly Finley

Excused: Trevor Kraus

Also present: Town Manager/Clerk Michelle Eddy; Wildland Division Capt. Matt Benedict RWB  
Fire

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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##### **PRESENT**

Kelly Finley

Steve Kucera

Bruce Queen

Jodie Wiley

##### **ABSENT**

Trevor Kraus

A. Minutes from February 13, 2023

Minutes from February 13, 2023

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **B. Wildfire Mitigation & Incentive Grants**

- o Manager Eddy discussed the current grants as well as grant opportunities from the State of Colorado. Ideas include providing additional incentives or the Town applying for grant funds to then evaluate properties and right-of-way and hire a contractor to come in and perform the necessary work for the homeowners. Discussion that grants could include right of way and possible grants for homeowners. Capt. Benedict noted the number of aspens in the area will help towards the grant in addition to in kind efforts.
- o Capt. Benedict discussed the hazards and needs of addressing the right of way growth. He noted that Peak 7 has conducted this type of work. He noted that the right of way areas does provide a level of increased defense as well as aiding response by fire crews.
- o Discussion of propane tanks and including information in the future newsletters.
- o Discussion to include information about cisterns and its importance and encouraging residents to participate. Suggestion to have RWB provide recommendations for locations. It was recommended to provide a map of where cisterns are not located.
- o Discussion to possibly utilize university .gis mapping students to help with mapping of what Blue River has going on.
- o Discussion of what mitigation looks like and the opportunities. Discussion to perhaps view projects for a great understanding.
- o Discussion on potentially applying for a Firewise designation.
- o Discussion of potential mitigation work to take place in 2024 by the State Forest Service. Discussion on potential impacts as well as outreach that will be necessary to citizens of work to be complete. This is an opportunity to expand work and defensible space for the town. It was noted that this is very draft and still being looked at for feasibility. If successful, it will push the fuel break back 400-600 feet.
- o Discussion to hold a community education event at town park at the end of June to educate on the importance of defensible space as well as education on weed mitigation leading

up to Weed Fest.

- o Discussion in support of wildfire mitigation and consensus making it the number one focus of the committee. Education as well as work should be supported by the group. Weed fest and “give mother nature a chance.

C. Weed & Seed/Weed Fest 2023

- o Manager Eddy noted Weed & Seed will kick off July 1-September 30th. Weed Fest is scheduled for July 8th. Volunteers will be needed for the event and registration will take place through the County or FDRD. Discussion to concentrate on town park for cleanup.

**IV. ADJOURN**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING - April 11, 2023**