

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Art Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Carey
Councilor Hazelton
Mayor A. Riddile
Councilor Copeland
Councilor Leland
Councilor G Riddile

Absent Councilor Mariscal

Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Mindy Andis, Administrator Dave Reynolds, and members of the public.

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilor Mariscal's absence. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Notice

Clerk Andis verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2025-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no citizen comments

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

New Castle resident Greg Russi said he would be teaching a class at Colorado Mountain Collage (CMC) called "We the People: An Owner's Manual to the US Constitution". The class is every Thursday for 6 weeks at the Glenwood Center 1402 Blake Avenue Glenwood Springs. The class starts on September 25, 2025 - October 30, 2025, 6:00pm-8:00pm and fee is \$79.00. Mr. Russi invited the council and staff to attend the class.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney - not present
Consultant Engineer - not present

Items for Consideration

Presentation - Riverside Middle School Support Project

Administrator Dave Reynolds said New Castle Riverside Middle School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Trent Bakich and Principal Karen Satter would like to introduce a

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new multi-use playground project to be built on school property. The project is designed to include multiple pieces of play equipment, a ball court, shade structure, and a small amphitheater with targeted use by students and the wider community. With the project's planning stage well under way, the various elements of this project including architect, civil engineering, excavation, equipment purchase, surfacing work, etc., are all being finalized so that once final financing is secured the project will be ready to go. To date the school has done a great job of managing internal fundraising and private donations and is now reaching out to explore community partnerships that may help to get this project over the finish line. Ms. Satter said they have been working on the project heavily for the past two years. They have had several fundraisers where all the money raised has gone into the funding of the project. Ms. Satter said the field would be used by the town and the community. Mr. Bakich reviewed the presentation with the council (**Exhibit A**). Mr. Bakich said when they were thinking about the project, they had the community in mind and in the early stages of the planning for the project they wanted to incorporate more exercise type equipment to help tie into VIX trail. Mr. Bakich said there would be an amphitheater structure with a statue which leads to the football field. Mr. Bakich reviewed the timeline with the council. He said the early stages is already underway, including 26 trees already planted, with 7 more to come. He explained the development phases. Phase 1: by spring of 2026 all pre-planning, state approvals and vendors in place, excavation and funding secured for planned improvements. Phase 2: by fall of 2026 Volleyball court and shade structure in place and available for use by Riverside students and community members. Phase 3: by fall of 2027 all playground equipment, walkways and landscaping complete; statue and terraced seating planning and scheduling complete. Mr. Bakich said the current fundraising is Mad Math-a-Thon, Riverside Family Night, The Riverside Yard Sale, Business Sponsors (signs in the gym and outside of Riverside, Athletic Contributions, Community and Family Donations and Grants. Mr. Bakich reviewed the breakdown of the cost for the just as follows:

Architect-\$1,920

Civil engineer-\$9,500

Excavation-\$20,000

Retaining wall-\$10,000

Playground (equipment, freight, installation)-\$175,050

Rubberized surfaces-\$15,000

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Concrete terracing-\$10,000

Landscaping-\$7,000

Total-\$276,477

Proposed total budget: \$350,000 (due to inflation and other considerations)

Mr. Bakich said they would like to partner with the Town of New Castle for a joint grant through FMLD.

Mayor A. Riddle asked if they had any funds available for the project. Mr. Bakich said yes, they do roughly \$12,000. He said they are just starting the fundraising for this year.

Councilor Hazelton asked if the excavation was an in-kind donation. Mr. Bakich said yes, Redneck Excavating had donated 100 percent of the excavation.

Councilor Carey said another idea for funding raising could be to sell bricks or pavers with the donor's name on them for the amphitheater.

Councilor G. Riddile said he is in favor of a joint grant application and support with some town funding.

Mayor A. Riddile asked if the grant would be spring FMLD grant. Administrator Reynolds said yes if the timing works.

The council was in support of the opportunity for a joint grant from the FLMD.

Presentation – Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership (CRVEDP) – Alicia Gresley

Administrator Reynolds said Director Alicia Gresley would be giving an update from the Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership (CREVDP). Ms. Gresley reviewed her presentation with the council (**Exhibit B**). Ms. Gresley said they were awarded a grant focusing on lowering greenhouse gases and emissions and focusing on alternative energy. She said CRVEDP is focusing on how to get people to live, work and play within their communities. CRVEDP used the grant money in Phase 1 was to hire consultants to collect all the data. Phase 2 was the business and community surveys which are complete. The data that was collected from the surveys are being used and analyzed to move into Phase 3. Phase 3 is the Economic Development Strategy Planning. Ms. Gresley said they were also awarded a Market Study Grant. The grant would be for asset inventory. Ms. Gresley reviewed some of the projects they have completed or working on for 2025.

Councilor Leland asked if Ms. Gresley spoken with CLEER in Carbondale. Ms. Gresley said yes, they are one of CRVEDP partners.

Consider Resolutions TC2025-19 – A Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Supporting the Ballot Measure of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition to be Decided by Voters at the November 4, 2025, Election

Administrator Reynolds said during the regular council meeting on August 5, 2025 CECE Coalition director Maggie Tolan Tiscornia presented the work that CECE was doing to develop a funding mechanism for Early Childhood Development Services in the area from Parachute to Aspen. During the meeting held on August 19, 2025, the council directed staff to provide a resolution for the council to consider supporting CECE's efforts. With CECE's November 4, 2025, ballot language now finalized, staff presents Resolution TC 2025-19 for the council's review and consideration. He said there would be a board to determine where the money could go such childcare, child programs or other child related efforts.

Councilor Hazelton asked how the board was made up. Councilor G. Riddile said there are five seats and it's based on population.

MOTION: Councilor G. Riddile made a motion to approve Resolution TC2025-19 – A Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Supporting the Ballot Measure of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition to be Decided by Voters at the November 4, 2025, Election. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda.

September 2, 2025, minutes

CRS Frens, LLC dba: New Castle Liquors Liquor License Renewal

CRS Frens, LLC dba: New Castle Liquors Tasting License Application

Dillon Companies LLC dba: City Market #41 Liquor License Renewal

Kum & Go LC dba: Maverik 5050 Liquor License Renewal

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – Administrator Reynolds said he has assigned Lt. Stu Curry as the Interim Police Chief. Administrator Reynolds said he is currently working with different organizations on recruiting a Police Chief. Administrator Reynolds said he had received a phone call from the owner of the parking lot the town leases from. They are looking at selling the parking lot property. Administrator Reynolds said Becky Rippey likes the idea of naming the park across the street after Steve Rippey. Administrator Reynolds thanked everyone who volunteered for Burning Mountain Festival. He said the parade was great on Saturday, with 46 floats in the parade. The worship service on Sunday had great attendance. The park was packed with people. Staff has been reaching out to Bob Gordons family. The town has a plaque that has been placed on a bench as well as proclamation to be presented to the family. Staff has not received any kind of response back from the family. Administrator Reynolds said staff has finished an amendment to the Lakota Ranch Trails Agreement. The amended agreement allows RFMBA to build a new short trail segment this fall. Administrator Reynolds thanked everybody for their support while he was out. He will be leaving again on Thursday, September 18, 2025, and will return Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Town Clerk – Clerk Andis said she is busy cross training Assistant Michelle Huster on clerk duties.

Town Treasurer – not present

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director – not present

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – have not met

Historic Preservation Commission – Councilor Copeland said they did meet but she was not able to attend the meeting

Climate and Environment Commission – Councilor Leland said they were Volunteer Organization of Year.

Senior Program – have not met

RFTA – Mayor A. Riddile said they did meet but he was not able to attend the meeting.
AGNC – have not met
GCE – have not met
EAB – have not met
POSTR – have not met

Council Comments

Councilor G. Riddile thanked staff for all of the sidewalk repairs.
Councilor Leland suggested as a fund raiser for the museum to have a photoshoot with residents in front of the Green Bridge since the bridge won't be there for much longer.
Councilor Copeland said she had attended the CML meeting in Silt and spoke with a representative about possible tax reimbursement for recycling.
Councilor Hazelton said he has sold some of the Sandborn maps as a fund raiser for the museum. He said he has gotten the approval from the museum to have a display at Alpine Bank with the maps. Administrator Reynolds said the town has received the proofs for the signs for the museum. The signs were paid in part by an AGNC grant the town had received.
Mayor A. Riddile said he attended the Police Department staff meeting and the moral of the staff is amazing in a good way. Staff is really tight and working great together and doing a great job. Administrator Reynolds said they just hired a new police clerk, and she will be starting in a couple of weeks.

Items for Future Council Agenda

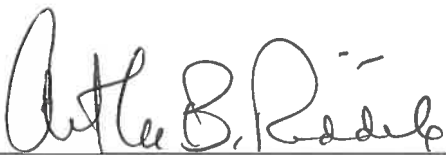
There were none

Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



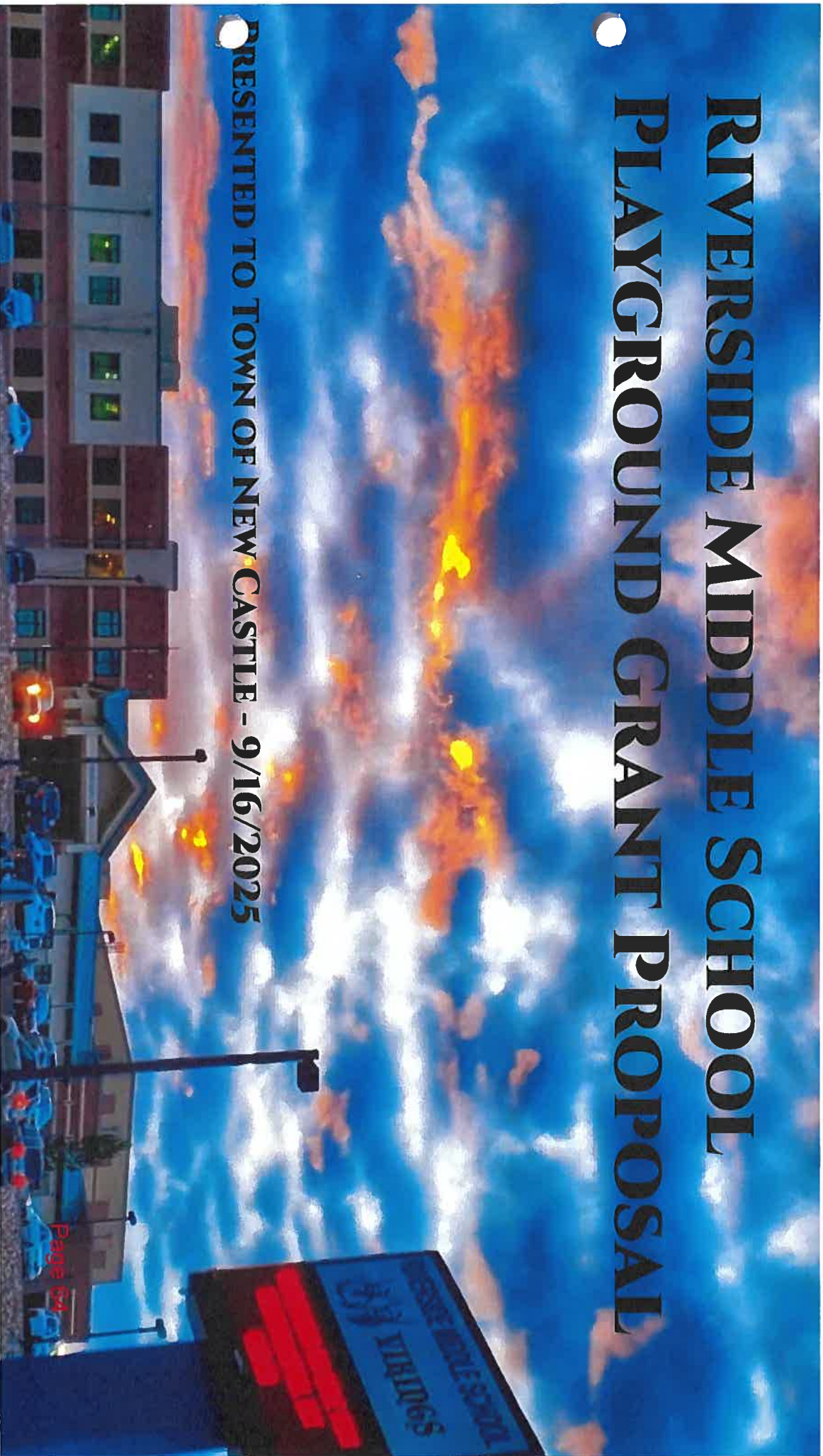
Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND GRANT PROPOSAL

PRESENTED TO TOWN OF NEW CASTLE - 9/16/2025





WHO IS RIVERSIDE

466 STUDENTS

68 STAFF

7 ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

BAND

CHOIR

DRAMA

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

FAMILIES

COMMUNITY

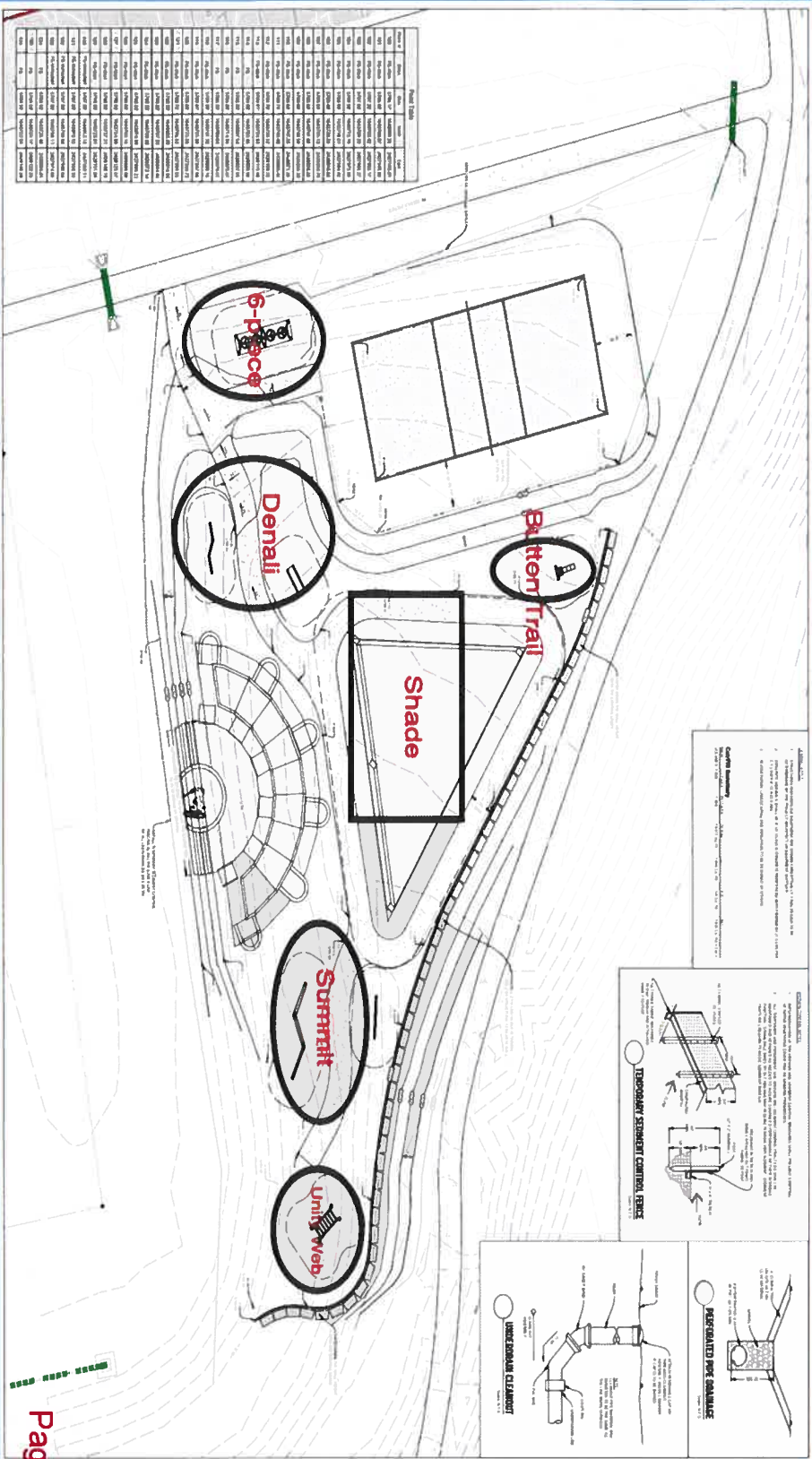
OUR CURRENT FACILITY



INITIAL PROPOSAL



CURRENT PLAN IN PLACE:



Riverside Middle School Recreation Area
Grading & Erosion Control Plan

BOUNDARIES UNLIMITED, INC.
10000 S. 100th St., Suite 100
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154
Phone: (405) 761-1111
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www.boundariesunlimited.com

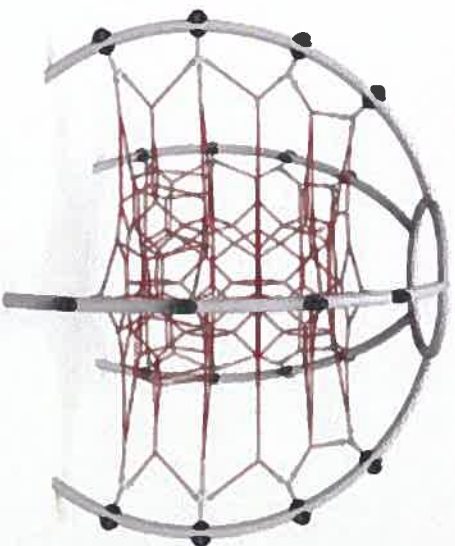
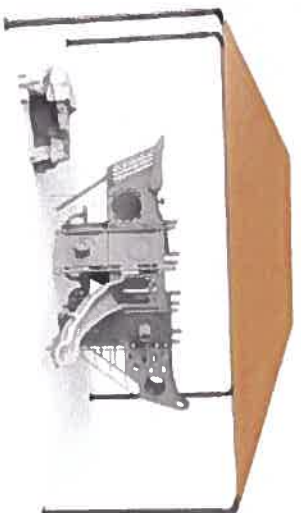
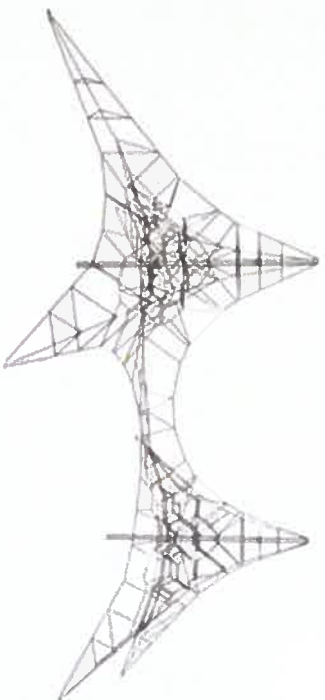
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Member Since 1988

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL GRADING ASSOCIATION
Member Since 1988

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Member Since 1988

THE GEMS

Traditional, modern, colorful, and functional





TIMELINE

Early Stages: This included the upgrade of outdoor facilities, funded by Riverside, that saw the beautification of the football facilities with 26 trees (7 more to come) to address the lack of shade and landscaping in the area.

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OUR PARTNERS:

BOUNDARIES UNLIMITED INC.

STAR Playgrounds
stellar design and installation



Jeff Johnson Architectural PC
JEFF JOHNSON
Architect

**Redneck
Excavating LLC.**



FUNDRAISING (RIVERSIDE'S CURRENT EFFORTS)

Mad Math-a-Thon

Riverside Family Night

The Riverside Yard Sale

Business Sponsors (signs in our gym and outside of Riverside)

Athletic Contributions

Community and Family Donations (Community install day?)

Grants

BY THE NUMBERS

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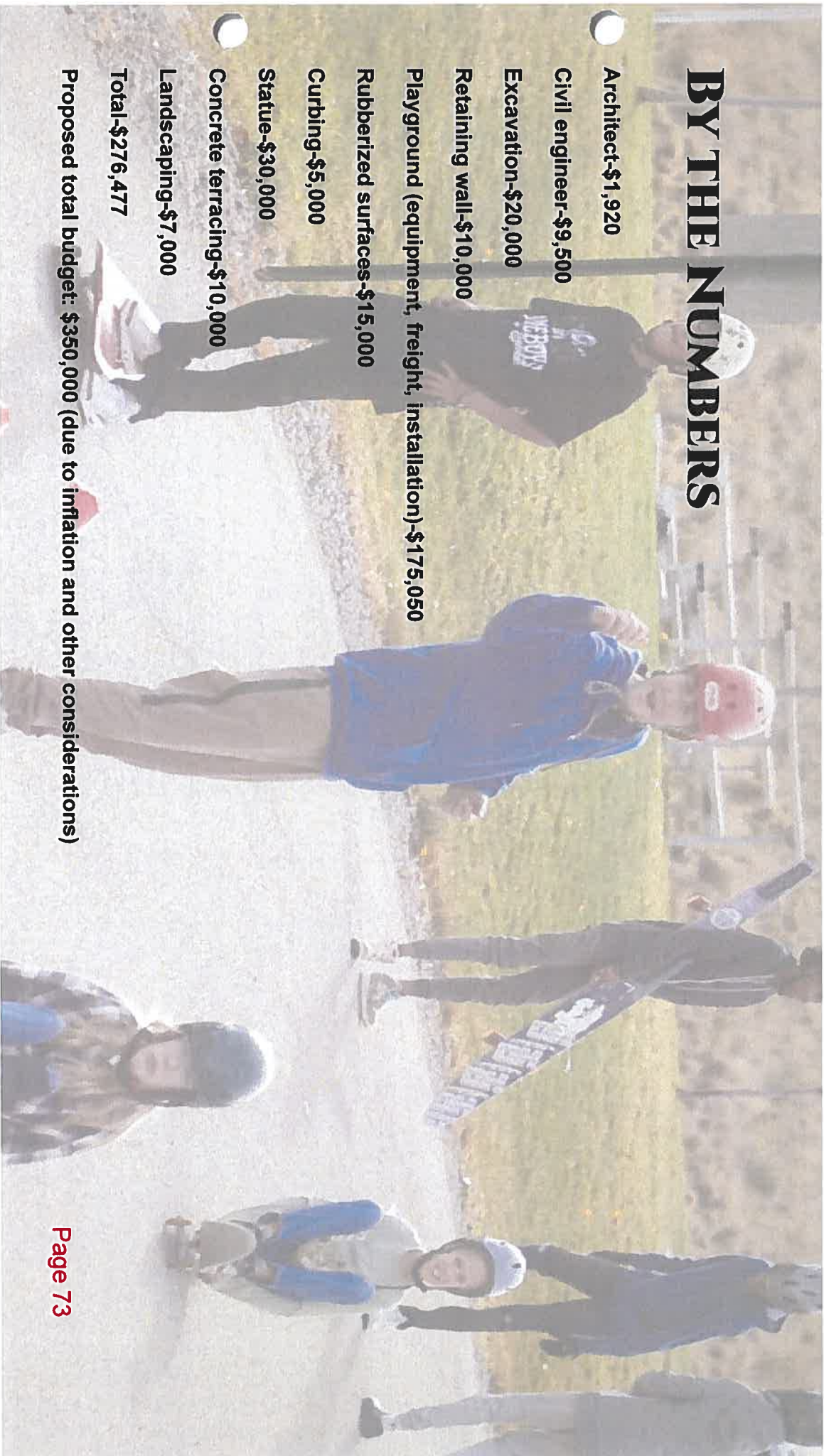


Exhibit B to 9.16.2025 Council Minutes

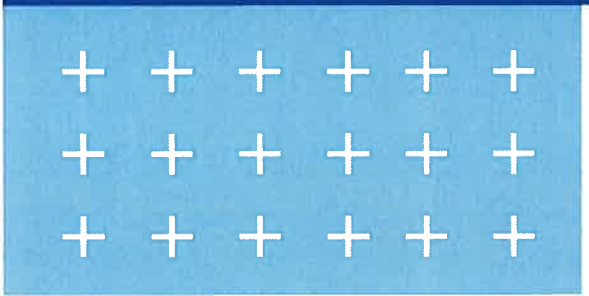
COLORADO RIVER VALLEY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



2025 Update Town of New Castle



September 2025





Collaboration



Innovation



Resilience

Getting a seat at the table

The CRVEDP is committed to elevating the region's presence and participation in areas that will serve to position us for success in our future

Highlights



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Entering Phase 3 of CRV Economic Development Strategy Project, complete end of October

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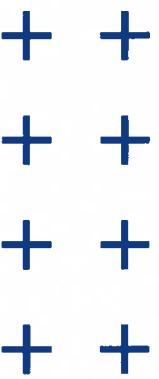
Becoming our own 501 c3

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Won Market Study Grant, lead applicant for CPW Regional Partnership Initiative Grant

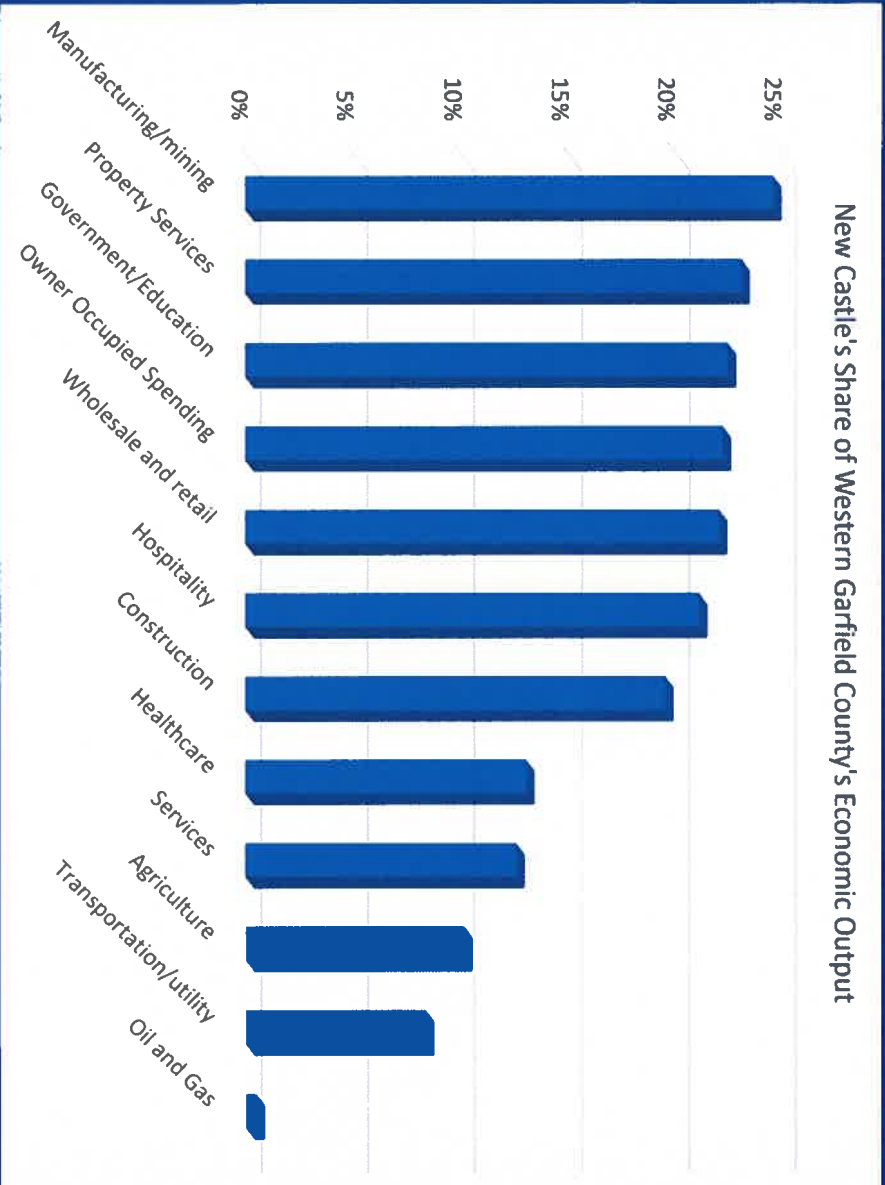
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Projects = The Ripple Effect, Transportation Round Table, Hurst Leadership Initiative, Aspen Ideas Fellows, Revolving Loan Fund, StartUp Colorado Ideas Factory, Elevate Quantum, Wildfire Economic Recovery, Food Systems, Airport Business Master Plan Committee, advisory committees in region and beyond & more



Survey Sneak Peak

New Castle's Share of Western Garfield County's Economic Output



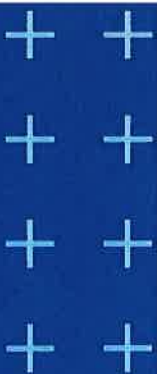
New Castle Water Use (Economic output per AFY)	
Services	\$105,106,813
Healthcare	\$60,098,009
Transportation/utility	\$26,815,733
Wholesale and retail	\$25,486,086
Property Services	\$4,178,195
Government/Education	\$3,529,084
Manufacturing/mining	\$2,698,474
Hospitality	\$917,615
Construction	\$589,105
Owner Occupied Spending	\$383,563
Oil and Gas	\$57,761
Agriculture	\$835

- Most of New Castle's economic sectors use relatively little water for the amount of economic value produced. For example, New Castle's service sector uses only a little water and as a result produces \$105 million in value per year for every acre-foot of water used.
- In contrast, agriculture uses 95% of New Castle's water (6,900 AFY) and produces only 1.3% of its economic output.
- 81647 respondents rated Outdoor Rec highest and childcare lowest

ZIP	K-12 schools	Outdoor Rec	Healthcare	Downtown Business Vitality	Cultural entertainment options	Childcare
New Castle	3.24	4.08	2.82	2.62	2.33	1.52

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2025

Financals

March 2025 we became a Contribution
Project through the Enterprise Zone; 25%
tax credit for eligible contributions, 12.5%
for in kind. Win!

+ \$47,500

MUNICIPAL
CONTRIBUTIONS 2025
THANK YOU NEW CASTLE
\$5000!

\$11,000 additional contributions
Total operating budget to work with
\$81,500

+ \$80,000 grant rev

COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE
GRANT 2025
\$50K for Market Study grant likely will
come in late 2025 or early 2026



Asks

As you consider your 2026 budget,
 CRVEDP is requesting \$10,000
 contribution from the Town. Revolving
 Loan Fund separate ask if Council/Town
 is interested for town specific loans.

+ LONG TERM
 INVESTMENT - FIND
 NEW REVENUES FOR
 TOWN

+ OPERATING COSTS
 TO KEEP EDP LIGHTS
 ON

+ ED STRAGEGY
 IMPLEMENTATION

+ HUB FOR
 INFORMATION,
 RESOURCES, TOOLS

20 Years from now....?

A wise reflection from seasoned leaders: "What decision could you have made 20 years ago that would have changed everything today?"

We can't predict the future, but we can prepare for it—by creating options, building capacity, and aligning as a region. CRVEDP exists to do that hard, strategic work now—so 20 to 50 years from today, our communities are not just surviving, but thriving.



This is me, in 2005, after I made the decision to get off the train in Glenwood Springs

