



**BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

5:00 PM

0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO

Minutes

Call to Order – Roll Call

Mayor Decicco called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Nick Decicco
Trustee Noah Hopkins
Trustee Ted Slaughter
Trustee Barrie Stimson
Trustee Ben Stuckey (left at 5:41 PM)
Trustee Jodie Willey

Absent: Trustee Jonathon Heckman

Also present: Interim Town Manager Steve Rabe, Deputy Town Clerk John DeBee, Town Attorney Bob Widner and Police Chief David Close (arrived at 6:00 PM)

Work Session

The Work Session was to discuss:

- None

Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

Mayor Decicco moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. All ayes.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of October 21, 2025
 - b. Special Meeting of November 11, 2025
2. Approval of Financial Report
 - a. Period Ending October 31, 2025

Communications to the Board of Trustees

None

New Business

1. Short-term Rental Regulations

a. Public Hearing

Mayor Decicco closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 PM. Town Attorney Bob Widner made initial comments in support of the proposed amendments to the Short-term Rental Regulations. Mr. Widner went on to highlight the major changes to the Regulations including: ownership, parking, occupancy, limitations on fires and identifying a Responsible Agent. Mayor Decicco opened the Public Hearing up to public comment, both in-person and on Zoom, at 5:12 PM. Mayor Decicco closed the Public Hearing and re-convened the Regular Meeting at 5:39 PM.

b. Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-09 – Repeal and Re-Enacting Article I of Chapter 6, Titled Short-Term Rental Licensing and Operation

Trustee Willey moved and Mayor Decicco seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2025-09 as presented. All ayes.

c. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-15 – Approving a Fee Schedule for the Administration of Article I or Chapter 6 (Short-Term Rental Licensing and Operation) for 2026

Trustee Willey moved and Trustee Slaughter seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 as presented. All ayes.

2. 2026 Budget

a. Public Hearing

Mayor Decicco closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:48 PM. No comments were received. Mayor Decicco closed the Public Hearing and re-convened the Regular Meeting at 5:49 PM.

b. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-16 – Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for each Fund and Adopting a Budget for the Town of Blue River for Calendar Year 2026

Interim Town Manager Steve Rabe provided a brief update on the changes that had been made since the release of the Preliminary Budget on October 15th. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Slaughter seconded to approved Resolution No. 2025-16 as presented. All ayes.

c. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-17 – Appropriating Sums of Money to Various Funds and Spending Agencies in the Amounts and for the Purposes as Set Forth for the Town of Blue River for the 2026 Budget Year

Interim Town Manager Steve Rabe stated that, in accordance with Budget Law, now that the 2026 Budget has been approved, the Board is required to appropriate sums of money to the various Funds of the Town. Trustee Willey moved and Trustee Slaughter seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-17 as presented. All aye.

d. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-18 – Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2025 to Defray the Costs of Government for the Town of Blue River for the 2026 Budget Year

Interim Town Manager Steve Rabe reported that the Resolution contemplates levying a tax of 10.4587 mills, which equates to the voter-approved 12.290 mills less 1.8313 mills because the Town needs to stay under the 5.5% annual mill levy

revenue limit, which is estimated to generate \$930,584. Mr. Rabe went on to say that the Resolution allows for some flexibility because the County Assessor is not required to provide its final certification of evaluation until December 10th, which is just prior to the Town filing its Certification of Tax Levies with the County Commissioner's Office. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stimson seconded to approved Resolution No. 2025-18 as presented. All ayes.

Old Business

1. None

Reports

1. Mayor & Trustee Reports – Trustee Slaughter reported that the Wildfire Council will be meeting on Thursday (11/20) to review and award grant requests. Mr. Slaughter questioned whether the Blue River Loop could be re-instated, to which Deputy Town Clerk John DeBee suggested that the reason the Loop had been expanded to run all the way to Fairplay and back was because of low ridership.
2. Town Attorney Reports – none
3. Staff Reports
 - a. Town Manager – Interim Town Manager Steve Rabe stated that it had been decided beforehand to participate in utilizing vote counting machines in conjunction with the other municipal governments in Summit County. The decision had been made to contract with Clear Ballot, with the Town of Breckenridge taking the lead, so there is a need for all the participants to commit to the Vendor and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to cover the cost of leasing the equipment. Mr. Rabe stated that the cost to the Town of Blue River would be around \$2,000, regardless of whether we have an election in April or not. Mr. Rabe requested permission to sign the IGA on behalf of the Town, since it needs to be done before the Board's next Regular Meeting with the Board re-affirming that authorization at their next meeting. The Board consented to the decision. Mr. Rabe gave an update on the Town Manager hiring process, reporting that, to date, the Town had received sixteen (16) inquiries and four (4) applications.
 - b. Chief of Police – None.

Other Matters to be Brought Before the Board of Trustees

None.

Executive Session

Mayor Decicco moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b) of Colorado Revised Statutes to receive legal advice concerning questions on the legal requirements and obligations for awarding and compensating employees for unused vacation time and paid time off. No action anticipated following the Executive Session. All ayes.

Mayor Decicco further moved and Trustee Willey seconded to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b) of Colorado Revised Statutes to receive legal advice and answers to specific questions concerning an offer to transfer real property to the Town. No action anticipated following the Executive Session. All ayes.

The Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 6:02 PM.

Mayor Decicco re-convened the Regular Meeting at 6:44 PM.

Adjourn

Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stimson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Steven G. Rabe
Interim Town Manager