



Board of Trustees  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 5 p.m.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Udd called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Richard Udd, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Atkinson, Trustees Tracy Gist, Greg Hart, and Kathy Hirschboeck, Town Administrator Kami Collins, and Town Clerk Jess Shelton. In attendance via Zoom was Trustee Mick Murray.

**Agenda Approval**

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson moved, and Trustee Gist seconded to approve the consent agenda.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustees Murray, Gist, Hart, Atkinson, Hirschboeck and Mayor Udd all voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the agenda was approved.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes: 8/17/2023 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
- b. Minutes: 9/7/2023 Special Meeting
- c. Financial Report: 8/31/2023
- d. Disbursements: 08/2023

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson moved, and Trustee Hart seconded to approve the agenda.

Mayor Udd stated that the regular meeting minutes need amended to say influent not affluent. Clerk Shelton will make that change.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustees all voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the consent agenda was approved.

**Introduction of new staff:** Police Officer Recruit Landon Eckhart

Chief Sanders introduced new officer Landon Eckhart. Officer Eckhart is a Cedaredge native and is excited to be on the Police Department staff.

**Proclamation:** Suicide Prevention Month Mayor Udd read the Suicide Prevention Proclamation. Jamie with Tri-County addressed the Board and thanked them for addressing the suicide issue in Delta County. In 2022 there were nine deaths by suicide and those were aged 45-54 years old.

**Constituent Time**

- 1) **Sherry Bennett:** will speak when BLM Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process are addressed later in the agenda.
- 2) **Judy Weaver** at 18002 Ward Creek Road Cedaredge, Colorado. Ms. Weaver stated that pickleball members are dedicated to aiding in the pursuit of updating the pickleball/tennis courts and were unhappy

that GOCO stated there was not enough commitment from the pickleball group. Ms. Weaver stated the Pickleball group was dedicated to the repairs/replacement of the tennis courts.

**Appointment to Trustee vacancy**

Voting for the seating of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Trustee Murray – Justin Hoffbauer

Trusty Gist – Justin Hoffbauer

Trustee Hart - Jerry Phippen

Trustee Hirschboeck – Jerry Phippen

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson - Jerry Phippen

Mayor Udd – Jerry Phippen

Trustee Hirschboeck moved, and Trustee Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson seconded to approve the appointment of Gerald Phippen (Jerry) to the Cedaredge Board of Trustees.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustees Hirschboeck, Trustee Murray, Trustee Hart, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson ‘aye,’ Trustee Gist voted ‘nay,’ the motion passed, and Mr. Phippen was appointed to the Board of Trustees.

**Committee Spreadsheet:** TA Collins presented the Committee Spreadsheet to the Board so they could review it for discussions in an October meeting.

**Comment Letter:** BLM Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process

Sherry Bennett spoke on behalf of Dea Jacobson regarding the concerns of water safety with drilling of oil and gas on the Grand Mesa. Ms. Bennett stated that the deadline is 9/22/2023 for a letter.

Trustee Hart moved, and Trustee Hirschboeck seconded to send a letter to the BLM regarding Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process, specific to Cedaredge with the removal of the high development zone shown on the map. The letter is to state concern for water protection.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustees Murray, Hart, Phippen, Gist, Hirschboeck, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson and Mayor Udd all voted ‘aye,’ no one voted ‘nay,’ the motion passed, and TA Collins will draft a letter to BLM as directed by the Board of Trustees.

**2024 Draft Budget Considerations**

**Cedaredge Police Department:** Chief Sanders answered questions the Board had regarding budget expenses for the Police Department. Trustee Hart stated that the Board would like to know what the department does daily. Chief Sanders encouraged the Board to come talk with him. Chief Sanders stated the FBI and Department of Justice released numbers showing that there should be 3.2 patrol officers per 1,000 citizens: not including Administration, the Chief, or the School Resource Officer positions.

**Northridge Waterline Replacement Loan Repayment Terms:** Mayor Udd stated TA Collins needed to include the contingency fund in the total cost for the Northridge Waterline Replacement. Discussions were held. Trustee Hart stated the out-of-town users should be credited for the project in the sum of \$68,000 plus the historical average of interest over the ten years since they had already paid it into the Water Fund Reserve account. Discussions were held about who should pay for the project and who should be credited for the water saved due to the repairs. The Board stated the repayment length of the \$200,000 loan was 30 years.

- Trustee Murray signed out of the meeting at 6:19 PM.

**2024 Water/Wastewater Utility Increase:** Discussions were had about how to increase rates for water and wastewater. The Board directed staff to have Mr. Brown calculate the rate per 1,000 gallons with the base rates left where they are and then input those numbers into the next draft budget. The goal of the Board was to keep the base fees as low as possible. For wastewater, the Board directed staff to budget 10% on each the unit cost and base cost.

**Financial Transparency Dashboard & 2024 Budget Goals:** Mayor Udd stated it was a great tool to see how healthy the budget was. Discussions were had about the health of the budget and how this tool would help the Board direct staff.

**Purchase Request:** Radar Speed Signs

Trustee Gist moved, and Trustee Hart seconded to approve the purchase of a radar speed sign.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustees Hart, Pippen, Gist, Hirschboeck, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson and Mayor Udd all voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed, and the purchase of a radar speed sign was approved.

**Purchase Request:** Caselle Court Module

Trustee Gist moved, and Trustee Hart seconded to approve the purchase of the Caselle Court Module.

**Vote:** Trustees Hart, and Gist, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson and Mayor Udd all voted 'aye,' Trustee Hirschboeck voted 'nay,' Trustee Pippen abstained from voting; the motion passed by majority, and the purchase of the Caselle Court Module was approved. This was not a roll call vote since Trustee Murray was no longer voting via Zoom.

**Resolution 14-2023:** Proposition 123

Mayor Udd stated the language needed to be changed in the Resolution, so the Town does not commit a 9% increase. Trustee Hart stated it was an intent and a Resolution is not a law or set in stone.

TA Collins stated that the language "Therefore, be it resolved this day that the Town of Cedaredge will opt into Proposition 123" be added to the resolution and remove the last sentence in the current Resolution.

Trustee Hart moved and Trustee Hirschboeck seconded to approve Resolution 14-2023 with The removal of the final "whereas" and adding a first resolve that the Town of Cedaredge will opt into Proposition 123.

**Vote:** Trustees Gist, Hart, Pippen, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson, and Mayor Udd all voted 'aye,' Trustee Hirschboeck voted 'nay,' Trustee Pippen abstained from voting; the motion passed by majority, and the purchase of the Caselle Court Module was approved.

**Ordinance 2023-06:** Design and Engineering Loan Agreement

Trustee Gist moved and Trustee Hart seconded to table Ordinance 2023-06.

**Vote:** All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed, and Ordinance 2023-06 was tabled.

**Treasurer's Report** – Trustee & Treasurer Mick Murray submitted a written report.

**Management Report:** TA Collins submitted a written report.

- Discussions were had regarding the Deer Trail Bridge, and what direction the Board would give staff for funding. The Board decided to have staff investigate the cost of a bridge study. The rest of the conversation was tabled for a later date.

- Grand Mesa Arts and Events Center wants a price for the Post Office Park. TA Collins asked the Board for Direction on the matter. The Board directed staff to explore an MOU option for the park where the Town retains ownership, and the park remains a park. The Board stated they were not interested in selling.
- The Board directed staff to do a reserve study.
- Building inspector Stanley stated that he would like to stay if he could have more flexible hours and not keep specific hours.
- The Board had discussions about effluent water filing. The direction from the Board to staff is to look at time constraints for the filing and then file as soon as possible.

### **Constituent Time**

**Justin Hoffbauer:** 115 NE Fir Ave. Cedaredge, Colorado. Mr. Hoffbauer stated that anyone can call on the State Government to expedite their processes. Mr. Hoffbauer stated the bridge on Deer Trail should have a letter from an engineer stating the bridge could not hold a fire truck.

**Cordell Chapman:** 1170 Fairway Cedaredge, Colorado. Mr. Chapman stated he worked with a schedule, and stated there should be a schedule. Mr. Chapman asked if there was movement for grants on waterlines in town limits.

### **Boards, Commissions & Committees**

#### **A) Planning & Zoning Commission:**

- i) **Bylaws Update:** Mayor Udd stated the qualifications looked good, but he wanted to add requiring land development/land use planning experience. Further discussions were held.

Trustee Gist moved, and Trustee Hart seconded to approve the Planning and Zoning bylaws with the amendment of adding the language membership 1d that states land use development code preferred and be able to read, understand and apply the land use code in conjunction with staff recommendations.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustees Hart, Pippen, Gist, Hirschboeck, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson and Mayor Udd all voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed, and the Planning and Zoning bylaws were approved with the mentioned amendments.

### **Committee Updates**

- a. **Club 20:** Trustee Hart gave a report on the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration he and TA Collins attended. Trustee Hart stated Club 20 was looking for members.
- b. **CML Fall District Meeting:** Trustee Hart gave a report on the meeting that was held at the new Delta County Library and what the new library offers.
- c. **Region 10:** TA Collins gave a verbal report.
- d. **Mosquito Abatement Exploratory Committee:** Mayor Udd stated that the attorney was working with Orchard City on an MOU.

### **Trustee Comments**

- Trustee Hirschboeck congratulated Mayor Udd for being Delta County's best of 2023 elected official.
- Trustee Gist welcomed Trustee Jerry Pippen.

### **Upcoming Events & Meetings**

- Economic Development Advisory Committee  
September 28, 6 pm  
Molly's on Main
- Delta County Municipal Fall Meeting  
September 29, 10 am – 3 pm  
Bill Heddles Rec Center, Delta

**Adjourn:** Mayor Udd adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jess E. Shelton  
Town Clerk