

Minutes of the Town of Marble
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 14, 2025 5:30 pm

A. Call to order & roll call of the regular August meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Marble: Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Dustin Wilkey, Larry Good, Amy Rusby and Ryan Vinciguerra. Absent: Amber McMahon. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes.

B. Consideration of an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions from the Town's legal counsel regarding augmentation of the groundwater wells serving the Marble Water Company's water system. Ryan Vinciguerra made a motion to go into executive session. Dustin Wilkey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The content of the executive session was privileged client/attorney communication. Following the executive session, Ryan Vinciguerra made a motion to return to the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Dustin Wilkey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting resumed at 6:20 p.m.

C. Mayor's Comments – Thanked the town and volunteers for the work it took to put on MarbleFest.

D. Consent Agenda – Dustin Wilkey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

a. Approval of July 3, 2025 Minutes and July 3, 2025 Water Board Minutes

b. Approval of Current Bills, August 14, 2025 Additional bills came in from MarbleFest. Ron reported that the t-shirts cost \$1702 and brought in \$3400. Ron paid for those shirts as well as \$327 for the banner and \$1342 for material to go behind the stage for a total of \$3371 to be paid to Ron. He had to pay this with his own card due to the low limit on the town card. Dustin amended his motion to add this amount to the current bills. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ron reported that the fire district will reimburse the town for the wall at the basketball courts.

E. Treasurer Report, Amy

a. Account balances, 8/1/25 – Csafe had a system log in problem so the account totals do not include the last months interest. She will report the total once she can log in.

b. Year to date, budget vs actual – We are through 58% of the year. Revenue is at 45%. Two big items that have not come in are sales tax and camp ground revenue. We have spent 53% of the budgeted amount.

c. 2024 Audit report – Amy and Ron met with our bookkeeper, Ryan Kinney, to go over the auditors' recommendations some of which have to do with QuickBooks. These are easily addressed. Regarding the assets for the water fees, the loan is shown on the books so has to be shown on the expenses but the revenue does not show. The auditor said that the way it is being documented and reported to the state is fine.

Ryan asked Ron to share the how the honor system paid parking is going. This program started 4 or 5 weeks ago with a sign on the shed that says "Pay here" and Ron estimates that 75% of the truck/trailer drivers are paying. Amy said that the bookkeeper is putting a cash receipt process.

F. Administrator Report

a. 2024 Marble Charter School Lead King Loop Race, Sam Germain – She thanked the town for the school's space at Marble Fest. The goal for the race is \$40,000 to pay for instructional and administrative supplies at the school. The race is scheduled for Sept 14, with set up on Sept 13 at the Children's Park. Portapotties and handwashing stations are to be delivered the Wed. before. They have renewed the 5-year permit with the Forest Service with an increase from 200 to 300 racers. There will be 3 different races: the Lead King Loop, the 8-mile quarry climb, and the kid's race. She is working on the parking plan. There are currently 102 people registered with a goal of 200. She would like to put up a banner and some signs at the CR 3 and 133 intersection as well as along the airstrip to help alert visitors to that the race is taking place. Mountain Heart Brewery is donating beer for participants only. They will check IDs but they will not be selling so there is no need for a liquor license. Slow Groovin' is providing lunch. They are still signing up sponsors and volunteers. They need help with setting up and with the aid stations. Ryan asked if there were any complaints about parking that would mean a need for changes in the parking plan and there have not.

Sam also reported on the building improvements. She thanked the town for their help and support. They will not be using that building for students for the first couple of weeks of school but they hope to be in by Sept. 15. The roof is going on now and they have approved exterior painting and tuck pointing. Ryan asked Sam to ask the contractors to not block the intersection and to park a little farther down the road.

b. Discussion of Crystal River Augmentation Plan, Ron – Ron reported that in 2018 the down valley senior water right holders and the Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR) put a call on Crystal River property owners. A call can mean junior water right holders can be required to curtail or stop water use. CDWR said all junior water right holders needed to develop an augmentation plan in the event that senior water right holders put another call on

the water. The town entered into a contract with the Colorado Water Conservancy to buy water rights that could supply future needs. They did a 5-year study and discover where water is available. The obvious place to look is Beaver Lake which has enough water to satisfy this need. CPW owns the lake and in their charter it states the lake is a fishing lake only. Water augmentation was not anticipated when this was written so it is not part of the charter. The plan that has been developed has to be presented to the Colorado water court to get the rights allocated. In all likelihood, there will have to be money paid for these water rights.

G. Land Use

a. Infrastructure, Dustin – Dustin said the county was mowing along CR 3 and he requested that the county help with mowing along Park Street for Marble Fest. They did a single pass along the area that someone else had mowed, widening and cleaning it up a bit. Dustin measured the right of ways (65 feet or 32.5 feet from the center line) and said it goes about 21 feet from the edge of the blacktop into the Mill Site Park. He would like to get costs from local contractors to extend culverts, back filling and putting down road base for car parking and developing a walking path. Ryan asked about the cost vs. the value. Dustin said moving material from Slate Creek, removing some vegetation and trees and the cost of culverts would be the biggest hurdles and costs. He feels it could start slow with some work done each year. He said that parking and a walking path are both part of the Master Plan. Discussion of cost vs. value followed. The board asked Ron to begin getting quotes. Ryan does not feel that additional parking is essential but does see value in the walking trail.

Dustin would also like to see the blacktop extended along West 2nd to Main Street and down to the Hub and Slow Groovin’.

b. Dual zoning/multi use for main corridor of Marble, Dustin – Dustin discussed moving forward with dual zoning along the blacktop from the entry to town to Main and down to the Hub as well as along the existing blacktop. Ryan wants to make sure there is enough community outreach and to have the attorney working on legal aspects of it. Dustin said he asks that it be on the agenda so that citizens can see that this is being discussed and is a possibility before any implementation. Larry does not feel this is urgent and there are other projects that need to be completed first. He does feel we should continue to discuss it. Amy feels the board needs to decide on what master plan projects they want to focus on as well as the order to do that. Ryan feels that Dustin wants to focus on this due to his business. Ryan is in favor of the plan and wants to avoid spot zoning methodically. Dustin feels this opens the doors for others to have a small business. Josiah Begley sees the advantage of making it more inviting for people to come here. Jerry Begley says that purpose of a business is to make money so that people can live here. Amy asked that a master plan discussion be put on the next agenda.

c. Discussion about businesses paying for use of town right of way – Dustin wants to see practices be fair and equal. He said that Raspberry Ridge Cafe is the only business in town that

does not use right of way. Slow Groovin' is the only one that is paying for usage of town right of way. He feels like the other businesses that use right of way to make money should pay as well. He discussed some of the locations of town right of way that are used by businesses. Ryan asked that the discussion remain general. Amy asked what Dustin's recommendation is on how to tackle the issue. She suggests coming up with a criteria. Dustin said that SG pays for town right of way to cover the number of parking spaces required as well as for the cooker and the grass in front. Ryan explained how the SG lease area was determined and what was included. Larry asked if the roads have been surveyed to determine the actual center of the right of way. Ryan said that all businesses are required to have x number of spaces depending on the business. Overflow or sprawl is not considered as long as businesses have the required parking. Dustin would like to see a pathway for businesses to have the required parking. Angus Barber agreed that the roads should be resurveyed and that 65' of right of way seems excessive given the size of the town. Ryan does not see any advantage to giving up right of way. Larry feels the 65' right of way is designed to allow for parking. Ryan asked if there had been any parking complaints and Ron said there have not been any in this context. Ryan feels that a lack of complaints makes this currently a non-issue and that the town should go back in time with past business licenses and this can be addressed with new business applications.

d. Discussion of roads scheduled for maintenance and improvement 2026 – Dustin said that some dirt roads need mag chloride every year, including the heaviest traveled roads: Main Street and 4th. He reported on past applications and would like to see next year that Silver Street in front of Beaver Lake Lodge and East 2nd get road based and magged. Another road that needs repairs (Juniper) is not in town but is plowed by the town so maintenance is the town's responsibility. Ryan said that he had proposed a rotating schedule and supports the proposal with the exception of Juniper. Dustin suggests fixing Juniper due to damage from town plowing, then turning over the plowing responsibility to the land owners. Amy suggests using some of the funds budgeted for black top repair be redirected to other roads next year.

H. Park Committee Report, Amy – Mark Bechler, Sopris Engineering, has been working with Ron on assessing the marble structures in the Mill Site Park. The committee decided they need a work session with Mark and some of his colleagues, including a Lincoln Memorial historian. This will be Sept. 29 before the next Parks Committee meeting with Amber McMahon, Brent Compton, Mariah Villalobos, Ron Leach, Mark Bechler & colleagues. They may include Gary Bascom and Kimberly Perrin due to their interest in the history and their quarry experience. Mark wants to know what the town board wants. Larry asks if the quarry would be involved. Ron has talked to the quarry and they are interested in providing material for repairs.

I. Old Business

J. New Business – Jerry Begley came to the town to ask that they partner with Gunnison County to get a federal grant to build a bridge across Slate Creek to provide additional egress into and out of town. Josiah Begley said that federal grants for roads and bridges to address dangers as well as a state grant for rural areas are available. Jerry reported that two bridges were on the original plats. Josiah said that there is something called the Golden Hour rule that is part of the state grants and addresses the need for a fast medical response. Ryan suggested that this be addressed when the Gunnison County commissioners are here later in the fall.

K. Adjourn – Dustin Wiley made a motion to adjourn. Amy Rusby seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Langley