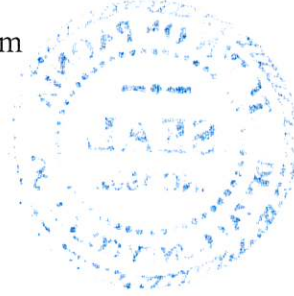


Minutes
Special Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
September 18, 2023

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Bachran calls the meeting to order at 4:30 pm



Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Mary Bachran
Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Knutson
Trustee Paige Smith
Trustee John Valentine
Trustee Rick Stelter
Trustee Morgan MacInnis
Trustee Kathy Swartz (Zoom)

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson makes a motion, seconded by Trustee MacInnis to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Actions & Presentations

Citizens for a Healthy Community have requested that the Town look at the proposed changes for BLM Rules on natural gas and oil extraction. Request is to submit a comment letter to amend the proposed oil and gas leasing rule with denial criteria based on local warming and local environmental indicators.

Natasha Leger, exec direct, presents for Citizens for a Healthy Community on the proposed changes for BLM Rules and the concerns for it going forward as is.

Trustee Valentine arrives at 4:34 pm

Board discussion: Leases, potential future leases, location concerns in Delta and Gunnison Counties, potential effects on the North Fork Valley and westward expansion into areas with the watershed, potential changes to the letter and highlights they want addressed, pipeline development and impacts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the letter as amended by the Board of Trustees and recorded by the Town Administrator.

The motion carries unanimously.

RFP 2023-03 yielded three declinations and one proposal that meets the criteria described in the RFP.

Town Administrator Wynn provides background on the RFP and the search for an auditor.

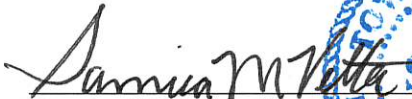
Board discussion: single audit, price comparisons, firm locations, expedited audit, board minute reviews, audit presentations, engagement conclusion & finance committee, Mayor & Board communication, field audit, travel.

Trustee Smith makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter to accept the RFP from Hinkle CPA for the FY 2022 Audit.

The motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 5:06 pm.


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Mary Bachran, Mayor