

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2016**

ROLL CALL:

Richard Brown
Albert Fuller
Jake Pierce

Ron Burnham
Russell Church
Isaac Cisnos

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

They have been dealing with water leaks. Tried to patch the 14" Main between Der Markt and Go Cart Track. Temporary band aid not working, so they need to replace 10' of line. Will try to wait until after Labor Day when less people are in town. Patched a leak behind Riverside, but will also need to replace a section of 2' line and the water meter. Valves are leaking at Mallette and High and Caribel and Main. These will need to be dug up and repaired. Northern paving is ready to replace pavement between Post Office and Ponderosa. Waiting for the rains to subside before starting.

RECYCLING UPDATE:

Bin containers have been moved back to Municipal Parking Lot. It is starting to slow down a little. Taking Plastic and mixed paper once per week, glass, tin cans and aluminum every two weeks.

AWWT EFFLUENT DISCHARGE:

The Forrest Service is wanting something done. Temporarily they plan to add a 4" section to the manhole that over flows, although there has not been a problem since the 4th of July. After Labor Day weekend they will try to stop the discharge flow for an hour so the can camera the line into the river. Hope fully the pipe will still be good and they can jet rod the discharge, or replace the the rocks around it in the river. Russell is working with corp of engineers for that permit. If the whole structure should need replacing, we can get emergency funding from CDBG.

CLAIM JUMPER STREET UPDATE:

We are running out of time for this project to be done this fall. We do not have the signed grant agreement back yet. Then we would need to advertise for a contractor, and the ski area says the project would need to be completed by October first. We will need to look at doing the project sometime next summer.

OTHER:

Russell reported to the committee that a bid was awarded to the lone bidder for the AWWT monitoring wells for \$151,000.00 and also to a lone bidder for the manhole rehabilitation of 33

manholes for \$109,000.00. There is about \$200,000.00 left over. He asked Isaac to identify more manholes that that could be done as well. This is CDGB money that will revert if not used.

Russell also reported that he has submitted an application to the Water Trust Board for a CE exemption of NEPA for the new water lines in conjunction with the new Storage Tank.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted,
George Woerndle

Town of Red River

Economic Development Committee/Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

1. The meeting was called to order by Steve Cherry on Tuesday, Aug 9 – 11AM in the Council Chambers.
2. Members present were: Steve Cherry, Megan Gallagher, Clay Robertson, Courtney Henderson, Karen Kelley, and Bob Foley. Town Mayor Linda Calhoun, Chamber Event Coordinator Kari Jaramillo and Chamber Membership Director Evan O'Rear were also present.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Evan O'Rear gave the Chamber's report
 - i. Century Tour at 117 riders
 - ii. Will be selling 3 different levels of sponsorships for century tour – Gold, Silver & Bronze
 - iii. Indoor vendor spaces for Aspencade – 1 left
 - iv. Advertising kit is available for the new Aspencade guide
 - v. Oktoberfest poster is finalized and steins will be ordered soon
 - b. Karen Kelly gave the Ski Area Report, which is attached.
 - i. Emerald Quad should be completed by mid-August
 - ii. Green chairs are being sold for \$500 per chair – 12 chairs left
 - iii. Open daily thru Sept 4 except for tubing – closes Aug 13
 - iv. Drew Judycki memorial tournament has 74 players signed up – 105 fills the tournament
 - v. Now recruiting winter positions
 - vi. NMHA will be having a tourism roundtable discussion Sept 22 at noon at RRSA
4. Director's Report, Conference Center Bookings, and Visitor Center numbers were given by Megan Gallagher. Report is attached.
 - a. Over 61k Facebook likes now
 - b. Looking to either replace or completely get rid of Jackrabbit – the online booking system for hotels.
 - c. Over 7,000 visitors/phone calls into the conference center in July
 - d. Office walls and entry walls & window are done. Still collecting bids for the desks
 - e. Red River Valley foundation raised over \$20,000 at their annual Buckaroo Ball
 - f. Working on the 2016-2017 visitor guide with the ski area
 - g. Still hiring for a part time visitor center assistant
 - h. Will be attending the ECMC meeting 8/10 at TSV
 - i. Town Hall is accepting applications for the tourism director position. Interviews to start soon.
5. Linda Calhoun went over Lodger's Tax:
 - a. The report shows that we are up 11.9% or \$7,736 from the month of June. 2 lodges have still not reported.
 - b. Up 5.4% for the year
 - c. First time ever to top over 700,000
 - d. Up 45% from 2009-2016
6. Other
 - a. Linda discussed the process for replacing Megan. Advertising for her position is ongoing. Interviews will start after 8/17. Not in a huge rush to find a replacement. If they don't find the right candidate they will advertise again.
7. Adjournment