



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2024**

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, Jeff Snook, Sarah Matchett, Rick Fox, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville. Absent was Trustee Nicole Maxwell. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, Public Works Director Brian Flenniken, Parks and Facilities Director Troy Ward, and Fire Chief Charles Balke.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Matchett, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Colorado West Land Trust Request for 2025 Funding – Presented by Libby Collins, Senior Regional Program Manager of the Colorado West Land Trust.

Historical Society Request 2025 Funding – Presented by JoAnn Rasmussen, President of the Palisade Historical Society.

The River Corridor Initiative (RCI) request for a 5% grant match for a Colorado Water – Presented by Joel Sholtes.

The consensus of the Board is to have Mayor Mikolai sign the letter of support presented in the packet.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson introduced Public Works Director Brian Flenniken, reviewed the current and ongoing projects led by the Town of Palisade, and announced upcoming grant opportunities.

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 – August 29, 2024 – September 12, 2024
- **Minutes**
Minutes from September 10, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion #2 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Matchett, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING I

ORDINANCE 2024-06 – Municipal Code Amendment Regarding Cannabis Signs

Mayor Mikolai opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 pm.

Community Development Director Devan Aziz reviewed the staff report and background of the current ordinances regarding marijuana signage.

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

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to Board comment.

Members of the Board had a lengthy discussion on the following items and concerns:

- Where the idea for the proposed ordinance originated
- Other sign code regulations
- Current businesses that may be out of compliance currently
- The visual impact a sign with a marijuana leaf may have on the Town
- Does this change match the regulations of the rest of the Valley
- Equality for all businesses
- Age restrictions are required on any future signs

Motion #3 by Trustee Matchett, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, to approve Ordinance 2024-06 as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Snook, Mayor Mikolai

No: Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Fox

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the Public Hearing at 6:49 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract for Construction Manager for CDOT TAP Grant

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report and the process that was implemented, which led staff to recommend JUB Engineers for the contract.

Motion #4 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to direct the Town Manager to enter into contract with JUB Engineers for management of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-22 Supporting a Bureau of Reclamation Grant Request for Upper Basin Environmental Drought Mitigation

Town Manager Hawkinson, Community Development Director Aziz, and Parks & Facilities Director Troy Ward all reviewed the proposed grant application and potential development of the land currently occupied by the sewer lagoons.

Various Board members discussed the possible future of the land, and whether or not accepting this grant would lock in the use of the property.

Motion #5 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Snook, to approve Resolution 2024-22 as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were offered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Snook gave a brief update on the Tourism Advisory Board, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville reported on the Palisade Chamber of Commerce, Trustee Matchett discussed the Grand Junction Economic Development Partnership (GJEP), Trustee Fox reviewed the recent Palisade Rural Fire Board meeting, and Trustee Harbaugh reflected the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session held pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., concerning the purchase and acquisition real property interests; section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., conference with the town attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions; and section 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding the Palisade to Clifton Sanitation District sewer transfer project property interest acquisition and potential condemnation.

Motion #6 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh to enter Executive session at 7:30 pm.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Present in the executive session were Mayor Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustees Harbaugh, Matchett, Fox, and Snook, Town Manager Hawkinson, Town Attorney Richard Peterson-Cremer, Brad Rodenburg with TRS, Bret Guillory with JUB Engineers, Public Works Director Flenniken, Community Development Director Aziz, Parks and Facilities Director Ward, and Town Clerk Keli Frasier.

The executive session concluded, and the Mayor returned to the open meeting at 8:31 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Matchett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

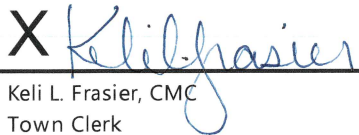
A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade began at 8:32 pm to discuss the 2025 Town of Palisade Budget. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville, Trustees Stan Harbaugh, Jeff Snook, Sarah Matchett, and Rick Fox. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, Public Works Director Brian Flenniken, and Parks and Facilities Director Troy Ward.

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Greg Mikolai
Mayor

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Keli L. Frasier, CMC
Town Clerk

