

TBRT/RRDC BOARD SEAT

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 9:00 PM RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEMS

Ongoing discussion to vacate RRDC directorial position.

William began by explaining his position. Upon review of the documents, along with our attorney's feedback, he is reassured the correct decision for Ruth is to vacate this seat as a director on the RRDC. He reminded the board of John's comments, "regardless of directorship, our lease cannot be terminated." He encourages the board to discuss further and see where they are on this matter.

Nick's feelings align with Williams. David's initial reaction is to leave the door open, however, he supports the board and their decisions. He doesn't want to continue committing to something that is always going to be a constant point of contention with the Town. He likes the idea of freedom to operate within our portion of the trail.

William asked for Amie's perspective and opinion. Amie echoes much of what the board has already stated. She concurs this is the correct financial choice. Amie shares the boards opinion the only real gain is relational in nature and to date we have not cultivated growth in or respect from those relationships. Amie addresses David's concern of not closing the door and shares she is hopeful it would always be an option to rejoin should the boards desire(s) change. Amie fears in addition to the perpetual financial drain, it might be possible your mere participation in this group forfeits some creative control. She points out we too can pursue grants to help subsidize trail endeavors. It might serve us better to operate independently as David highlighted; working collaboratively with the partners to encourage uniformity and promote continuity. She agrees with the board this is not adversarial, it is fiscally responsible, and she hopes it is understood and well received. We all want to promote goodwill among local governments. She emphasizes, the town is where it is today because of good stewardship. You were voted into office and reelected because of your guardianship of the town. As you've demonstrated, we must ask, Is this a proper step in your custodial duties of Ruth's assets? What are the compelling reasons to participate? Our virtual pros and cons list is revealing and helpful in the decision.

William makes a motion to vacate Ruth's director position on the RRDC, Nick seconds the motion, it passes unanimously.

David feels they may reach out to him, and he will copy the board on any feedback/conversation. David communicates, going forward he is directing them to Amie as he feels this is the proper channel. David shares he and the boards support of Amie and all she does. William and Nick concur.

ADJOURN

Nick makes a motion to adjourn, William seconds, passes unanimously.

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