

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Chris Gillespie, Mayor Pro Tem Ronita Wood, Councilor Erica De Smet, Councilor Michael Cheromiah, Councilor Tim Baughman, Rapporteur, Ginger Eldrige, Police Chief Andrew Owen, and Attorney Mark Jarmie.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor De Smet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) NMSA, 1978, PURSUANT TO PERSONNEL MATTERS, TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER

Councilor Baughman made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor De Smet made a motion to reconvene at 6:12 p.m. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Mark Jarmie stated that discussion during the executive session was limited to 10-15-1H (2) regarding personnel matters and nothing further was discussed.

4. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. PRESENTTION: COPS AND RODDERS

Chief Owen gave presentation for Cops and Rodders. It is the fourth annual car show. The money raised goes toward the Special Olympics of New Mexico, specifically our Valencia County Cobras. It will be held on September 27, 2025, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Comments are limited to 1 ½ Minutes, time cannot be distributed to peers in attendance)

Suzanne Heske, resident of thirty (30) years, noted governing body minutes have not been updated since April 2024 and P&Z has not been updated since January of 2024. She wants them updated on the website.

Dolly Wallace, resident since 1952, thanked Village for getting the mosquito problem addressed although a bit late. She is sad to hear we have lost another administrator.

Stef Scanland, resident, asked why it took so long to remove access to sensitive information from former employees.

CJ Kettle, resident, urged council to adopt the proposal put forth by Valencia County Fire Department. He also had questions and concerns regarding the proposal.

Mike Brogdon, resident since 1980, also brought up concerns about council minutes and finance not being posted. It needs to be addressed immediately. He is concerned about hidden agendas.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief Owen presented August 2025 police and animal control reports.

Fire Chief Brogden thanked the Kellers for putting on the car show at the fair. Thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) was donated to the fire dept. Supplies that were damaged from the Rio Grande Fire were replaced. The Fire Department is asking for more communication from the administrative and mayor offices.

8. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Baughman no report.

Councilor Cheromiah no report.

Councilor De Smet is hosting a Meet and Greet for the five (5) candidates for the two (2) open council positions. It will be at Cowboy Hall on September 25, at 6:00 pm. There will be a Q&A session. She brought it to the council's attention that there is no treasurers report for the second time in a row.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood no report.

9. COUNCIL TO REVIEW & TAKE ACTION PREVIOUS OF MINUTES

August 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

On Mayor and Council Reports, Councilor Baughman also said he wants to ask NMDOT about raised areas on sidewalks as well as ask Prodigy about Scada systems communicating with boosters to meet demands.

Councilor Cheromiah corrected the misspelling of limited under Public Comment, Resident Damon Torres. He also pointed out under Item 10. Ten (10) needs to be spelled out and dollars should be added for it to read ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 21, 2025, Regular Meeting with suggested amendments. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. VALENCIA COUNTY PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS

Chief Propp gave a presentation on a proposal to provide emergency medical services for the Village of Bosque Farms. Benefits would include: Valencia County Fire Department will provide response twelve (12) hours a day, seven (7) days a week based on peak call volume. Bosque Farms will remain the fiscal agent for all capital assets. In the event the Village ambulance is out of service, Valencia County will place a spare unit in service to eliminate down time. There was discussion. Chief Brogdon spoke on behalf of BFFD and state they champion this proposal.

11. COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON VRECC JPA

Tommy Sanchez, District Director for VRECC 911 center for Valencia County and Isleta, gave a presentation on the Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement between City of Belen, Village of Los Lunas, Village of Bosque Farms, the City of Rio Communities and Valencia County, New Mexico.

There was discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to accept the Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement between City of Belen, Village of Los Lunas, Village of Bosque Farms, City of Rio Communities and Valencia County. Councilor De Smet seconded to motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

12. COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING MICHAEL LIMON AND SHALINE LOPEZ FROM THE BANK ACCOUNTS

Councilor Baughman made a motion to remove Michael Limon and Shaline Lopez from the Bosque Farms bank accounts. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13. COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION OF HIRING A POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Pro Tem Wood motioned to hire Michael Tom as a Bosque Farms Police Officer. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

14. COUNCIL TO OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FENCE VARIANCE FOR 1775 PEARL LOOP

The resident, nor representative of resident, requesting the variance was present at the meeting. Attorney Jarmie advised it was appropriate to have discussion without representative of person requesting variance.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to open a public hearing. Councilor Cheromiah second the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

15. COUNCIL TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FENCE VARIANCE FOR 1775 PEARL LOOP

Talmage Vancuren, 1755 Pearl Loop, spoke on his concerns about the height of his neighbor's fence.

There was discussion.

Dolly Wallace, resident, spoke on another situation with bad neighbors. She recommends an adjustment in ordinance where cameras cannot infringe on their neighbors. She said they must shield it where they cannot see into the neighbor's property. Stop this invasion of privacy.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to close the public hearing regarding fence variance request for 1775 Pearl Loop. Councilor De Smet second the motion.

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Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

16. COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION OF FENCE VARIANCE FOR 1775 PEARL LOOP

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve of fence variance for 1775 Pearl Loop. No second. Motion failed.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to disapprove fence variance request for 1775 Pearl Loop. Mayor Pro Tem Wood second the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS GOVERNING BODY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Adjournment

Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Chris Gillespie, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Ginger Eldrige, Rapporteur