

**Minutes**  
**Town Board Special Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**October 05, 2016**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Wednesday, October 05, 2016 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Charles Stewart, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were as follows:

Mayor Charles Stewart  
Trustee Bill Bear  
Trustee David Bradford  
Trustee Bill Brunner  
Trustee Karen Budinger  
Trustee Chelsea Bookout  
Trustee Suzanne Watson

Town Staff present were as follows:

Town Manager Dan Dean  
Town Clerk Corinne Ferguson  
Sergeant Neil Ferguson  
Finance Officer Cindy Jones  
Public Works Director Travis Loberg  
Treasurer Ross King

A quorum was present and Mayor Stewart proceeded with the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Trustee Bear, Supported by Trustee Bradford to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

**New Business**

**BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) Draft Letter Review**

Mayor Stewart introduced the agenda item and turned discussion over to the Facilities and Development Committee. The BLM RMP is a land use plan that provides a framework for managing Bureau of Land Management administered lands over the next 15 to 20 years. Four (4) alternative plans and one (1) sub-alternative, known as B1 have been included, specific to the North Fork Valley and surrounding area within the North Fork of the Gunnison watershed. The Facilities and Development Committee recommends the Board support alternative B1 in the form of a letter to the BLM regarding the RMP and request that Jumbo Mountain be designated a Special Recreational Management Area (SRMA).

A brief narrative regarding the formation of the North Fork Alternative Plan, which addresses oil and gas development only, was provided by Alex Johnson, Director of the Western Slope Conservation Center, (WSSC). The process began after the BLM announcement of 33,000 acres of land surrounding the North Fork Valley were included in a potential lease sale in 2011. The North Fork Alternative identifies resources within the North Fork Valley and provides a protection plan regarding said resources.

The North Fork Alternative Plan was submitted to the Paonia Board, who sent a letter of support for the plan to the BLM. The North Fork Alternative Plan has subsequently been included in the RMP as alternative B1. Discussion ensued regarding the five (5) alternative plans and the potential mineral leasing impacts alternative B1 could have on the Town. Trustee Bradford believes the letter should encourage the BLM to identify the financial impacts for the alternatives provided.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Eight (8) in Town of Paonia residents spoke in favor of the Alternative B1 and SRMA designation for Jumbo Mountain.

Ten (10) out of Town of Paonia residents spoke in favor of Alternative B1 and SRMA designation for Jumbo Mountain.

The meeting was open for Board discussion.

Trustee Bradford read a prepared statement regarding concern for the lack of livestock grazing planning within Alternative B1 and the need for managed recreation.

Discussion ensued regarding the level of detail necessary to be included in the BLM letter.

Mayor Stewart directed the Board to address each paragraph of the draft BLM letter and discuss suggested changes.

Paragraph 1:

Motion by Trustee Bookout, Supported by Trustee Watson to accept paragraph one (1) with the understanding additional items will be added. Motion carried with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay from Trustee Bradford.

Paragraph 2:

Motion by Trustee Watson, Supported by Trustee Budinger to accept paragraph two (2) as written. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Paragraph 3:

Motion by Trustee Budinger, Supported by Trustee Brunner to accept paragraph three (3) as written. Motion carried with four (4) ayes and two (2) nays from Trustee Bear and Bradford.

Paragraph 4:

Motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Bookout to accept paragraph four (4) as written.

Motion to amend original motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Budinger to change the work elk to deer in the second sentence of paragraph four (4). Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Original motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Watson to accept paragraph four (4) as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Paragraph 5:

Motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Bookout to accept paragraph five (5) with additional clarification regarding wear and tear to Town streets and atmospheric inversions impacting air quality.

Motion to amend original motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Bear to strike the last sentence from paragraph five (5).

Roll Call Vote:

Aye – Trustees Bear, Bradford, and Budinger.

Nay – Trustees Bookout, Brunner, and Watson.

Tie vote decided by Mayor Stewart with an aye vote.

Motion carried with four (4) ayes and three (3) nays.

Original motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Bookout to accept paragraph five (5) as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Paragraph 6:

Motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Bradford to replace *watershed* to *local area*. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee Bear, Supported by Trustee Bookout to strike second sentence of paragraph six (6). Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee Bookout, Supported by Trustee Budinger to strike last sentence of paragraph six (6). Motion carried with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay from Trustee Brunner.

Motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Bradford to accept paragraph six (6) as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Paragraph 7:

Motion by Trustee Brunner, Supported by Trustee Bradford to replace *wilderness* to *public lands*. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee Bear, Supported by Trustee Bookout to add hunting and livestock grazing to second sentence of paragraph seven (7). Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Bookout to add a sentence stating the lack of current management plan with user maintained trails is not sustainable to paragraph seven (7). Motion carried with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay from Trustee Watson.

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Bookout to accept paragraph seven (7) as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Paragraph 8:

Motion by Trustee Watson, Supported by Trustee Bradford to request the BLM adopt the North Fork Alternative Plan B1. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Bookout to accept paragraph seven (7) as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Bookout to submit any further input to Trustee Bookout no later than October 11, 2016. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Meeting recessed at 9:00PM

Meeting reconvened at 9:05PM

#### Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Budinger to go in to executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a) – specific to Marsh Road/Highway 133. Motion carried with six (6) ayes, and zero (0) nays.

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 9:08PM.

The Board returned to open session at 9:45PM.

Mayor Stewart stated the names of the participants in the Executive Session as himself Mayor Charles Stewart, Trustees Bradford, Bear, Brunner, Bookout, Budinger, and Watson, Town Administrator Dan Dean, Treasurer Ross King, and Real Estate Agent Mike Jackson.

No objections noted.

Motion by Trustee Bookout, Supported by Trustee Bear to approve real estate contract between Nichoff/Arroyo and the Town in the amount of \$190,000 subject to approval by Town Attorney Marek and authority to Mayor Stewart to execute counter offers with no change in purchase price. Motion carried with six (6) ayes, and zero (0) nays.

#### Preliminary Draft 2017 Budget

Town Administrator Dean presented the preliminary draft 2017 budget to the Board and

highlighted several major points for future discussion.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Charles Stewart at 10:15 PM

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Corinne Ferguson, Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Stewart, Mayor