



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 26, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, Bill Carlson, and Nicole Maxwell. Absent was Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Parks, Recreation, Events & Facilities Director Troy Ward, and Police Chief Jesse Stanford.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Parks, Recreation, Events & Facilities Director Troy Ward and Police Chief Jesse Stanford accepted a \$9,736.00 donation to the Palisade Fire and Police Departments from Ben Snyder, the Executive Director of the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission. The funds were earned from the Just Peachy 5K run held during the Palisade Peach Festival.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed a list of all of the projects completed for the Town of Palisade in the last few years.

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 – September 8, 2023 – September 21, 2023
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the September 12, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

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

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Chase, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Turner

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) Appointment

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report, clarifying that the Tourism Advisory Board is recommending Brooke McElley to be appointed as she just interviewed with the Board of Trustees at the last appointment and would be a great advisor to TAB.

Motion #3 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to appoint Brooke McElley to the Tourism Advisory Board for a two-year term.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Chase, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Turner

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynette Summy 3857 Puerta Vista Court approached the Board to speak in favor of the proposed solar farm project in unincorporated Mesa County currently being considered by the Mesa County Planning Commission and the Mesa County Commissioners.

David Tallbott 3782 F ¼ Road, Rhiannon Lawson 555 38 Road, Carol Hawkins 611 Sobre El Rio Drive, Jennifer Zadrozny 315 33 ¾ Road, Chris Murphy 601 39 Road, Janis Berino 3854 Montana Vista Court, Ted Guntle 577 39 Road, Naomi Smith 3734 F ¼ Road, Charlayne Hieginson 2773 Unawep Avenue, and Don Almond 1691 Snow Eagle Court, all spoke in opposition to the proposed solar farm project in unincorporated Mesa County currently being considered by the Mesa County Planning Commission and the Mesa County Commissioners, and asked the Board of Trustees to write a letter to the Mesa County Commissioners opposing the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Chase, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 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 6:42 pm to discuss the proposed solar farm project in unincorporated Mesa County currently being considered by the Mesa County Planning Commission and the Mesa County Commissioners as well as the 2024

Town of Palisade budget. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Trustees Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, Bill Carlson, and Nicole Maxwell. Absent was Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Town Clerk Keli Frasier.

X 

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

