

Village of Cimarron

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14,
2025
6:00pm**

I. Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the New Mexico State Flag & Invocation

The Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge for NM State Flag. Mayor Eloy Brazil officiated the invocation.

II. Roll Call

Mayor Eloy Brazil Councilor Colin Tawney Councilor Ernie LeDoux
Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia Councilor Miriah LeDoux

III. Approval of Agenda

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the agenda for May 14, 2025.
Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 9, 2025. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

V. Comments from the General Public (Limited to 3 minutes)

None

VI. Correspondence and Appreciations

VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

- Councilor Colin Tawney expressed his appreciation for the nice warm weather and the rain we have received.
- Councilor Ernie LeDoux thanked Miriah LeDoux, Valorie Garcia, and Sonny Jeffers for organizing the great Mother's Day event. He said it was very well attended. He also thanked the public works for getting the road repaired with the millings.
- Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia thanked the Chamber for their work and assistance in organizing the Mother's Day event. She also expressed her appreciation for the collaborative efforts for a successful event. She also thanked the public works for all they did to get the park ready for the event.

VIII. FY24 Audit Presentation by PBH- Chris Garner

Chris Garner, CPA, was not able to make it and will reschedule for the next meeting.

IX. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy thanked Valorie Garcia for organizing the Mother's Day event and he also thanked the Warner twins from Hikers for bringing them lemonade when they were working in the park. Mayor Eloy Brazil also gave an update on the Dam and the water conditions. He explained there had been so much water that the plant had been overwhelmed and the water treatment was taking longer. He also reported on the void that was found under the spillway at the Dam. Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained that the Village had capital outlay to do a little work at the dam. The contractor that was doing the work found a void under the spillway. The State Engineers Office will be conducting testing to identify the size of the void, and they will help with the cost to fix the issue. The void is approx. 4ft. deep and possibly 35ft long. She explained emergency contacts have been notified, and a tabletop exercise will be coordinated for a response in case of emergency. Mayor also explained the road to the silt box had washed out and Philmont came and opened the road up so we could get water to the Village. Councilor Ernie LeDoux and Councilor Colin Tawney discussed the details and funding options. Mayor Eloy Brazil also thanked Kirk Davis for cutting trees in the Village and working to keep the Village beautiful.

He also reported he has a meeting scheduled with the bank representative, Philmont representatives, and the Cimarron Schools to discuss the future of the bank in Cimarron. He also announced the Run for the Wall celebration will be Saturday and mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia will attend as Mayor will be out of Town.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Submitted

Councilor Ernie LeDoux asked about the wastewater project and if the contractor has had delays due to the weather.

Councilor Colin Tawney asked what the recommendations from the FAA NMDOT for the Heliport were. Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained the lamps need replaced, the light inside the windsock need replaced, and the bulbs need replaced.

c. Public Works Report

Submitted

Mayor Eloy Brazil explained the report doesn't have much on it because he always asks the guys to do projects and he forgets to issue work orders, so it doesn't reflect the correct amount of work that has been done. He will submit work orders so there is better documentation.

d. Police Department Report

No report. Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he has seen the police patrolling in the Village. Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that Sheriff Baca is working to combine the records management system to eliminate the costs of two systems. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked about the ticket system, Admin Shawn Jeffrey responded that Sheriff Baca is working to get the ticket system active so tickets can be issued in Cimarron and collected in Cimarron.

e. Fire Department Report

Chief Cris Coca reported they had two calls last month. Fire Ban is still in effect for Colfax County. He also added he will be upgrading the electrical and lights in the Fire Station, they had the trucks pump tested and all passed, water hydrants have been tested and passed, and he had the FD inspection and all passed.

f. Ambulance Report

Submitted

g. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he will work on getting the stakes for Lorraine Vargas so they can finish the staking. The flags will be posted for Memorial Day and Ms. Vargas asked if the cemetery could be cleaned up and mowed before the holiday.

h. Chamber of Commerce Report

Ms. Sonny Jeffers reported the Chamber will be having their meeting this week and everyone is invited to attend. She also reported the Run for the Wall event will be June 17 at 7:30am at the Veterans Memorial. Ms. Jeffers also reported that Philmont will be working with local businesses to advertise at the Philmont Ranch.

X. Financials- Each Item listed will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove:

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from April 9, 2025, through May 9, 2025

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the check report and deposit register from April 9, 2025, through May 9, 2025. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ 390.14

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the NM Local Government Law firm bill of \$390.14. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

XI. Old Business- Each item listed will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove/Discuss:

a. EMS- Village Policy for Responders

Mayor Eloy Brazil explained the EMS policy will be for Village employees who respond for the ambulance and EMS services. The time they are gone from their 8-hour day for an emergency will be charged to the Cimarron EMS for budgeting purposes. The individual will not receive any extra compensation for the response they will have their 8-hour workday covered and not lose their accrued leave. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked to strike more than 20 hours per calendar quarter and add no more than 80 hours per calendar quarter.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the EMS policy for responders with the correction of "no more than 80 hours per calendar quarter". Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

XII. New Business- Each Item listed will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove/Discuss:

a. Resolution 2025-016 FY24 Audit Acceptance

This item will be brought back for consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to table Resolution 2025-016 Fy24 audit acceptance until the next meeting. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

b. Land Carbogenics Project

Admin Shawn Jeffrey presented the plans from Mr. Ed Craig for the Bio Mass Plant to be located on the property by the wastewater plant. She reported there is a stipulation in the sale agreement with Vermejo for wastewater and solid waste facilities and she has submitted a letter to Vermejo asking for permission for this project to be located on the land the Village purchased. The Governing Body discussed the Biomass project and location and would like to have Mr. Ed Craig do a presentation and have a public meeting for the project to ensure the public is fully informed and have a chance to ask questions. Admin Shawn Jeffrey responded she will get in contact with Mr. Ed Craig for this request.

c. Water Tank Cleaning & Inspection-Midco

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the quote for Midco for the tank cleaning and inspections. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

d. Purchase new tractor, mower, and ground seeder- NMDOT Maintenance grant

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the purchase of a new tractor, mower, and ground seeder with NMDOT grant. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

e. Resolution 2025-017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Acceptance

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve resolution 2025-017 Colfax County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

f. Resolution 2025-018 Budget Adjustment

Admin Shawn Jeffrey presented the budget resolution.

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2025-018 Budget Adjustment. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garci seconded. Approved 4-0

g. Resolution 2025-019 Interim Budget

Admin Shawn Jeffrey presented the interim budget and explained how she budgets for the fiscal year and estimates percentages. She also added the final budget

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve resolution 2025-019 Interim Budget. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

XIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS AS PER NEW MEXICO OPEN MEETINGS ACT 10-15-1 SECTION H SUBSECTIONS 2 & 7:

Limited Personnel Matters

- a. Pay raise consideration – Renee LeDoux
- b. Pay raise consideration- Cynthia Granada
- c. Pay increase for additional duties Leo Coca
- d. Pay increase for additional duties Kevin Coca

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the items listed. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0 7:14pm

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Colin Tawney-present, Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia-present, Councilor Miriah LeDoux- Present, Councilor Ernie LeDoux- Present

XIV. Return to Regular Session

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve to return to regular session. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved. 4-0 7:37pm

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported the only items discussed were those listed on the agenda and no decisions were made.

XV. Approve/Disapprove Pay raise consideration – Renee LeDoux

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve \$1 an hour pay raise for Renee LeDoux. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Councilor Ernie LeDoux – Abstained Approved 3-1

XVI. Approve/Disapprove Pay raise consideration- Cynthia Granado

Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to approve a pay \$1 an hour raise for Cynthia Granado. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

XVII. Approve/Disapprove Pay increase for additional duties Leo Coca

Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to approve a pay increase for additional duties for Leo Coca. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Ernie LeDoux – Nay Approved 3-1

XVIII. Approve/Disapprove Pay increase for additional duties Kevin Coca

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve a pay increase for additional duties for Kevin Coca. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Ernie LeDoux- Nay Approved 3-1

XIX. Items for Next Agenda

Carbogenics Project

XX. Adjourn

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0 7:47 pm

APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE 2025


Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest: 
Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator