

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY AUGUST 2022
MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH 2022 7:00 PM
RECONVENED FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 2022 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present

Commissioner Morton
Commissioner Fowler
Commissioner Moore
Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell
Mayor Black

Staff Present

Town Manager Jonathan Blanton
Town Clerk Sarah Rowan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and Town Clerk Sarah Rowan conducted roll call. Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Morton were not present. Mayor Black recessed the meeting to August 26th, 2022 at 6:00PM due to no quorum being present.

II. Reconvene and Roll Call

Mayor Black reconvened the regular August meeting on August 26th at 6:00 pm. Town Clerk Sarah Rowan conducted roll call. All members were present.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda for the regular August meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

IV. Comments from Attendees

Lisa Johnson of 50A Ranlo Avenue approached the Board with a high water bill. The Town Manager informed the Board that Ms. Johnson has an agreement in the amount of \$135.20, but high outstanding bills of over \$1,000 per month. The Town Manager

proposed a one time forgiveness for the next month and to apply the donation of \$500 from Randy Thomason's widow to the utility account.

Commissioner Moore motioned to accept the one time forgiveness and accept the donation towards Ms. Johnson's account. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Trevor McCanless and Charles McGinnis of the Boy Scouts of America addressed the Board with a proposal for a Veteran's sensory garden for his Eagle Scout project. The project is to be located at the Ranlo walking track.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell made a motion to direct the Town Manager to coordinate the project with the Scouts. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

V. Approval of the Board of Commissioners' Monthly July Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the Board of Commissioners' Monthly July Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VI. Continued Recreation Discussion

The Town Manager announced the plan for the Fall Festival to occur September 16th and 17th. He noted that R&D Amusement is on board. They will not be honoring advance sale tickets this year, but tickets will be \$20 at the gate.

Commissioner Morton informed the Board that he is working on Heart to Heart for Friday for either \$750 or \$500.

Commissioner Moore motioned to have a brewery come to the festival Saturday, September 17th. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1, with Commissioner Morton opposed.

Commissioner Moore motioned to approve a \$1,500 budget for entertainment. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Morton noted that attendance will be low for Saturday of the festival if alcohol is present.

After discussion, the Board reached consensus to not have an enclosed perimeter for alcohol.

VII. Budget Amendments

Commissioner Moore motioned to adopt the budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VIII. Report on Letters of Interest for the Vacant Board of Commissioners' Seat

The Town Manager reported that there are six letters of interest for the vacant Board of Commissioners seat.

Mayor Black recommended appointing Effie Locklear due to her experience and dedication to recreation.

Commissioner Fowler recommended the consideration of Robin Conner as she too has experience on the Board.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to appoint Robin Conner to the Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 2-2 with Commissioner Morton and Commissioner Moore opposed. Mayor Black opposed to break the tie.

Commissioner Moore motioned to appoint Diana Palmer to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 2-2 with Commissioner Fowler and Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell opposed. Mayor Black opposed to break the tie.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell expressed concern over filling a vacancy on the Planning Board if Diana Palmer were to be appointed. Commissioner Moore noted the importance of filling the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Morton requested a closed session to discuss the seat vacancy. The Town Manager responded that a closed session was not allowable in this case.

Mayor Black tabled the discussion to the regular September 8th meeting.

IX. Public Hearing for Citizen Input in Order to Adopt an Outreach Plan and to Establish Verifiable Percentage Goal for Participation by Minority Businesses in the Awarding of Building Construction Contracts Pursuant N.C.G.S. 143-128.2

Commissioner Moore motioned to open the public hearing for Citizen Input in Order to Adopt an Outreach Plan and to Establish Verifiable Percentage Goal for Participation by Minority Businesses in the Awarding of Building Construction Contracts Pursuant N.C.G.S. 143-128.2. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

The Town Manager informed the Board that an adoption of a plan is required with grant funding before proceeding with the project.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to close the public hearing for Citizen Input in Order to Adopt an Outreach Plan and to Establish Verifiable Percentage Goal for Participation by Minority Businesses in the Awarding of Building Construction Contracts Pursuant N.C.G.S. 143-128.2. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt an Outreach Plan and to Establish Verifiable Percentage Goal for Participation by Minority Businesses in the Awarding of Building Construction Contracts Pursuant N.C.G.S. 143-128.2. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

X. Consideration of Bid Packet for General Renovations to the Ranlo Lodge

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the Bid Packed for General Renovations to the Ranlo Lodge. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

XI. Appointments to the Ranlo Board of Adjustments and Extension of Terms to the Planning Board

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to ratify the appointments to the Ranlo Board of Adjustments and Extension of Terms to the Planning Board. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

XII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager announced that Town Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day on September 5th. Garbage pickup will be on a one day delay.

The Town Manager noted that bids for Boulder Court have been advertised. He added that a Request for Qualifications will be solicited for the asset inventory grants.

The Town Manager commended the Ranlo Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department for National Night Out.

Randy Thomason was recognized for his contributions to the Town and the Fire Department after his recent passing.

The Town Manager noted his interest in the City Manager's Conference. He added that the employee training funds would be used for his attendance.

XIII. Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Black updated the Board on the the MPO's plan to widen Cox Rd. Mayor Black noted that many people are requesting sidewalk improvements. The Town Manager responded that the Wooten Company has been on site surveying sidewalks.

Mayor Black asked if the Town is still working on overgrown lawns. The Town Manager noted that Alliance Code Enforcement has several open cases.

XIV. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell read a report adopted by the Centralina Regional Council of Governments and the three year strategic plan.

XV. Adjournment

Commissioner Moore motioned to adjourn the regular August meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly August 2022 Meeting