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Mr. Louis Meyer, SGM
Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Mr. Meyer,

Please accept our highest appreciation and regard for the work done by Mr. Lance Stewart as temporary Manager for the Town of DeBeque. His willingness to come to our aid and to perform with confidence and knowledge literally saved us from a possible breakdown.

At that time, the new Board had decided to search for a new Manager and a new Attorney and I, as the new mayor and Administrative Authority was called out of town for a lengthy medical treatment. Additionally we were floundering with an unresolved wastewater situation, our long term public works director was under pressure from CIRSA to retire, a controversial subdivision resurfaced, drought conditions hit our irrigation water supply, and we experienced the fire of the century. After the briefest of briefings, Mr. Stewart took charge in his calm manner, gathering information, encouraging staff and officials, moving forward to solve problems. Throughout the summer months and on to budget time in the fall, Mr. Stewart has demonstrated the essence of professionalism.

As in small communities, a new person, especially one with a position of authority is looked upon with suspicion. The same was in this case. Now, with the hiring of a permanent manager, our personnel and board can not say enough good comments to and about Mr. Lance Stewart. We will have a friend to call upon when in need, and by association, SGM.

Sincerely, Wayne Klahn
DeBeque Mayor

