BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
MONDAY, September 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 PM

I. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 702pm by Lee Berenato

II. Roll Call

Lee Berenato, Marty Gitlin, Randall McDonald, Chris Frey, Tammy Frey, Mark Basham, Chelsea Nihiser, Cindy Neely, Jon Butcher via Zoom

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

Marty motions to approve the Agenda, Mark seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

IV. **Bills for Approval**

Discussion regarding Legal Fees for August. Chris moves to approve the bills as presented. Tammy seconds, motion passes with all in favor

V. **Approval of Minutes**: September 9th, 2024

Tammy motions to approve the minutes from September 9th. Chris seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

VI. **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

VII. **Administrative Items:**

a. Mayor Report

No Mayor report given

b. Town Clerk Update

No Town Clerk update given

VIII. New Business / Action Items

a. Clear Creek County Trails Team Request for Town Support for CPW Non-Motorized Trails Maintenance Grant. Board review and decision regarding draft support letter. **(Jon Butcher/C. Nihiser)**

Jon Butcher with the CCC Trail Team joins the Board via zoom requesting a letter of support to request a $75,000 grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to maintain trails in the County and in

Silver Plume. The County does not request compensation from Silver Plume although the Trails Team does maintenance on the 7:30 Road and the Argentine Central Grade periodically throughout the summers. Tonight, all Jon is requesting is support. Jon has provided a draft support letter for the Board to review, and if agreed upon the Town Clerk has provided a copy on SP Town letterhead for the mayor to sign. Marty motions to approve Silver Plume signing a letter of support for the CCC Trails Team to receive a $75,000.00 CPW Trails Maintenance Grant. Mark seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

b. Formation of National Register District Discussion (C. Neely)

Cindy Neely: I asked to be on this agenda, having to do with establishing a National Register District (NRD) inside a National Landmark District (NLD).
CN motions to a map on the Board room wall; the NLD is that huge L shaped thing, and is sort of a black dotted line, but you see it gets a little curly up there at the top of the mountain, and then it gets straight again and comes around. The red box isn't included, and it goes through Georgetown Lake. That whole thing is our National Historic Landmark District. Well, as the Town of Georgetown (TOG) has been pursuing conversation. I think that's a polite way to put this, with Xcel Energy about decommissioning the reservoir and taking out the dam and disposing of the powerhouse in Georgetown. TOG has reached out to the National Park Service, who are the guardians of Historic Landmark Districts, and in part guardians of NRD as well. In 2014 we compiled all the surveys we could find of Georgetown, Silver Plume, and the mountainsides. We compiled them all, close to 600 sites in this landmark district have been surveyed. So, you have all those survey forms. At that time, we recognized that the dates for significance that were established for the landmark district said 1859 to Circa 1893. We checked off, does this building fit in the before or after 1893. And so, we had 2 paragraphs, one that says it's before, and another saying that it fits into the historic period that that's up to 1907. What the Park Service has indicated to us is that we should surround the elements that are between 1890, beginning of 94, and up to about 1st World War with their own district, because the Park service in legal action in other parts of the country has been told that “Circa’s” don't apply. So, that the date of 1893 must be absolute in their participation. With any Federal action, like Xcel’s action, and that includes highways, that includes FERC. We've dealt with the Us. Forest Service FERC, FEMA and FHWA in this landmark district on a regular basis. The things that we surveyed between 94, and 1907 have the standing of contributing historic structures as far as the local is concerned, and as far as the State's concerned they do qualify for tax credits in the State of Colorado, they do qualify for State historic funding. However, they don't have that sort of little extra layer of Federal protection. So, the recommendation was that we create inside of our landmark district. a National Register District that will cover those properties. And quite honestly, it wouldn't be the size of that big L. It would be the south end of Georgetown and Silver Plume. That would be the National Register District inside the Landmark District.
R. McDonald: I think, just to kind of clarify for us in Silver Plume that covers things like the schoolhouse and quite a few other buildings, I believe there's a significant number, right? We have a list. And so, to me it seems like something that we want to support.
Cindy Neely: The other thing it covers is the Argentine. We have a survey form on the Argentine, along the Mountain Street and that one we really want. That's the one that somebody's going to come along and decide they can have conversations about that. I'm not worried that somebody's really going to tackle the school. The Bandstand’s another one.
R. McDonald: Correct me if I'm wrong. But the section along West Mountain Street, if we want to call it that, would hopefully make CDOT take some consideration for their upcoming projects in there. So, we must decide, but those are some of the things that it seems to me why we definitely want to support it.

Mark Basham: Concern is if I think about my house, it was built in 1881? If we do this right, then that makes it more difficult if I want to do an addition, if I want to knock it down and start over.
Cindy Neely (Shares document with Board): No, it doesn't. This is a work in progress. This is not a finished map, it has no title, but what's fun about it is all the red buildings are on the historic survey. All the blue buildings are not. All the yellow is stuff that the guy who's doing the map hasn't addressed yet. This is his 1st draft, but it's a pretty cool map. As far as the answer to your question, what national designations help do is, protect you from actions of the national government, they don't change what you can do as an individual to your house. The only people who can change that are the people sitting around this table, correct? And the people sitting around this table can pass a local ordinance that says you have to go to a planning commission or to a design Review Commission. But no, that's not where this really gets into it. This really gets into it when the highway department wishes to expand the highway and take out a whole bunch of the houses on Water Street, for example.
Mark: Yeah, I'm not necessarily against that. Seeing the traffic on I-70. A couple extra lanes wouldn't hurt.
Tammy: Yeah, yeah, we don't want to take out history, though.
Marty: 2 fewer lanes would work.
Cindy Neely: Well, you know, that's a huge debate. But what you want to have is a seat at the table when they're talking about coming through your Town, and what this buys us is a seat at the table. For Georgetown, for instance, FEMA came through at some point along the line, said, We have to deal with your creek cribbing, and their idea of dealing with our cribbing initially, was to pull out all of the log cribbing and replace it all with concrete, solid, concrete walls all the way through, and they had a little conversation with the State Historic Preservation Office, and a little conversation with the National Park Service, and we got beautiful log cribbing all through the town.
Mark: So, you didn't need this thing you are proposing to make that happen.
Cindy Neely: No, we had it. We are already a landmark district. So, you get overall protection.
Mark: I'm just saying, you had a seat at the table for that conversation, and you were able to win right. So, you did that before today. Right?
Cindy Neely: The powerplant in Georgetown, as a single structure, does not have that kind of protection, and at this point. We wish it did, because we would like a seat at that table. It's the anchor to our main street. So, for a Town wide thing do you, have it? Yes, for a state kind of thing. Do you have it necessarily? No.
Marty: How do they define the houses on the map? My chimney is from 1878 and it's a blue house.
Cindy Neely: If it has been heavily altered and it does not retain any of the original characteristics, it turns blue.
Lee: So, I want to follow up on one of the things you started with was Georgetown wants to drain their lake?
Cindy: No, no, the one above. It's not Cabin Creek Lake. It's their 1st little reservoir. It's not the big lake. The 1st little lake has a dam on it, and that dam has been powering the powerhouse for 22 years until they shut it off last April/May.
Chris: It's the one that's mostly dry right now.
Lee: That's where they get their water.
Cindy: Well, yes, but there's still plenty of water coming through the Creek. The thought is that that ultimately assists the town of Silver Plume in certain circumstances, and the rest of the time, actually it makes little to no difference to you. Being a landmark district on some levels makes little to no difference to you.
Marty: But what about the power plant? You mentioned the power plant was being abandoned. How does that affect in any way in terms of maintaining it as a historic part of the town?

Cindy: It is the Public Service Company's. They say they want to dispose of it, which means they potentially want to sell it, or they could say they want to demolish it.
Marty: Okay? At that point we'll discuss what we can do to prevent that?
Cindy: Yes. Well, that's why the Town of Georgetown is interested in having a seat at the table for that discussion.
Lee: So, this is going to be called a National Register District, and that's different than a Landmark District.
Cindy: Yes, a Landmark District is in a sense, a more powerful designation, but neither of them affect anything except nationally.
Chris: It's a no brainer.
Mark: That always makes me nervous. Whenever somebody says there's no downside. It's never the case. There's always a downside that someone's not telling me.
R. McDonald: In your comments about the highway, and that maybe it's good to take the houses out of Water Street. The reality of it is, and I don't know, you probably know more about that than I do, but the Georgetown Hill, where it's headed, right now they are very restricted on what they're going to do there, and the only thing it would do is potentially force them to whatever they do at that hill, it would force them to continue that through Silver Plume rather than immediately widen it into Mountain street and along the Argentine.
Mark: I'm just saying I don't think it's a no-brainer that we don't want a wider I-70. So, we are not all in agreement that it's a bad thing, and we are not all in agreement that it's a good thing
Cindy: Can we agree that we would like to sit at the table where the discussion is held? Because that's what we're really trying to do. Because when it comes to I-70 and given that I spent the last 15 years negotiating on the county's behalf with I-70 and Clear Creek County, whatever ends up happening is going to end up being some sort of collaborative decision. It must be. And the more interest you get at the table ultimately, I think the better the decision-making is. We're going to provide a noise wall for Idaho Springs which would not have otherwise been there. We're going to save parts of a green way that would not otherwise have happened. So, what you end up with is, if we're going to do X anyway, how do we make it the best X we can? I think that it's important to gain that seat at the table, and these kinds of things help you do that. And no, they don't impose a single bit more regulations on any property owner in this town. I'm asking if the Town would support this. This means we fill out a very long form. But the people who worked on the survey to begin with, in 2014 Carl McWilliams did the structures. Eric Twitty did all the mountainside stuff. And they have agreed to come back and be the ones who will work through that form. Christine Bradley Archivist has promised to faithfully check all their facts, which means they best have them in order, because she's good at this and I will in general run around and say, Is everybody done? Because that's what I do. We have received a planning grant from the State Historic Fund as of 9 o'clock this morning I was notified. It's a small one. It's not going to take much money to do this, and the State Historic Preservation office is encouraging us to do this, so they're essentially paying the bill. So, I'm here to ask whether I can indicate that the Town of Silver Plume in general supports this idea.
Mark: Can I ask just one more question? If this is such a no brainer and good idea, why wasn't it done when we established the NLD? Why are you here today?
Cindy: Why am I here today? Well, the NLD was established in 1966, before there was a National Preservation Act in the United States. It was established with a single paragraph, which is really sort of a curious thing. And in 1976, the Park Service, who was just really getting into the business, decided Landmark Districts needed to have boundaries because they had a bunch of Landmark Districts that had no boundaries, and so they sent a gentleman, his name was Joe Mendinghall, out here to create boundaries on the 6 National Register Districts in Colorado. There's a Blackhawk, Central City, Cripple Creek, there's 1 up in Leadville. Anyway, we don't need to know what all 6 of them are. When he got to

this district, he ran into the fact that we already had a historical society in Silver Plume, and we already have a historical society in Georgetown, and they were interested in some really extensive boundaries. That's sort of putting it mildly. So he concentrated on the boundaries. He was a surveyor, and when he wrote down the dates of significance, for this, it was pretty clear that 1859 was the beginning of the discovery of gold up here, and then 1893 there was a silver crash, so he picked it and put Circa down there, because, he said sometime in the years following that things start to decline. So the dates were not taken very seriously at the time. What they were after is the boundaries. The reason we don't go back and ask them to change the date is that it reopens the entire Landmark District, and we love our boundaries, our boundaries permit us to have comments on all kinds of things, and if we reopen this case, we reopen the case of our boundaries, and we are unwilling to reopen the case of our boundaries. The National Park Service looks at this and says, this is probably the largest Landmark District in the country because it was built. So it would take in the mining resources because it tells a mining story.
Lee: so right now you're still in the formation phase, so right now you're asking us to kick in.
Cindy: Yeah, support, support and move forward. I am asking you to say that you support the idea from Silver Plume's point of view. We're not asking anybody for a dime.
Chris: It's not going to cost us anything or anything. It's just our support
Lee: I meant kick in our support. I don't know what else involved, though, so are we going to form a board and all that stuff?
Cindy: No, no, what we will do is fill out the whole application for the National Register. We'll bring it back to, I mean, I've been to the Board of Selectmen in Georgetown, too, so we will bring it back to each of the Towns and say, hey, you know, read this through. Is there anything that you find violently objectionable? I mean, we're filling out a form for a place that everybody the form gets to know. It would be nice if somebody makes a motion that we support the general idea of doing this.
Marty motions to back the Town of Silver Plumes support for the formation of a National Register District. Tammy seconds the motion, Mark Basham abstains, motion passes with all others in favor.

c. Silver Plume Mountain Park Updates and Follow Up (C. Neely)

Cindy passes another map to the Board: So, moving to item 2, item 2 is a lot more fun, isn't it? The yellow you own. You own all the yellow on this map. Actually, you own a little more than what's on this map, because you own the Reindeer and Cascade Claims, it's just that the county hasn't picked it up yet, so when I asked for the map, it still shows white. The yellow underneath the 730 road, is what was purchased, the 200 acres under there is what was purchased as the Mountain Park. The land that is currently for sale for 1.2 million dollars is in the tan. And that's I mean to get it visually is to sort of get where it is. If you notice over where the 730 road comes down into town. 1st of all, they did a quite cute thing when they did their measurements. They sort of pretended every time that the 7 30 road would cross their property it ceased to exist. That isn't true. The 730 road is a declared public road. It's owned by Clear Creek County. There's a lot that Chelsea and I have uncovered about the history of the 7 30 road, and that is something that is going to matter at some point along the line. It started as a Toll Road, and after mining left the county, picked it up as a road for them. There are a hundred 22 mining claims for sale in this. It is 350 acres, the price of 1.2 million dollars. If my addition, subtraction and division is right is about $3450 an acre, which is close to a thousand dollar an acre more than we paid for our portion of the mountain. Notice still how many white claims there are out there. This was Colorado's biggest Silver Mountain, and so these are some of the oldest claims in Colorado. It's interesting history. But the question comes, what to do here. Because I'm not suggesting that the town of Silver Plume necessarily runs after 1.2 million dollars. I'm not suggesting that I think that's a realistic price. However, that price is dependent upon access and that access is dependent upon the 7 30 Road. The 730 road was, as I said, the county took it over formally in 1899. It had been the Brown and Republican Mountain

Toll Road, and Board of County Commissioners declared it to be a public highway. Town Clerk Chelsea has requested Minutes from this BOCC meeting and reports she has not yet received the document, because I'd like to see exactly what those minutes say. We want to know exactly what they say, because at some point they're describing something that is 33 feet on each side from center line. That's a 66-foot-wide road, and that's not what we have going up now. Not now. Never was, but it did at times have wheeled vehicles on it, but that appears to be the right of way. I don't know, because what we have are Christine's notes. What we're asking for is the actual minutes from the Board of county commissioners. So, we can read the whole description. in 1998, the county declared the historical access roads throughout the county, and historical access roads to mining claims to be open public roads. and they basically had to, because the Rs. 2477. If Frank were here, I wouldn't be in this conversation. But he isn't here. Essentially, the Federal law says that anything that has been open to the public for X number of months has to stay open to the public. So, they can't shut this off to the mining claims because it is public access.
R. McDonald: It is interesting. So, you all know this is from the real estate ad, and it is interesting as you look at this. That was something that struck me as after we talked, is that if all the claims act like there is no public access across those claims, and that that would appear to be incorrect. But this is the this is part of the ad.
Mark: Yeah, but this also means, then, that we can't prevent them from accessing right? Because this is much less valuable if you can't access it. But we can't prevent them from access.
Cindy: This map was made by Clear Creek County for me. I went in and said, find me all the Taylor Kennedy claims and put them on a map. And let's give them a color. Because that's the way we did for ours. And so, I knew that this was only going to take them 20 min, but in any case, and in 1999, the county delegated the management of historic access roads within the Georgetown Silver Plume Historic District Public Lands Commission to the Historic District Public Lands Commission. So, the county gave the HDPLC the right to designate, essentially use and public use, The US Forest Service would be happy to tell you, does not automatically mean vehicular use. The HDPLC in 1999 made this and Silver Creek, and all of the trail system non-motorized. So, in order for them to get this to be motorized, the County Commissioners would have to rescind the management from the HDPLC and declare that it could be open. Now, I would like to say, I would think they would not do that.
Mark: If you got 1.2 million dollars to buy this, you might have another 1.2 million dollars make that happen.
R. McDonald: Exactly what we talked about.
Cindy: Exactly right.
Lee: My concern, and I don't know which Statute it is. But the mining act of 73, right? Is that the one that says you've got to give access to mines?
Cindy: It is 1874. Dives and Pelican, who are the mines here, that that mining law came from the dispute on the Dives and Pelican, which is the very mines they're selling. But yes, the law says that you do, but you have to prove your active ability to mine.
Mark: It's just making improvements right?
Cindy: No, it's not. The threshold for that, I think, is mineral value. I don't know if Eli counts.
Lee: Well, my thought, my question is because they're selling it as viable mining. Right? We've got all these marketing ads as viable mining, so don't we have to give them access to go up there and explore?
Cindy: It's really, you know, I don't know the answer to that question. But the Division of Mining Safety would know the answer to that question, and so I have a few suggestions on what I think we do next. And one of them is to find out where we are legally with the 730 road. Because I think that's the key issue to this whole thing. The second thing would be to inform a bunch of the major agencies who might be seriously concerned that this was reactivated for mining and that would be agencies like the Division of Wildlife and the US Forest Service and Colorado Open Lands. Everything that's green on the map

belongs to the US Forest Service. What's interesting is if you look at this carefully, you see little green spots. BLM lands have a straight line here. This is a section line, and so we have a couple of little yellow spots in their stuff, too, and of course they have 2 brown spots in our yellow spots, too.
Mark: yeah, I agree, we need to know what's going on with the 7 30 trail. Even if there was some way that we could prevent them access, like, you know, motorized mining access. When I look at this, if I look at it as somebody who just spent 1.2 million dollars to buy this, I'm like 2 white claims away from an alternative access to all my stuff.
Lee: My concern is this being a rich guy scam. You know where they come in and they sell. And now I'm going to build a great big mansion up there. We're going to helicopter stuff in. It's 1 of those deals, that's my concern.
Cindy: That would be mine, too. They own the monument. They own the 730 mine right up by the 730. You sort of flat out into something that could be just a beautiful building site. I'm in a sense more worried about the beautiful building site and somebody saying, you know, yeah, we might want to get a car up there, or the car might not matter to us. We closed 32 holes on this mountain by helicopter, you know. It was fun, but I'm as worried about somebody going up and looking at all of this. When you go up Cherokee Gulch, and you look up Cherokee Gulch on the left some of those sites are just sort of wonderful. The other thing they say is that that this is Mining one, it's mining zoned. This is county zoned. So, it's zoned mining one. But Mining One has an MR1 that goes with it, meaning mountain residential.
Every single one of these claims has and has a mountain residential. It has been interpreted as is by a mining claim. I can build a house on it for my own residence. You don't have to do anything with the patent claim.
Mark: So short of making a 1.2 million dollars offer. What can we do? Nothing? Well, 1st like you said, see if you can get a bigger entity interested in this?
Cindy: Well, I think we should spread the word to the larger entities, because this is big horn sheep breeding grounds. And it's all those kinds of things they have reason not to want and then I think we should find out a little bit more. We will probably do a historic designation on the 730 Road just for kicks, because mining is also a fed permit at certain levels. What about what about saying that monuments are?
Lee: They're advertising that the monument is part of this.
Chris: Yes, well, it is.
Lee: So, they can start with the monument and get a helicopter. Yank that bad boy off.
Cindy: Yeah. Well, if they own it. They can do that. If they own it, they can do a lot of kinds of things. And I don't know whether you know what kind of bites they have. The mining in it is going to be a little bit more interesting, because on the lower part of it they can mine within the perimeters of their existing mining claims. Draw the line where BLM goes across, those claims are all on BLM land and they are all they have. Mining is restricted on BLM lands, there could be no further mining. You can mine what you've got, yes, but when BLM transferred these lands like this whole mountain, somebody can't come along and put mining claim on the whole mountain on the south side it is closed to further mineral claims of any kind. So, while you could develop this claim, you would not be permitted really to go out of that to expand it. Very, very difficult, if somebody's really going to mine this. But above that line it's the US Forest Service, and that gets to be a whole lot different. If we can engage a agency, well, it depends, you know. You might end up looking for a conservation buyer who could then work with the agency, a conservation buyer who's simply willing to wait for the agency to be able to get their game together to really, because if an agency is interested in it takes them so long to get it.
Mark: does anybody know, are they really looking for 1.2 million? Or is that just their top anchor?
R. McDonald: It is kind of a trophy piece, and I and I hate to say it, but in today's market, it's a really small amount of money. The County is aware of it. Quite a few of the major players in the county are

aware of it. I've been in several meetings where it's already come up as well. That's the sad thing is that it's we look at it from our point of view. It's a big figure for the town, right? But you could potentially do an exchange on this IRS exchange on it and it'd be it'd be a profitable piece at that point and that's the concern that I had over it.
Mark: I mean, it's maybe outrageous for price per acre. But it's not outrageous for somebody who wants to. That's a little piece of heaven. And you're right. There are some sites up there where you could build 4 or 5 nice McMansions. It's just access. You got to have a way.
Cindy: I think that we should get some of our agencies informed, do some outreach and let people know what's going on, and I hope it doesn't all move quickly. But I'm not sure anybody would move quickly on it before they discovered a couple of things. There is a bureaucratic maze for people to navigate, I think, before they would be a firm decision.
R. McDonald: Some of the discussion we had is at a certain point. We maybe need to look at being proactive to see if we can find a conservation buyer. Yeah, and or potentially multiple buyers.
Cindy: The US Forest Service does buy land. The division of wildlife was big into the Douglas Mountain thing that happened at the Junction. They were the biggest single donor. This is the same herd of sheep guys; this is the western end of that herd. But those conversations take a long time. When I talked to TNC Nature Conservancy about the Park that we wanted to see if we could get some support there, he was a great guy, but he, he said to me, you know anything under a million is too small for us to look at. So, it does fall into the category for some of these folks, and I think it is worth looking at. It is also worth something, the land. It does not fit with our price, but it is worth something.
Lee: I just can't believe there's that much that that is a viable claim anymore.
Cindy: I also will speak to county open space. Who does know that this is is going on? They have the money to buy them.
Tammy: what direction do we take? I mean, where do we go from here?
Cindy: With your permission I will go ahead and contact the agencies I've talked to before, because I have contact people. This is what is up, and I can send them a map and say, this is what is happening. I don't know how to do this one because ours was easy, because we dealt directly with the owner and you know, and she was on board from the very beginning. We sort of have to try to figure out what kind of action there is in this arena.
Mark: These others, do, you know, are these mostly one offs. Or is there another entity that owns a whole bunch of those? Yeah, that's the other one, right?
Cindy: That's beyond the smuggler even. That's I'm less worried about that. I'm less worried about those. These are so inaccessible when you're over the top of the mountain by the time you get here. and most of those are singles. but so I don't quite know how to approach it from the real estate and to
R. McDonald: We've got a couple of things that are affecting things right now. Okay, in the real estate business one is, we've got an election coming up. So, people are traditional, not much is going to happen before the election. And then the 6 months after the election is sort of the same way. Certain things will pick up quickly, like right expecting residential to pick up pretty quickly after the election, regardless of the way it goes. people see that after the election they see that as stability, regardless of which direction it goes. And so I think that this is going to be potentially dormant, even though they've done a massive advertising campaign on it. But I don't think that we would see much activity till early summer.
Mark: It’s the question of whether you think this is a big purchase or a small purchase.
R. McDonald: And sad sadly, by today's standards. It's a small purchase when you start looking at. Take, for instance, Georgetown. Oh, you know any house in Georgetown is going to cost you. There've been some that have been listed.
Cindy: They're not selling, but they're listed there. One did sell at 1 point.

Chris: What are they going to even ask for Carlson? Elementary, you know. I mean, that's been brought up. That's going to be a lot. So Carlson, I think, is going to be at 2 million at the end of the day. Yeah, yeah, no, no, this is not that much money, not for somebody who has money.
Lee: So the really, the question is, if we are going to do something, we have to be able to control the access right?
Cindy: Let's see where that really stands. Yes, we must know how much we could potentially impact the access.
R. McDonald: currently, I think it can be said that it is controlled by HDPLC, and I don't see anybody in that group making it motorized. Yeah, no. We did have this discussion about the current county situation could potentially be different. This current County situation looks at just revenue
Tammy: basically, the only access is the 730.
R. McDonald: Yeah, the only practical access right now, they would have to have that motorized if they wanted to, but that could be the 1st thing they ask, you know, we'll give you a million dollars to open up access to it.
Cindy: With your blessing, I will contact the folks I know to. Chelsea and I will continue to follow up on the definition of the 730. I will also reach out to County Open Space.

- Cindy also discusses the ARPA "Revitalize Main Street Grant" Georgetown and Silver Plume have both received. Georgetown is using their funds to build a sidewalk, a roundabout, and some streetlights along the lake and it is a logistical nightmare. That Cindy feels would not be beneficial to the Town of Silver Plume. You have to hire a design firm, submit to CDOT, then they make sure they meet the CDOT specifications. They cost Georgetown's project an extra $30,000 in design because their design requirements changed between the first and second review. They have run Craig Abrahamson and Cindy Neely in circles. Two years to complete the design. Now they must submit daily logs, photographs of every line. Lee states we have turned this grant down, the financial cost does not make sense to the Town. CDOT approached Cindy last week and asked if the Town of Silver Plume was moving forward. Lee states we are not moving forward and have told our engineers so. Chelsea states she has not informed CDOT that we are not moving forward because Lee was supposed to investigate governmental immunity first. Lee states he will investigate governmental immunity and will get back in touch with the Clerk at that time.

d. 2025 CIRSA Property Casualty Preliminary Contribution Quote Review and Decision (C. Nihiser)

Marty Gitlin motions to approve the 2025 Property Casualty Preliminary Contribution Quote, Mark Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

e. 2024 CIRSA Workers Compensation Preliminary Contribution Quote Review and Decision (C. Nihiser)

Marty Gitlin motions to approve the 2025 Workers Compensation Preliminary Contribution Quote, Mark Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

IX. Updates:

a. Road and Bridge Committee

Marty asks if CDOT has followed up on the discussion with Marty and Lee, which there has not been any follow up and Lee will reach out to CDOT instead.

b. Budget Committee

Sunday 9/29/2024 10am Budget Committee Scheduled

c. Personnel Management Committee

N/A

d. Cemetery Committee

N/A

e. Short Term Rental Committee

N/A

f. Silver Plume Mountain Park Commission

N/A

g. Miscellaneous Updates

R. McDonald: Caboose is moving forward; lumber is dried and picked up. Waiting for permission to move the caboose to the railroad museum at the loop. Austin started working on it in the shop, however he had taken all the parts and spread them out and someone moved everything around. The board has decided to change the lock to prevent folks from accessing the area. Mac asks if Chris knows who can take scrap metal, which he does. There is a propane tank among other items that need to be disposed of. People are throwing bags of trash every day, and it has been challenging to clean out the shop. Probably need to have the dumpsters on the agenda as action items so the town can move forward with the issue. Lee has reached out to Waste connections to move the dumpsters. The Town's dumpster will be moved in front of the shop doors, and the Regester dumpster will be moved onto their property. Marty asks if the Coffee Bar has applied for a business license at this point, which the clerk has sent a notification to that business. Marty requested the discussion be had about the coffee bar needing an alternate dumpster be had when reviewing the Coffee Bar Business License Application.

X. Adjournment

Tammy motions to adjourn the meeting at 831pm. Marty seconds the motion, motion passes with all in favor.