

LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CALL TO ORDER: The Certified Local Government Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 5:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Joe Ayala
Nancy Bennett
Trevor Herasingh
Daniel Horton
Toni Madrid
Justin Miller
Randall Roberson
Lily Sweikert – via phone

Christine Coffield

**Subject to approval at the
May 25, 2023
Cert Local Gov't Meeting**

Also present: Cynthia Nieb, Economic/Urban Renewal Director
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk/UR Secretary
Aimee Hill, City Building Code Officer
Bette McFarren, Rocky Ford Gazette

MINUTES: March 9, 2023

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the March 9, 2023 minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Trevor Herasingh, seconded by Joe Ayala, that the minutes for March 9, 2023 be approved as published. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: March 2023

Beginning Balance	\$14,000.00
Cash Match for Survey on the eastern part of town	(\$5,000.00)
On the Road Conference on August 25th & 26th	(\$9,000.00)
	\$0.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **Bylaws and Ordinance No. 1579 (Horton):** There is not any updates on the ordinance. Still need to get with Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CLG Director Comments:

1. Continuing to work on the “On the Road Conference.” Working on sponsorships right now.
2. Adrian with SECO News wants me to do monthly pod casts.
3. Went to the Main Street conference in Boston.
4. Submitted two grant applications for the tennis courts.
5. Working with Jane Daniels and Michael Yerman on a DOLA Depart of Housing grant to provide the final finishes to the Plaza Block upstairs apartments.
6. Planning a convening meeting to meet with businesses and creative industries to explain what La Junta RISE does.
7. Lucy’s is opening up a new restaurant on the east side.
8. Four of us and Bette McFarren are headed to Denver to collect our People’s Choice award.
9. Going to Buena Vista on May 2nd to meet with funders for the Rural Resiliency Roadmap results.
10. Applying for a T-Mobile grant.
11. Attending a Regional Economic Development conference in Port Morgan in May.
12. Making a trip to Denver for the Dana Crawford awards, award going to Gail Langley of Colorado Main Street.
13. Going to Crested Butte for the Colorado Creative Industry’s Convening and Summit which is required of all Creative Districts.

B. Governing Board Comments:

1. Trevor Herasingh: Thanked Cynthia for all she’s done. She is seriously appreciated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Melanie R. Scofield, Secretary

Nancy Bennett, Chairperson