



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 26, 2022**

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: Jamie Sommerville, Ellen Turner, Susan L'Hommedieu, Nicole Maxwell, Bill Carlson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development (CD) Director Brian Rusche, and Utilities Director Matt Lemon.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Trustee Somerville, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Somerville presented a proclamation for Teacher Appreciation week to representatives of Mesa County Valley School District 51.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Weis - 602 Moss Way, expressed concerns about his family plot in the Palisade Municipal Cemetery and enforcement of the rules and regulations regarding decorations.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson noted the Palisade Police Department is involved in assisting Mr. Weis with his concerns regarding the cemetery.

Town Manager Hawkinson informed the Board that GJEP recently held a Western Economic Summit, and it was her honor to represent the Town of Palisade for the first time, as Palisade had not been invited to participate in the past.

She went on to discuss the Police Department's need to obtain new shotguns and that the Board will be seeing them appear in an upcoming expenditure report.

Utilities Director Matt Lemon updated the Board on spring run-off and current water levels. He added that the alley improvement project is nearing completion and that Parks Department was also able to utilize equipment rented for the alley project at Riverbend Park to improve the parking area between the east and west sides of the property.

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 – April 7, 2022 – April 21, 2022

- **Minutes**

Minutes from the April 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Motion #2 by Trustee L’Hommedieu, seconded by Trustee Somerville, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION FOR OUTGOING TRUSTEE SUSAN L’HOMMEDIU

Mayor Mikolai presented Trustee L’Hommedieu with a thank you gift for serving eight years as a Trustee for the Town of Palisade. All Board members gave their thanks and complimented her work ethic and friendship.

The Mayor called for a ten-minute recess for members of the public to give their thanks and congratulations to Trustee L’Hommedieu.

WELCOME & OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Town Clerk Keli Frasier swore in Trustees Jamie Somerville, Nicole Maxwell, and Stan Harbaugh.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Greg Mikolai called for a roll call with Trustees present: Jamie Somerville, Ellen Turner, Stan Harbaugh, Nicole Maxwell, Bill Carlson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development (CD) Director Brian Rusche, and Utilities Director Matt Lemon.

NEW BUSINESS

Boards/Committees Appointments

- ***Fire Authority – Current Representatives Trustee Somerville and Trustee Carlson***

Mayor Mikolai nominated Trustee Carlson to represent the Board of Trustees on the Fire Authority Committee, Trustee Somerville seconded.

Trustee Somerville nominated Mayor Mikolai to represent the Board of Trustees on the Fire Authority Committee, Trustee Carlson seconded.

Motion #3 to appoint Mayor Mikolai and Trustee Carlson to represent the Board of Trustees on the Fire Authority Committee.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Turner, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

- **Grand Valley Regional Transportation Authority (GVRTC) – Current Representative Mayor Mikolai**

Mayor Mikolai volunteered to continue to represent the Board of Trustees on GVRTC.

Motion #4 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Carlson to appoint Mayor Mikolai to represent the Board of Trustees on GVRTC.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Turner, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

- **Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) – Current Representative Trustee Turner**

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell to appoint Trustee Turner to represent the Board of Trustees on TAB.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Turner

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

- **Palisade Chamber of Commerce – Current Representative Trustee Somerville**

Motion #6 by Trustee Maxwell to table voting in a representative to the Chamber of Commerce Board due to their lack of a Chamber Director and the uncertainty of the Chamber's future.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion #7 by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Trustee Turner to appoint Trustee Somerville to represent the Board of Trustees on the Palisade Chamber of Commerce Board.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Turner, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

- Colorado West Land Trust – Current Representative Trustee Somerville

Motion #8 by Mayor Mikolai, seconded by Trustee Somerville to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to represent the Board of Trustees on the Colorado West Land Trust.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Turner, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

- One-Riverfront Commission – Current Representative Mayor Pro-Tem Chase

Motion #9 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to represent the Board of Trustees on the One-Riverfront Commission.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Turner, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

- Colorado Municipal League (CML) – Current Representative Trustee Carlson

Motion #10

Mayor Mikolai nominated Trustee Harbaugh to represent the Board of Trustees on CML, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase seconded.

Trustee Maxwell nominated Trustee Carlson to represent the Board of Trustees on CML, Trustee Turner seconded.

A voice vote was requested.

Trustee Harbaugh gained the majority vote to represent the Board of Trustees on CML.

- Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) – Current Representative Trustee Carlson

Motion #11 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to appoint Trustee Carlson to represent the Board of Trustees on AGNC.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Turner, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai

No:
Absent:

Motion carried.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion #12

Trustee Maxwell nominated Trustee Turner to be appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase seconded.

Mayor Mikolai nominated Trustee Somerville to be appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem, Trustee Harbaugh seconded.

A silent ballot vote was requested. *Note: the ballots and tally sheet will be a permanent attachment to these minutes.*

Trustee Turner was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem with a 4-3 vote of the Board.

Resolution 2022-09 Reappointing Town Officers

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the Town's organizational Chart.

Motion #13 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Maxwell to approve Resolution 2022-09 reappointing Town officers.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Chase, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Contract for the Palisade Comprehensive Plan Consultant

CD Director Rusche reviewed his staff report included in the packet.

Board members had a brief discussion regarding their wish to be an integral part of the process of completing the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion #14 by Trustee Harbaugh, seconded by Trustee Chase to direct the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Community Planning Strategies, LLC to be the consultant for the Palisade Comprehensive Plan update.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Chase, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Maxwell requested that the Town begin *Coffee with the Board* again. **The consensus of the Board is to have *Coffee with the Board* on a Saturday at Peach Bowl Park.** Town Clerk Frasier was directed to send out a Doodle Poll for possible dates.

Mayor Mikolai asked for an update on the status of recent CUPs that were granted by the Board of Trustees. Staff agreed to have an update at the next meeting.

Trustee Carlson suggested creating a committee with Trustee Maxwell to get high school students involved with the Town of Palisade. He explained that the City of Fruita has a program that the Town may be able to emulate with their assistance. Mayor Mikolai agreed and added that he would like to begin a program to award students for academic excellence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members briefly explained the various meetings they had recently attended.

Trustee Harbaugh asked the Board for a re-vote on his appointment to represent the Board of Trustees at CML, as he no longer feels comfortable accepting the position.

Motion #15 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh to remove Trustee Harbaugh from the CML appointment.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Chase, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Motion #16 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner to appoint Trustee Carlson to represent the Board of Trustees on CML.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Chase, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #17 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

The Board of Trustees, Town Manager Hawkinson, and CD Director Rusche were present for a discussion and update on the new community clinic.

X 

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk



Vote by Trustee Stan Harbaugh

SOMERVILLE

Vote by Mayor Greg Mikolai

Jamie Somerville

Vote by Trustee Jamie Somerville

Jamie

Vote by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase

Ellen Turner

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Vote by Trustee Bill Carlson

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