

MEETING MINUTES

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

July 28, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 28, 2022. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Attorney Dennis Golbright, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones, Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, Property Owner Sidney Knuckles, Realtor Marti Spitzer, Assessor Berna Ernst, Undersheriff Matt Purkat and Social Services Director Malynda Evans

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the Special Meeting minutes from June 23, 2022 and July 6, 2022.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving payment of the expenditures.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Public Health Fund Update

Treasurer Janie Stiasny explained the need for a fund transfer from the General Fund to the Public Health Fund.

Proceedings to the EOM July 28, 2022 Meeting

Resolution #07-22-06: The Dolores County Treasurer made a request to Transfer Funds from the County General Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00. Whereas no monies have been transferred from Dolores County General Fund to the Dolores County Public Health Fund for the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; said transfer is necessary to balance expenditures made for said years and to return COVID monies in the amount of \$80,899.36. The COVID grant funds were not used therefore per guidelines must be returned.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Fund Transfer Resolution #07-22-06, as well as two budget acknowledgement letters of the transaction.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing to Vacate Road 11.3

A Public Hearing was held to address a request to vacate County Road 11.3. Property Owner Sidney Knuckles previously requested in writing that Road 11.3 be vacated. Mr. Knuckles and his two adult children are the sole, joint tenant owners on both sides of the dead-end road. The road does not access any other parcels or public lands. There are no utilities in the road right-of-way. Mr. Knuckles waived his right to a ten-day notice in preference for an expedited process due to the pending sale of the property. There are no other adjoining landowners therefore the BOCC agreed to the request. Attorney Golbricht stated that the BOCC would need to find that the vacation of the road is in the best interest of the County and would promote the health, safety and welfare of the public. He further pointed out that vacating of a road to a private abandoned gravel pit would likely reduce any safety concerns.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to vacate road 11.3 in its entirety from Road R to its terminus.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Executive Session

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide an update regarding ongoing litigation. It was his opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney communications and therefore no minutes or recordings shall be kept. The executive session began at 9:04 am and ended at 9:24am.

Agenda Revision: A request was made to revise the previously approved agenda to address a time sensitive boundary adjustment issue. Attorney Golbricht stated that there is no formal County process involving boundary adjustments. Requesting acknowledgement and approval of such actions is a courtesy to the County.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the addition of a Boundary Adjustment discussion and possible approval Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Stanley Boundary Adjustment

Realtor Marti Spitzer presented a surveyed boundary adjustment, including the designation of an access easement to property adjoining the 5.57acre homesite parcel. A discrepancy during the survey regarding a structure that straddled the homesite parcel and the adjoining farm ground parcel was found. The pending sale of the homesite parcel necessitated the immediate need for the boundary adjustment as well as continued access to the farm ground acreage. No new lots were created, and no lots were reduced to less than 35 acres.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the boundary adjustment.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Kibel: provided an update regarding the Restore Grant from the recently attended Montezuma Land Conservancy meeting. The grant ends in June 2023. Last year’s coordinator was unable to continue the duties but offered the name of a possible replacement. Commissioner Kibel met with and moved forward with Karelia Brown as the replacement. Ms. Brown will fulfill the duties of the coordinator moving forward as a contract employee. She has experience with both the Gunnison and Brown Sage Grouse. Constructing z-dikes and creating habitat is the still the main project focus with the grant funds.

The NCA legislative proposal is moving forward in Washington DC with support from all sides by Representatives Hickenlooper, Bennet and Boebert. Commissioner Kibel met with Wilderness Society Representative Jeff Widen and several others, including interns at the Dolores Canyon Overlook, to answer questions regarding the need for the NCA. Numerous entities collaborated over fourteen years to create the NCA proposal.

The Gunnison Sage Grouse Resource Management Amendment Open House was held by the BLM at the Dolores County Highschool. There is a forty-five-day open comment period for possible amendment suggestions to be made. Commissioner Kibel will draft a letter with some concerns she has over two areas.

Commissioner Cook has been sitting on the School District committee assigned with the task of choosing an owner’s representative for the possible construction of the grant awarded grade school. A possible land acquisition by the County from the school due to the deconstruction of the old high school could potentially enable the County to move forward with much needed space for new court facilities.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting. A Department Head/Elected Official workshop was held immediately after the meeting to allow updates to be provided from various County entities.


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