MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2025 7:00 PM

Voting Members: John Humphries, Andy Ward, Ben Foster, Dave Chew, Annabelle ONeill, Gunnar Doyle, Slator Aplin, Mark Worth, Eric Beerman, Amy Ward, Jerry Oyama, Teri Steinberg, Catherine Gockley, Mark Campbell, Natalie Fijalkowski, Tyler Schultz, Daniel Forgrave, Kim Wheels, Phil Hayden, Sue Hehir, Corrinne Platt, Chris Drew, Joe Shults, Allyn Hart, Todd Herman, Mark Rikkers, Miles Heiner

Non-Voting Members: John Wontrobski, Cindy Wyszynski, David McConaughy, Terry Schuyler, Seamus Croke, Paul Hora, Corey Hiseler

1. CALL TO ORDER

Andy Ward calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm

2. ADOPTION & SIGNATURE- January 21st, 2025 Regular GA minutes

John H. motions to approve, Dave seconds. Approved via unanimous vote.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Slator motions to approve, Gunnar seconds. Approved via unanimous vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Executive Session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b), specifically regarding Town avalanche regulations and related threat of litigation.

Miles motions to approve, Gunnar seconds.

Executive session is subject to attorney/client privilege so there is no recording or minutes during the session.

Executive session begins at 7:11 Executive session ends at 8:26

b. Approval of Amended Ferric Oxide Conservation Easement document - New Dominion Mine Site Cleanup MOU. David McConaughy (Town Attorney) has reviewed the documents and they are in order.

John H. motions to approve. Annabelle seconds. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

c. Approval of Letter of Engagement from Blair & Associates regarding 2024 Annual Audit Exemption. The only change made was David McConaughy (Town Attorney) amended the document to remove the indemnity clause.

Annabelle motions to approve. Miles seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

e. Terry Schuyler presents final microgrid report.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Town Manager

Ground Pounders had 3 drivers out sick last weekend during the storm. Big thanks to Tyler for stepping up and doing a bunch of plowing.

John W. has talked to SGM, there is a new person doing maintenance on the western slope and will do quarterly maintenance on our water system – and may take over all maintenance on the system.

John W., Andy and Gunnar will be attending a Sonoran Institute conference on water systems.

b. Mayor

Winter is back!

On a sad note, Teri Savelli passed away recently. They live at the post office house. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed dearly.

c. P&Z

The town of Ophir is looking into its avalanche zoning regulations.

d. OEC

Continuing to work on dark sky certification. Working on grant funding for greenhouse and plants and pollinator work.

6. NEW BUSINEESS

None!

7. ADJOURN

Andy motions to adjourn @ 9:13pm

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