

**TOWN OF CRESTONE
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, 6:00 P.M.
AT THE TOWN HALL – 108 W. GALENA AVENUE**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** - Present were Commissioners Kairina Danforth, Lonny Roth, Terry Goergen, Carmin Teeple and Benjamin Byer (arrived at 6:05). Commissioner Cristina Cabeza-Kinney was absent with note. Vice-Chair Renee Hill, present and presiding, declared a quorum present and seated. Also present was Clerk Assistant Allyson Ransom.
3. **Approval of Agenda** - **Commissioner Roth moved and Commissioner Danforth seconded to approve the agenda as amended with Item #7A Perceptive Innovations Easement. The vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor, and Vice-Chair Hill declared the motion carried.**
4. **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 3, 2015** - **Commissioner Goergen moved and Commissioner Roth seconded to approve the minutes of August 3, 2015 as amended in Item 8 of *New Business* by deleting “kills the larvae” and replacing with “is a mosquito deterrent.” The vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor, and Vice-Chair Hill declared the motion carried.**

5. Reports

A. Correspondence & Announcements

Commissioner Hill requested that Clerk Assistant Ransom read Administrator Tanara's report.

B. Crestone-Baca Sub-Area Planning

Commissioner Danforth reported on various issues occurring in the Baca Grande including a request for a large greenhouse to cultivate marijuana, drumming ceremonies, a prospective moratorium on lot consolidations due to possible illegality of previous Saguache County consolidations, ~~lack of direction given to Town from the POA and law enforcement~~; there was a general consensus that most of these issues are directly related to Saguache County and the POA.

6. Old Business

A. Weed Management

Commissioners stated the need to get more grass seed for planting in school zone and areas disturbed by water works project. There was discussion of eradication methods including intensive weed eating, use of Round Up, educating the public and use of a subcontractor to seasonally control weeds. Commissioners requested that Commissioner Byer research this last option and report back at the October meeting.

B. Mosquito Management

Commissioner Goergen presented research collected on mosquitoes including mosquito identification and natural and chemical control methods. He cited AMCC (American Mosquito Control Center) and mosquitoreviews.com. Commissioners discussed funding source options for long term insect control and requested to send Commissioners Goergen and Byer to the Rural Philanthropy Days on September 25, 2015 in Creede

where the Gates Foundation will review funding proposals. **Commissioner Byer moved and Commissioner Goergen seconded to recommend the formation of the Town of Crestone as a *Natural Mosquito Control District*, centered at the Town's commercial zone and radiating out to the town limits. The vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor, and Vice-Chair Hill declared the motion carried. Commissioner Roth moved and Commissioner Danforth seconded to recommend that Commissioners Goergen and Byer be sent as representatives to Rural Philanthropy Days at Creede on Friday September 25, 2015 to present and explore funding for the newly formed *Natural Mosquito Control District*. The vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor, and Vice-Chair Hill declared the motion carried.**

7. New Business

A. Perceptive Innovations Easement

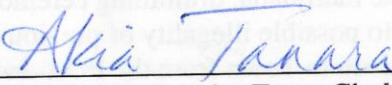
Commissioner Byer explained the situation with gas pumps partially on Town property and the need for a legal agreement with the Town in order to install an upgraded tank and pumps; discussion followed about economic benefit for the town. Commissioner Byer was advised to have this subject placed on the BoT agenda and the need to avoid any conflict of interest as he is one of the owners of this business.

B. Visioning

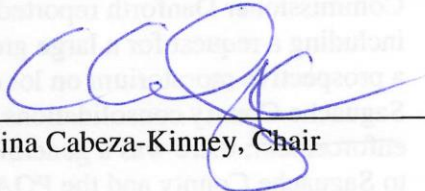
There was discussion of a perceived disconnect between Baca residents and Town of Crestone, 80% absentee owners in the Baca, working with the POA on a police presence, opening up planning meetings to Baca residents, tax base revenue options, strong interest in promoting cottage light industries. Commissioners agreed to put *Visioning* on next month's agenda.

8. **Citizens' Comments** - There were no citizens' comments.

9. **Adjourn** - Commissioner Roth moved and Commissioner Teeple seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. The vote of the Commissioners present was unanimously in favor, and Vice-Chair Hill declared the motion carried.



Akia Tanara, Interim Town Clerk



Cristina Cabeza-Kinney, Chair