

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY FEBRUARY 2024
MEETING**

**RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2024 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Governing Body Present

Mayor Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Moore
Commissioner Jamie Fowler
Commissioner Ronnie Laws
Commissioner Wade Morton
Commissioner Robin Conner

Staff Present

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| Town Manager | Charlie Hansen |
| Public Works Director | Jason Green |
| LFNC Fellow | Antonia Christou |
| Police Chief | Jimmy Lunsford |

I. Call to Order

Mayor Black called the meeting to order, and the Town Manager conducted the roll call.

II. Adoption of the February 8th, 2024 Agenda

Mayor Black called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular February meeting.
Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda for the regular Fowler meeting.
Commissioner Laws seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

III. Comments from Attendees

Mr. Rudy Brown commented on a matter concerning the Public Works Department. Mr. Rudy Brown reported an incident with the disposal of a television.

Old Business:

IV. Adoption of the January 11th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board

Mayor Black called for a motion to adopt the January 11th, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Morton motioned to adopt the January 11th, 2024, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

New Business:

V. Execution of Agreement for Lead and Copper Grant Funding – Wooten Company

The Town Manager's Request for Qualifications has been physically received and now awaits approval to proceed with the next steps of the process. Despite fluctuations in material costs, the project price remains unchanged. The Town Manager said that if the Request for Qualifications is approved, he will sign off on the agreement, as well.

Mayor Black called for a motion to adopt the execution of the agreement for Lead and Copper Grant funding. Commissioner Moore motioned to adopt the execution of the agreement for Lead and Copper Grant funding. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

VI. Execution of Agreement for Engineering Services for NCDEQ Grant Administration – Wooten Company

The Town of Ranlo has received the Agreement for Engineering Services for NCDEQ Grant Administration, and copies of the documentation were included in the packet provided to the board. The Town Manager said that the project price aligns with the grant amount. The Town Manager recommended that the board approve and enter into the agreement.

Mayor Black called for a motion to adopt the execution of the agreement for Engineering Services for NCDEQ Grant Administration. Commissioner Laws motioned to approve the execution of the agreement for Engineering Services for NCDEQ Grant Administration. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

VII. Presentation of Letter of Intent to Fund S.L. 2023-134 Appropriations Act of Directed Project

The Town Manager said the presentation of the Letter of Intent to Fund S.L. 2023-134 Appropriations Act of Directed Project is an informational agenda item. The Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo received the DEQ director from the d 4 mil 850 thousand. The Town Manager said that the State of North Carolina is now taking a 3% grant administration fee. The Town Manager said that no action is required at this time, but the Town Manager wanted to bring awareness to this progress.

VIII. Timeline for NCDEQ- NPDES MS4 Permit Cycle and updated SWMP

The Town Manager provided an overview of the timeline for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) MS4 Permit Cycle and updated System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP). The Town Manager said that following the audit in November, the Town of Ranlo may discharge to the waters of the state. The Town manager said that the Town of Ranlo maintains a phase two permit, which means that there are six minimum control measures. The Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo must submit the SWMP to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) in February. The Town Manager said that the signed SWMP will be presented in March. The Town Manager said that the NCDEQ Public Hearing will occur in April. Finally, the Town Manager said that the five-year NPDES Permit would be Effective in July 2024.

IX. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo has finished construction of the Town of Ranlo sign and citizens have already given positive feedback. The Town Manager also expressed gratitude to the Town Employee, "Tiny," for all his work on this project. Mayor Black asked the Town Manager if there is a specific sign demarking the lodge. The Town manager said no, there is not a specific sign that includes the Lodge.

Commissioner Fowler asked the Town Manager if the address of the lodge is reflected on the property. The Town Manager said no, but that the Town can begin to work on getting the address posted.

Furthermore, the Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo has continued working with The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) to implement a youth recreation program. The Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo is excited about future collaboration with the YMCA and that the projected first sports program will be T-ball. The Town Manager said that an information survey will be sent out, and sign-ups can begin as early as March.

Additionally, the Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo is continuing its efforts to expand public involvement through new programs such as 1.) Chats with Charlie, mobile office hours aimed at soliciting citizen input and interests, and 2.) the professionalization of the Town's website, which will reflect the hard-working individuals employed by the Town and a concise and accurate copy of an events calender.

Finally, the Town Manager said that the Town of Ranlo has held meetings with the Thread Trail Organization's Director and Communications Coordinator. The Thread Trail is a "regional network of connected greenways, trails and blueways that reaches 15 counties, 2 states and 2.9 million people" (<https://www.carolinathreadtrail.org/>). The Town Manager said round tables discussing the project are slated for the upcoming months. Commissioner Fowler asked the Town Manager if the Town ought to reach out to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O). The Town Manager said the first step would be to establish a partnership with the Carolina Thread Trail in order to push the project forward. The Town Manager said that the trail reaches from Belmont to Cramerton, and that Spencer Mountain would provide one of the better views. Commissioner Conner asked the Town Manager if there are any plans for increasing parking for this project. The Town Manager said that there are ongoing discussions about the trailhead and potential parking.

Chief Lunsford said that the Police Department has responded to five hundred events, issued twenty-one citations, and has completed four arrests. Chief Lunsford said the Police Department has also responded to vandalism purported by six juveniles in the Mountain View Community. Finally, Chief Lunsford spoke about the incident that involved a woman on the Spencer Mountain Tower. The board asked about the incident and hoped to thank the two firemen who responded to the incident with an acknowledgement.

X. Comments from the Mayor and the Board

Mayor Black called for a motion to adjourn the February 8th, meeting of the Board. Commissioner Laws motioned to adjourn, with Commissioner Fowler providing the second. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Antonia M. Christou | LEAD FOR NORTH CAROLINA FELLOW

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly January 2024 Meeting.