

March 12th

A regular meeting of the Madrid Town Board was called to order at 6:35 P.M. at the Madrid Town Office.

Members Present: Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, David Fisher, Emily Losey, Clark Putman, Wyatt Boswell- Hwy Supt., and Zoe Hawkins- Town Clerk.

Also Present: Bill Hull, Rita Gerenser, Ethan Ward, Joe and Debbie Finnegan, Gabriel Ashley, Brody Baldwin, Mitch Quine, Greg Reisse, Mark Koleman, and Cyn French and Kai Simison Via Zoom.

Public Comment: Kai Simison, and Cyn French from LF bioenergy wanted to introduce their Director of Operations, Mark Koleman to the Town. The biodigester has been operation for a month, and is operating stable. The town has had some concerns of the trucks being on roads and causing damage, as these were not the original roads agreed upon for the route of travel. Mark is going to be in contact with Wyatt to discuss this.

Mitch Quine and Greg Reiss from CS energy came to introduce themselves and talk about a solar project that the majority will be in Waddington, but the substation will be in Madrid. Our of 500 acres, approximately 10-15 acres will be in Madrid. Construction for this project will start in 2027, there will be a Host Community agreement that will be offered to the town.

Bill Hull asked Tony if he has reached out to the County about swapping County route 14 and Church Street. Tony has not spoken to anyone about this and will speak with Don Chambers.

Planning Board/CEO: David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Emily Losey to appoint Rita Gerenser to the CEO position for the remainder of the year. Kevin asked about the other applicants, if they got interviewed. Tony will be calling the other applicants to let them know the position has been filled. Kevin feels this should have been handled differently.

Assessor: The town of Madrids level of assessment for 2025 is 69%. Amy will have her final roll in around April 1s t.

Infrastructure: Caroline street water project is underway; pipe will began being laid on March 13th.

MDMS: Donations must be in from organizations by April 1st to get them on poster boards for the summer. All bands have been paid this year. Bill received \$3200.00 from the art council grant, \$500.00 from Seacomm, and \$2000.00 from the raffle that was held.

Monthly Report: The board reviewed the monthly report, Emily Losey made a motion 2nd by David Fisher to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All in favor.

Monthly Bills: The board reviewed the monthly bills, General 56-88 in the amount of \$74,244.64, Highway 21-32 for \$26,198.18, Water 17-23 for \$237,914.47, Sewer 14-19 for \$3,710.87, Lighting #3 for \$0.00, and Trust and Agency #3 for \$6,960.20. Emily Losey made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan. All in Favor.

Communications: SLC IDA letter for PILOT payments, total is \$15,325.43

Highway: Several of the trucks have had work done to them, including new windshields, tires, and inspections.

The whole highway crew will be attending a Udig safety meeting March 19th.

Evan and Wyatt will be attending a water/wastewater seminar April 9th.

Zach is registered in Udig excavator course.

The Sludge pump has burnt up and is being rebuilt, a temporary pump is being ran for now.

Don Holmes started as clerk of the works on the Caroline Street project.

21 signs have been ordered for the roads, Buck rd will be updated and a few other of the worst ones throughout the town.

Wyatt has reserved an extra 200 tons of salt for next year and is going to continue to look for a truck and spreader options.

Wyatt brought up the backhoe quotes that were reviewed last month and added the John Deere 410P for \$161,427.38, and the John Deere 410P for \$192,384.30. The board discussed the previous quotes and these two, and David made a motion 2nd by Emily Losey to allow Wyatt to spend up to \$161,000.00 on a new backhoe. All are in favor of this.

The board asked Wyatt to get a quote for a trade in on the loader, value point is approximately \$100,000.00.

Wyatt asked if the board thought about adding the overhead doors discussed lasts month into the Adams building. David Fisher made a motion 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to add only 1- 24x12 door. All in favor.

David Fisher made a resolution 2nd by Emily Losey to put the old paver as surplus and allow Waddington to place it on auction zip. All in Favor.

New Business: Kevin made a motion, 2nd by Clark Putman to reappoint Jordan Fisher onto the BAR. All in Favor. David Abstained.

The town needs to look for another Zoning board member.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to set the 2nd notice fee for the taxes to \$2.00. All in Favor.

David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Emily Losey to approve the minutes of the February 12th meeting. All in favor

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20P.M.

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk

