

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF SWINK
HELD
March 29, 2011 (TUESDAY)
Two Audio Tapes Available – Special Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Swink was called to order by Mayor Cordova on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Clodfelter called roll:

Present:	Cordova	Lytle
	Piquette	Stone
	Weber	

Also in attendance were:

Rick Dell, Public Works Director
Terry Clodfelter, Town Clerk

Absent:

Cox	Wallace
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Also absent was:

Phillip Malouff, Attorney.

AUDIENCE:

Mary Jane Maddux, Swink, CO – Pam Denahy, La Junta Event Coordinator – Bette Mc Farren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

Pam Denahy, La Junta Event Coordinator

Mrs. Pam Denahy addresses the council regarding the “Wayfinding System” for Southeast Colorado and Southeast Colorado Regional Heritage Taskforce. She stated that she is Vice-Chair for SECORHT. Mrs. Denahy stated that they have

work with CDOT over the past year regarding the Wayfinding System. She talked about Phase 1 that was completed. She told council that Eads, Springfield and Fowler have provided additional funding to add extra interpretive features and to expand the gateway installations. She stated that the four gateways to the Canyons and Plains region include Eads, Springfield, Fowler and Granada.

She then talked about Phase 2 which involves CDOT and other communities. The grant is an 80/20 match. She stated that they would like all the signs to be consistent within the Ark Valley. She stated that La Junta will have 6 panels. She explained that 1 panel would cost around \$1500.00 for the Town. She also stated that she would need a commitment from the Town and also which fund account the money would be coming out of. She explained that CDOT will meet with each Town to discuss where the signs would be installed and we would have to follow the CDOT rules. The maps will be a regional map with a dot that states "you are here"

Cordova asked if the 4 gateway town's signs are installed. Mrs. Denahy stated that they are not. Cordova asked if we could have 2 signs; one on each end of the town. She stated that we could. Cordova talked about the 3 panels and the contest that was held last year. He stated that we would like to have the contest winner's logos on the sign. Pam stated that one side panel will be around \$1500.00, 2 panels will be \$2570.00 and 3 panels would cost around \$3840.00. Lytle asked about the timeline, our design on the sign and how it would work into the sign. Piquette stated that these signs are Wayfinders sign not a welcome to Swink sign. Lytle stated that these signs would work at the Reynolds Park. Lytle also talked about the placement of the signs on Hwy 50 and causing a traffic jam.

Pam stated that she would need a commitment letter from the Town by April 15, 2011. Cordova also asked about the timeline after the grant has been approved with all the Towns/Cities. Pam stated that she is not sure but each town would have to meet with CDOT first and it would also depends on the Town of how long it will take for us to design the panels. Dell asked about the installation of the signs. Pam stated that she thinks that CDOT would install the signs but was not sure. She also discussed the print and the graphics of each sign should be done by the same person to keep it consistent.

Lytle asked if there was a cap on the grant. Pam stated that there was not. She stated that Swink could address the history of the town. Cordova asked about any restriction with any other grants. Pam stated that she would check into this issue. Stone stated that he feels that it would not be what Swink would need. Lytle stated that she felt like we should use the \$1500.00 for the welcome to

Swink sign. Pam will e-mail the clerk with answers next week. Lytle stated that if we can not utilize it we should not use CDOT money. She does not think it is justified for Swink. Weber asked about graffiti on the signs and Piquette asked what Swink would put on the map. Table until next month.

CO-RAD – UPDATE

Cordova stated that Stone and Dell attended a meeting last week regarding the Ark Valley Conduit. He stated that everyone should have received a letter from Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District dated March 15, 2011 regarding the Arkansas Valley Conduit. He also stated that everyone should have received the Rad Enforcement Order Document Due Date Tracking List, an article from the Pueblo Chieftain and a draft of the previous meeting. Dell stated that council should have received a report from GMS tonight.

Dell stated that in the report Appendix A; gives information of what the State is expecting of us to do and what will happen if we don't comply and the fines on a daily basis. Dell stated that we are staying in compliance with public notifications. He also informed council that he did ask for a 6 month extension from the State today and that the last extension was in September and we did receive a 6 months for the final report. He stated that we are a year behind. Stone asked if an extension pushes everything back. Dell stated that it does not. Dell stated that at the last board meeting he felt we was going to keep our options open which met we go further and request GMS to continue working on the project. Cordova stated we want to delay as long as possible. Lytle stated that we still do not know how to get rid of the waste at the lagoon. Dell stated that in the report from GMS is has a plan of how to get rid of the waste but it has to be approved by the State. Cordova asked how; Dell stated that the waste settles to the bottom of the lagoon. Dell informed council that he has not submitted anything to the sate. He also stated that he received a call from Jackie, State Health Department, today and she will be moving to the waste water side on April 1st and wanted everything complete and off her desk. Dell stated that she has been his contact since the beginning of 2000. Dell stated that she was requesting information for this quarter and that is when he asked for the 6 months extension and he believes the State will accept it. The reason for the extension was to allow council to move forward or decided to wait for the Ark Valley Conduit. Dell did state that the State has recognized the Conduit as the most feasible way for the towns to comply and GMS also thinks this is the best solution.

Dell stated that the final design report was due to the State on February 28, 2010 and the report council has tonight from GMS is

the final design. He stated we do not have anything in writing stating that the conduit would be the most likely solution from the State. He also stated that we are going into a 30 year debt for a 10 year solution and he does not see the state making us do this. Stone stated that we need to send a cover letter from the Town of Swink with the letter he received from Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District on March 15, 2011 to the State Health Department. Stone stated that he talked with a lot of people at the meeting last week along with Mr. Kevin Karney from Otero County Commissions and this is a done project. Stone stated that we need to ask for a 2 year extension in the cover letter to the State. Piquette asked what will happen in 2 years. Stone stated that maybe by that time the State will have accept the conduit as a short and a long term solution. Lytle stated that we did get approved for the loan and the grant and we have nothing to lose we can not afford to lose either one. She stated that we back out of the grant when we get ready to start spending the money. Weber asked about the loan and the grant. Cordova stated that the grant has nothing to do with the Department of Health solutions. Cordova stated that he feels that we need to delay as much as possible and we will take the risk that the project will cost more in 2 years but we have the loan to fall back on. Cordova stated that we are going to hold on to the grant and the loan and wait for a decision from the state that the conduit is the answer. Lytle stated that while we wait we need to keep in compliance. Cordova stated that we need to have reasons for the delays. Dell stated that he has had reasons in the past and the last reason was that council has not had time to make a decision but we are at the point that we need to submit the document to the State. Stone asked about spending the money. Clerk stated that the first loan payment is due May of 2012.

Cordova would like for Mr. Malouff to review the grant and the loan regarding the finances. He also would like for Malouff to look at how long we have to delay. Dell stated that the money has been ear tag for the Town of Swink.

Stone stated that he feels a letter to the State with the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District letter be submitted as soon as possible. Stone stated that he received the letter a few days after the meeting. Cordova stated that he feels we need to wait on the letter to the State. He feels that this could be our next delay which could buy us another 6 months. Stone stated that we need to read and see if GMS talked about the Conduit as a solution. He would also like for Malouff to read the agreement.

Stone also talked about blending the water and that EPA would like for us to get rid of the deep well. Stone stated that he will visit with other people and get more information. He also stated that he

talked with someone regarding the environment study. He also stated that an MOA will need to be signed by May 15th.

Cordova asked about the article in the Pueblo Chieftain regarding who was in. He asked about the storage contract only, the Conduit and storage contract and the conduit only. He stated that Swink was listed in the conduit only. Stone stated that he would find this out for next months meeting.

Cordova review the process we are going to take. 1) We are not giving up any money with the grant and loan at this time 2) Have Malouff look at the paperwork 3) Have Dell submitted 6 months extensions 4) Wait for the State to say the conduit is the answer to the problem 5) Find out if the dates are moved out 6 months when the extensions are filed 6) Have Jason from GMS at the April meeting.

Lytle asked if GMS will charge us for them attending the meeting. Cordova was not sure of the cost. Stone stated that he feels he needs to get some answers from them. Cordova also asked about the State Health Department and EPA coming to a meeting. Stone stated that he would like for both organizations to come to a meeting. Stone stated that we need to go thru Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and also stated that he would like for Phil Reynolds to attend a meeting. Stone stated that Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District next meeting will be held on May 24th and maybe have them at the June meeting. Lytle asked "what are some of the questions we are going to ask them". Cordova stated that there are so many; the progress, funding, budget, etc.

Stone stated that the minutes from the last Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District meeting he attended will be e-mailed to him and he will forward them to all council members.

Cordova set the April meeting for 6:30 pm with Jason Meyer from GMS.

Mayor Cordova adjourns the meeting at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Town of Swink

**Terry Clodfelter
Swink Town Clerk**

**Mayor
Steve Cordova**