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MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD

Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Tuesday, March 09, 2021 6:30 p.m.

This was a VIRTUAL MEETING hosted by Zoom

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Pro Tem Dower at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro Tem Dower

Mayor Pro Tem Dower led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL – Mayor Pro Tem Dower

The following Board Members were present:

Maureen Dower, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jeff Hindman, Trustee
Tim Hardy, Trustee
Lonnie Stevens, Trustee
Mike Grace, Trustee
May Soricelli, Trustee
William Karspeck, Mayor

The following were not present

The following were also present:

Chris Kirk, Town Administrator
Christian Samora, Town Clerk
Erin Smith, Town Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Dower spoke prior to the items on the agenda, regarding Berthoud Reservoir sign. She stated the following....

"At the meeting for PORT last week, there were a number of people there who came to speak about the sign that was up at Berthoud Reservoir, and that sign indicated that there was to be no non-motorized watercraft on the lake, or on the reservoir. I wanted to let you all know, especially the folks in the town that this sign was intended as a temporary sign, it was not intended as a permanent sign. Right now, we do not have an official access points for non-motorized watercraft including kayaks, canoes and paddle boards. Staff has indicated that they could move forward with this particular phase of the project, which was always planned to be done, it was just delayed, they would like direction from us. In order to move forward with finding an appropriate location on the reservoir for access for those various non-motorized watercrafts. In addition, they would like to come up with a few options for us. So, I'd like to give them direction to do that."

The Board supported the direction after asking a few questions and emphasized the need to ensure safety.

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no participation.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. **Consent Agenda**

(Christian Samora)

Consent Agenda items are routine by the Town Board and will be enacted with a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a) March 09, 2021 Meeting Agenda
- b) February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- c) Habitat Fee Waiver Request for 1758 N 4th

Trustee Stevens moved to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Grace seconded the motion. In a 6-0 roll call vote the Motion Carried.

2. **Larimer County Treasurer Presentation**

(Irene Josey)

Irene Josey Larimer County Treasurer and Public Trustee gave a presentation on how taxes are collected and distributed.

3. **Resolution Supporting Statement of Collaboration**

(Walt Elish)

Walt Elish gave the introduction to Jacob Castillo, who is the director of the Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development Department and Rich Warner who is President and CEO of Upstate Colorado. They gave a presentation to the Board. Resolution 2021-14 explains the collaboration.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 (Series 2021) OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD AND THE NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Town of Berthoud, a statutory town of the State of Colorado, acknowledges significant benefit can result from collaborating on activities that promote a stronger and more diverse economy in Northern Colorado, the geographic area contained within Weld County, Colorado and Larimer County, Colorado (the "Region"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Berthoud acknowledges that shared assets exist within the Region and when supported jointly (1) build a stronger case to businesses and talent within targeted industries and occupational sectors to stay and grow in Northern Colorado; and (2) build a stronger case to prospective employers and potential employees within certain targeted industry and occupation sectors to consider Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, to best assure success in the pursuit of common economic goals in our region the Northern Colorado Regional Economic Development Initiative ("NoCo REDI") was developed to create a network of 33 cities and towns, Upstate Colorado Economic Development Corporation ("Upstate"), Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development ("LCEWD"), as well as the unincorporated communities within the two counties to clarify roles, relationships and expectations; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, the Boards of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado and of Larimer County, Colorado (collectively referred to herein as "the Counties"), executed a Northern Colorado Regional Economic Development Partnership Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for the mutual benefit of the citizens of both the Counties; and

WHEREAS, a regional approach to economic development will allow all participants to better align objectives, leverage each other's resources, optimize staff time and effort, and decrease cost associated with program management; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration also helps create a more accurate representation of how the Northern Colorado economy functions – providing a platform for greater regional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, aligning regional economic development service will enable better customer service through coordinated industry outreach efforts that focus on the collective strength and shared industry clusters of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, participants in the REDI initiative has set forth principles of behavior and standards of conduct to guide efforts in promoting the long-term economic health of the northern Colorado community and as such has agreed to operate within an approved Code of Ethics, and

WHEREAS, the Berthoud 2018-19 Business Development Plan identifies its support of and working with our regional partners to attract new investment to the community and region while also thinking regionally to address the economic challenges facing our existing businesses and the region; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the potential benefit to Berthoud and the communities in Northern Colorado and their respective constituencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BERTHOUD THAT:

Section 1. The Town of Berthoud pledges to work alongside the various members of NoCo REDI on strategic regional initiatives, including:

- Data collection, analysis and distribution
- Targeted industry definition and support
- Business retention and expansion
- Talent development
- Regional messaging and targeted marketing efforts

Section 2. The Town of Berthoud agrees to examine specific opportunities to effectively market the Northern Colorado region to prospective employers, and site location consultants. These opportunities could take the form of industry trade shows, editorial and advertising content in print and/or broadcast media, site selection consultant tours, etc. The goals of these joint efforts include but are not limited to:

- Expanding awareness of Northern Colorado, by companies and prospective workers, and the business opportunities that exist here; and
- Competitively position Northern Colorado in relation to other areas of the State and similar markets around the United States ("U.S."); and
- Create broader partnerships within the area's public, private and non-profit sectors; and
- Share costs of regional economic development marketing on a case by case basis by separate written agreements; and
- Generate qualified prospective employer leads.

Section 3. The Town of Berthoud recognizes that each local jurisdiction and organization maintains its autonomy in the aforementioned efforts; however, every effort will be made to effectively market Northern Colorado as one region.

Section 4. The Town of Berthoud recognizes this collaborative effort will help to reinforce regionalism, in general, and enable discussion amongst the NoCo REDI partners to address underlying regional topics, such as talent development, water, childcare, housing affordability, regional transportation, and other economic issues impacting the region's competitiveness.

Trustee Stevens move to approve Resolution 2021-14, a resolution supporting and approving the Statement of Collaboration between the Town of Berthoud and the Northern Colorado Regional Economic Development Initiative. Trustee Hardy seconded the motion. In a 6-0 roll call vote the Motion Carried.

4. 2020 Water Resources Master Plan

(Chris Kirk)

Town Administrator Kirk introduced: This is an updated Water Resource Master plan. Paul Zilis Berthoud's Water Attorney of Vranesh and Raisch and Andrew Case Senior Project Engineer from Leonard Rice Engineers (LRE) gave a presentation that showed the Town's water resources and what the future for water looked like for Berthoud that included a crash course on water law and the definitions from Attorney Zilis. Stephanie Brothers Town Water Resource Engineer was present for questions.

The Board would like to have a study session and executive session. They would like this item to come back in a future agenda item.

VI. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Trustee Grace: Nothing to report.

Trustee Soricelli: She wanted to put on the record that Mayor Karspeck would be attending the Tree Committee meeting moving forward. She wanted also let people know in the community that they can come to Town Hall during the meeting as long as they social distance and wear a mask. She also stated that she wanted to put positive pressure on staff to live stream on Facebook to reach a bigger demographic.

Trustee Hardy: He wanted to thank who is ever responsible in town staff for putting up the banners. He bought a replacement banner for the Hometown Heroes. The one that was out there got a little damaged. So, they got that up right quickly after he got it down to Town Hall. He got a lot of comments on people noticing that. The second thing is with us going into spring and summer, our parks and rec and streets are going to be starting to ramp up. So he just wanted to kind of find out where we are as a town with our pollinator policies, see what changes or plan changes might be in place for our future weed and pest control in our parks, if there's been any updates or changes with what they are using to be more environmentally friendly chemical usage.

Trustee Hindman: Nothing to report. Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Dower for filling in at the PORT Committee meeting.

Trustee Stevens: Nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Dower: She attended the PORT Committee meeting last Wednesday. She stated as was alluded to earlier there was a large contingent of people who were upset that there was a sign, saying that there was no access to non-motorized watercraft. We have addressed that, earlier this evening and thanks to the trustees and the town staff for moving that forward so that people can gain access to that lake, early this summer. The next item that was mentioned at the PORT Committee meeting was Heron Point. They are asking if the town can intervene in helping to get a sidewalk that goes east to west on 14 it is to from Heron point over to the west where the trail for Heron Lakes comes up, and also the path that the kids go to school.

She stated the remainder of the PORT meeting was open space presentation it was an overview of

different types of open space, and the general plan for doing additional outreach, research and what the next steps were.

The last thing she had was an email that came through, about Kids Pak food drive. March 5 through the 18th. You can go to Hays Market, Safeway, King Soopers, it is being run by the Loveland Rotary Kids Pak So if you want to donate money you can go to www.lovelandrotarykidspak.org or one of the supermarket's she mentioned are participating in that food drive.

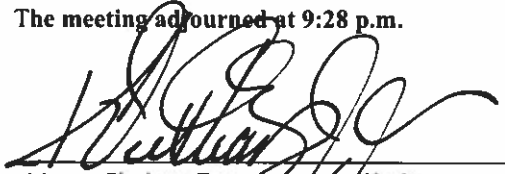
Town Administrator Kirk: He gave a quick virtual tour of the recreation facility and its current but as quickly as they are moving not so current stages. There will be a Business Appreciation on May 5, 2021 at 7 a.m. at TCP Colorado with a free breakfast and hopefully an opportunity for them to meet the trustees that could attend. This is an opportunity to thank Local Businesses for being a part of our community. They are prepared for the winter storm that is coming and have contractor to help with the removal.

There has been some concern with the sign code violations. Walt and Code Enforcement George put together some letters and hand delivered them. The letters contained information on our sign code grant program. There was a 30-day compliance and we should notice the noncompliance being removed. There has not been a lot of feedback, but the feedback received was positive. The Safe Routes to School is out for bid, the bid closes on March 15, 2021. This will be coming back to the Board at a future Board meeting.

Town Attorney Smith: Nothing to report.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk



William Karspeck, Mayor



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