

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CARBONDALE TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM
APRIL 25, 2023
MEETING**

Mayor Bohmfalk called the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order on April 25, 2023, at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Ben Bohmfalk
Trustees	Marty Silverstein
	Lani Kitching
	Chris Hassig
	Colin Laird
	Luis Yllanes

Arrived Late:	
Mayor Pro Tem	Erica Sparhawk

Staff Present:

Town Manager	Lauren Gister
Town Clerk	Jessica Markham
Town Attorney	Mark Hamilton
Finance Director	Christy Chicoine
Public Works Director	Kevin Schorzman
Planning & Zoning Director	Jared Barnes

CONSENT AGENDA

- Accounts Payable totaling \$475,847.50
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
- Special Event Liquor License – Colorado Mountain College
- Environmental Board Member appointment – Megan Gosda
- Dandelion Day 25th Anniversary Proclamation
- Aspen Hope Memorandum of Understanding

Mayor Bohmfalk read select passages from the Dandelion Day Proclamation.

Trustee Silverstein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Hassig, Silverstein, Yllanes, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Laird.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Silverstein commended the Town Clean Up event and expressed congrats to KDNK on their successful 40th birthday concert.

Trustee Yllanes extended thanks to the town, rec center staff, and community for the successful 5 Point Film Festival.

Trustee Kitching announced that on Thursday, 4/27 Wilderness Workshop is presenting a workshop titled "How to Protect the Crystal River". 300 W Park St in Marble 5-8 pm. She also attended The Garfield County Energy Symposium, which was a less oil & gas-focused event.

Trustee Hassig announced CLEER won a grant for the Third Street Center Geothermal project.

The mayor stated that he sent a letter to Senator Will & Representative Velasco in opposition to Senate Bill 23-213.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION:

The mayor read a proclamation prepared by The Arbor Day Foundation.

Trustee Silverstein announced that there would be a tree planting at the Thompson House on Arbor Day.

Trustee Laird confirmed that CLEER is to proceed to contract at the Third St Center Geothermal project.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

The Attorney did not have any comments.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Lauren stated that last week's interviews for the Town Center Project were long but satisfying. She will be attending the CCCMA conference this week.

MARK O'MEARA'S RETIREMENT

Kevin Schorzman explained to the board that Mark O'Meara has been working in water and wastewater in RFV for 40 years, and with The Town for 16 years.

Eric Brendlinger stated that his favorite quote from Mark is "Hey Eric, do you know you have to meter that?"

Christy Chicoine stated that she is grateful for Mark's kindness.

Mayor Bohmfalk stated that Mark exemplifies work that gets things done. Expertise and trust that it will be done well and right. Foresight and planning to accommodate growth and climate change.

Trustee Silverstein expressed his thanks for Mark's perseverance with the Crystal River Restoration Project. He stated that we've had drought years that Mark helped guide us through.

Trustee Kitching said that Mark has commanded remarkable respect at every water meeting through the years.

Trustee Hassig stated his thanks for the behind-the-scenes work Mark did. He also appreciates the work done with the E-Board.

Lauren said that she is grateful for the opportunity to work with Mark. His ability to confuse her with his expertise has helped to build a base of knowledge.

Kevin finished with his thoughts that he didn't think Nettle Creek Hydro Facility would have happened without Mark. He proposes naming the hydro facility "O'Meara Hydro Facility".

Trustee Kitching made a motion to approve naming the hydroelectric plant at Nettle Creek "O'Meara Hydroelectric Facility". Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Hassig, Silverstein, Yllanes, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Laird.

CARBONDALE YOUTH AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL – TOBACCO TAX GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Anna Cole and Mike Hayes presented the board with their recommendations on how to distribute the Tobacco Tax grant award.

Anna suggested that the council would like to see the Grant schedule follow Community Grants.

The mayor reminded everyone that these funds are not a new request. These funds are already in the budget.

Anna informed the Board of Trustees that the Council consisted of parents, school and district staff. She also stated that a broader group of non-profits applied. The council recommended that the Board approve the following grants:

- Stepping Stones, \$25,000
- Family Resource Center of the Roaring Fork Schools, \$21,000
- Mountain Family Health Center's RFHS School-based Health Center, \$18,000
- Valley Settlement, Carbondale Programs, \$15,000
- Buddy Program, Carbondale Programs, \$13,000
- YouthZone, Carbondale Programs, \$3000

Anna also explained that school-based mental health investments increased.

Michael provided some background, stating that mental health crisis among teens & students has increased. He also stated that a counselor was able to interact with nearly every student.

Anna stated that although the funding came from the Town's 2022 budget, it has been allocated to each school's 22/23 fiscal year; services will continue through the end of this school year.

- Carbondale Community School, \$25,000
- Crystal River Elementary School, \$40,000
- Ross Montessori School, \$40,000
- Roaring Fork High School, \$15,000

The town of Carbondale high schools participated in Anschutz Healthy Kids Survey. 300 questions. The data was overwhelming and did not include enough middle school data. Committed to middle schools participating. Important to find what matters and what is important. Allocate some funding to the youth data summit.

Trustee Silverstein asked why there is no mention of Bridges High School.

Anna explained that a different grant funds Bridges High School.

Trustee Kitching asked if vaping use has slowed down.

Anna answered that when the town banned flavor vaping products, the perception to kids of the accessibility went down, but now after COVID, it has gone back up. She explained that kids must want to stop using. School leaders indicated they need to start looking at the kids in elementary school, Programs can't start just in high school.

Family support services for those kids at risk at younger ages. Hope Center has adapted to younger ages along with the needs of the community.

Anna followed up with the work that Carbondale has done to support mental health and has been more progressive. Other districts and communities are just now starting to be open to the mental health of students. Enlisted grant writing professional to help with large grants for RFV. Optimistic that additional funding sources are in the pipeline.

The mayor concluded that with a 14% decrease in tobacco tax, what's the most effective use of these funds? Let's keep asking questions.

Trustee Silverstein made a motion to approve the recommendations for grant funding as presented by Carbondale Youth & Family Advisory Council. Trustee Sparhawk seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Silverstein, Laird, Hassig, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Yllanes, Sparhawk

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – WILDERNESS WORKSHOP

Wilderness Workshop has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for a community event to be held at Sopris Park. All fees have been paid and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.

Trustee Sparhawk made a motion to approve Wilderness Workshop's Special Event Liquor License. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Yllanes, Hassig, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Laird, Sparhawk, Silverstein

INDUSTRY PLACE ROUNDABOUT SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Kevin Schorzman explained that this project is using funds collected as part of development fees received as part of Highway 133 developments.

The mayor asked about the timeframe for the roundabout.

Kevin stated that once we get to the point where CDOT is comfortable with it, then it will get real. Knowing we must identify funding sources before we go to construction, the earliest we'll see equipment there is about 2025.


Trustee Hassig made a motion to accept the quote from Horrocks Engineers and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

ADJOURNMENT

The April 25, 2023 regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting has been scheduled for May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

ATTEST



Jessica Markham, Town Clerk



Ben Bohmfalk, Mayor

