



**BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

April 21, 2026

5:00 PM

0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO

Minutes

Call to Order – Roll Call

Mayor Nick Decicco called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Nick Decicco
Trustee Noah Hopkins
Trustee Ted Slaughter
Trustee Barrie Stimson
Trustee Ben Stuckey
Trustee Jonathon Heckman

Absent: Trustee Jodie Willey

Also present: Town Manager Chad Hull, Deputy Town Clerk John DeBee, and Town Attorney Robert Widner.

Work Session

No work session was held.

Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of March 17, 2026.
2. Approval of Financial Report
 - a. Period Ending March 31, 2026.

Communications to the Board of Trustees

Public comments were made by the following: Louis Fishman and Eric Graven.

New Business

1. Recognition of Outgoing Trustee
 - a. The Board of Trustees and Town of Blue River recognized the service of outgoing Trustee Noah Hopkins.
2. Swearing in of New Trustee
 - a. Heather Demovic took the Oath of Office and was sworn in as a Trustee of the Town of Blue River.
3. Resolution No. 2026-06 – a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of Blue River, Colorado, Authorizing the Town Manager to Consent to Summit County's Enforcement of County-Wide Fire Bans within the Town of Blue River
 - a. Motion to Approve
Trustee Decicco moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 as presented.
Trustee Slaughter seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-06. All ayes.
4. Ordinance No. 2026-03 - an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of Blue River, Colorado, Sitting as the Board of Adjustment, Granting a Variance to Setbacks for 15 Wilderness Drive, Lot 230 Wilderness Subdivision
 - a. Town Manager Chad Hull notified the Board that the written public notice provided by the applicant to property owners within 300 feet was insufficient and did not conform to the Land Use Code. Town Manager Hull advised that the hearing be vacated, and new notice be provided for a hearing at a later date. The Board was advised to make a motion that states: "I move to vacate this hearing for a variance for 15 Wilderness Drive due to the notice for the hearing being deficient. I instruct the Town Manager to direct the applicant to prepare and send a new notice meeting the requirements of the Land Use Code for a new hearing date."
 - b. Motion to Vacate
Mayor Decicco stated so moved to vacate the hearing as read by the Town Manager. Trustee Slaughter seconded to vacate the Ordinance No. 2026-03 public hearing. All ayes.

Old Business

1. None

Reports

1. Mayor & Trustee Reports – Trustee Slaughter suggested that the Trustees review the Town roads to determine the best location for additional bus stops. Trustee Slaughter stated that he would report these locations to the regional Transit Board.
2. Town Attorney Report – None.
3. Staff Reports

- a. Town Manager – Town Manager Chad Hull reported on outreach to and interest from the community regarding the Planning & Zoning Commission vacancy, stating that the administrative deadline for application is May 8th and that additional outreach will occur. The Town Manager reminded the Board of the STR regulations posted in the latest Town Newsletter. The March Financial Report reveals the Town is in a strong position relative to forecasted revenues and expenditures across all funds. Town Manager Hull noted conversations between Summit County Municipalities, Fire Districts, and the USFS and the current fuel conditions data, which does not support fire restrictions. The “pre-green up, clean up” initiative was mentioned as a critical method for Town residents to mitigate fire concerns. A recent CSFS article was highlighted which covered the Town’s collaboration in fire mitigation efforts to protect local residents. The Town Manager mentioned survey efforts being conducted by NEO Connect to assess Town infrastructure to develop accurate fiber installation cost estimates. The Board was reminded that the Town is ineligible for broadband grants due to existing internet coverage, and that financing and installing fiber can take multiple routes but will be expensive. Town Manager Hull covered the Town’s participation in TextMyGov, a messaging platform being implemented this spring that can be used to alert residents of construction, weather alerts, and other concerns on a local scale. Public interest in either road surveys or a hydrogeologic study were mentioned as longer-term goals of the community that would take significant financial resources to conduct. The Town Manager relayed an email from the Summit Water Quality Committee which inquired about the Town’s interest in joining as a voting member.
- b. Police Report – None.

Other Matters to be Brought Before the Board of Trustees

1. Trustee Heckman relayed a desire to modify the arrangement between the Town and Charles Abbott Associates regarding the management of the Town’s Building Department. The Trustee noted that a number of issues have arisen that should merit a review of the existing contract.
2. The Board invited Kacey Grosskreuz from G&G Services to speak on road conditions and planning efforts. Kacey expressed a desire to focus road maintenance efforts on the implementation of BaseBind-X. The roads in town already treated with BaseBind-X have held up well, and Blue River Road and Spruce Creek Road would receive treatment in the 2026 road maintenance plan. Kacey stated that the Town is on track to complete all road base by the end of 2027. Conversation was had on the use of dry wells, drainage issues, and the installation of culverts.

Executive Session

Trustee Heckman moved to approve the following executive sessions:

- Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (b) to receive legal advice concerning the processing of appeals for final decisions of the planning and zoning commission.
- Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (b) to receive legal advice concerning requirements for the temporary suspension of provisions in land use codes.

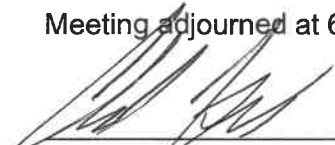
- Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) **(b) and (e)** to receive legal advice and to instruct negotiators concerning the terms and conditions of an agreement for the Town's use of property adjacent to the Goose Pasture Tarn.
- Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) **(e)** to instruct the Town Manager concerning an amendment of the Town's legal services contract.

Mayor Decicco seconded the motion to enter and close of the Regular Meeting, and the executive session was entered at 5:31 PM.

Adjourn

Mayor Decicco moved and Trustee Heckman seconded to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.



Chad Hull
Town Manager