



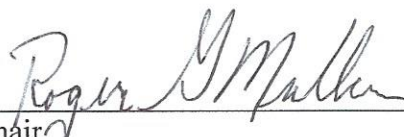
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 8, 2021
Zoom Conference
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Commission Chair Muller called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Other members present were Commissioners Janet Flaughner, Jacob Sutton, Lonnie Eakle, Kendall Alexander, Ron Heil, Jerry Manzer, Deb Suniga, Christian Garcia, Ramon Reyes and Councilmember Kristin Zasada. City staff Sean Chambers, Kelli Johnson and Deb DeBoutez were present.
- II. **Citizen Input:** There were no guests.
- III. **Items of Business:**
 - a. Approval of February 8, 2021 minutes was moved by Commissioner Heil and seconded by Janet Flaughner. It passed unanimously 10-0 (one member absent).
 - b. Sean Chambers, Director of Water and Sewer Dept. gave a presentation regarding the Terry Ranch Project – a large water storage opportunity in north Weld County. This project came about through the due diligence study for alternatives to the Milton Seaman Reservoir expansion. The City, with the guidance of industry experts, many scientists and the Water and Sewer Board, has determined the Terry Ranch aquifer is one that will enable the City to store water for residents in the future with little financial risk to the City. It will be more expensive for the City to move and treat the water, but those costs can be managed over time. The Water and Sewer board determined this project is a more efficacious and advantageous for the City and is finalizing the contract with the owners of the property and has City Councils' unanimous support. The Water Dept. is always available to answer questions about this project and any other in the City. Visit www.greeleygov.com/terryranch for more information.
 - c. Deb DeBoutez shared the list of the latest openings on the Boards and Commission for the City. Members are asked to help recruit candidates for the Citizens Transportation Advisory Board, the Museum Board and the Rodarte Community Center Advisory Board. Interested parties can get more information and apply by visiting <https://greeleygov.com/government/b-c>.
 - d. Regarding the Land Acknowledgement statement, Deb DeBoutez shared the statements that UNC and the City Museum department uses. The board decided a small group will create a statement for HRC to use and will present their recommendation to HRC. Janet, Roger, Ron and Lonnie volunteered to work on this for HRC.
- IV. **Member Updates:** Chair Muller reported that other city Human Relations Commissions are recruiting members for their respective boards. Once that is completed, they expect to convene statewide Human Relations Commissions meeting. Lonnie Eakle reported on his participation of the League of Women

Voters panel on diversity. He said the League wants to support and work with HRC on its mission of understanding and celebrating the diverse people and cultures in Greeley. Ron Heil reported that letters of support for the "Aging Well Community" designation have been received from Greeley City Council along with letters from City of Evans and Garden City. United Way of Weld County is finalizing the application for the AARP designation. Deb Suniga reported the Latino Coalition of Weld County is sponsoring a large Covid vaccination event this Saturday. At Sunrise Community Health Center in Evans. She asks that the HRC and City help promote this event.

V. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is April 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm.


Chair