



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 10, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai, with Trustees present: Stan Harbaugh, Sarah Matchett, Jeff Snook, Rick Fox, Ed Seymour, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Special Event Coordinator Rebecca Loucks, Parks, Events, and Facilities Director Troy Ward, and Community Development Director Devan Aziz.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**Motion #1** by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Matchett, to approve the agenda as amended to include the *State of Palisade High School* Presentation.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Palisade High School Principal Dan Bollinger and PTO President David Miller gave a brief presentation on the school's accomplishments in 2025 and outlined its goals for 2026.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

**PlacerAI Events Update**

Community Development Director Devan Aziz and Parks, Events, and Facilities Director Troy Ward presented data analytics on town events using Placer AI technology.

**Town Capital Projects**

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson provided an update on the sewer project, announcing that bids are due next week.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or the Board members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.*

- **Expenditures**  
Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – January 14, 2026 – January 27, 2026.
- **Minutes**  
Minutes from the January 27, 2026, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

**Motion #2** by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Trustee Snook, Trustee Fox, Trustee Seymour

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING I**  
**ORDINANCE 2026-01 – Adoption of the International Fire Code**

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing at 7:00 pm.

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson explained that this is the second reading of the ordinance adopting the 2024 International Fire Code and noted that the code aligns with recommendations from fire chiefs and is consistent with Mesa County’s adoption.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment. None were offered.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to Board comment and discussion. None were offered.

**Motion #3** by Trustee Snook, seconded by Trustee Seymour, to approve Ordinance 2026-01 adopting the 2024 International Fire Code by reference.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Matchett, Trustee Snook, Trustee Fox, Trustee Seymour, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Harbaugh,

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the hearing at 7:02 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**RESOLUTION 2026-03 Supporting a 250/150 Grant for Roundabout Center**

**Artwork**

Town Manager Hawkinson explained the opportunity to apply for a 250-150 celebration grant of \$85,000, with no match required for artwork in the center of the Elberta Highway 6 roundabout. The design concept could feature historic themes, such as stilt walkers or a welcome sign that includes “250-150” as part of the celebration.

**Motion #4** by Trustee Seymour, seconded by Trustee Snook, to direct the Town Manager to submit a grant for “placemaking” in the roundabout for \$85,000, with the match being in-kind of the Town’s current financial commitment to this project, including bike lane delineators, landscape, and streetlights in the roundabout.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Matchett, Trustee Snook, Trustee Fox, Trustee Seymour, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Harbaugh

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**JoAnn Rasmussen of Palisade, CO;** Announced that the Palisade Historical Society has digitized 5,034 issues of the Palisade Tribune through December 2003.

**Corina Scott of Palisade, CO;** Expressed concerns about grant matching, Highway 6 project oversight, and communication issues with town officials.

**Matt Payne of Palisade, CO;** Advocated for more vocational programs in schools and suggested focusing on normalizing revenue streams to weather economic volatility and drought conditions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Snook** briefly explained the last Tourism Advisory Commission meeting, **Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville** gave an update on future Palisade Chamber of Commerce events, **Mayor Mikolai** described the Grand Valley Rural Transit Authority’s meeting, and **Trustee Matchett** reviewed the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) meeting.

**The consensus of the Board is to have Slate Communications attend a Board meeting to present an end-of-year report.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #5** by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Snook, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg Mikolai  
Mayor

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Keli L. Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk

