



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 24, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, Nicole Maxwell, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Absent was Trustee Bill Carlson. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, and Parks, Recreation & Events Director Troy Ward.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Chase, to approve the agenda as amended to include a presentation from Colorado West Land Trust.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Parks, Recreation & Events Director Troy Ward reviewed past projects and the progress of projects underway in the Parks, Recreation & Events Department.

Town Manager Hawkinson updated the Board on the sewer consolidation with Clifton Sanitation.

**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 – October 4, 2023 – October 19, 2023
- **Minutes**  
Minutes from the October 10, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

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

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***One Riverfront Trail***

Brad Taylor with the Colorado Riverfront Foundation and David Varner with the One Riverfront Commission gave a review of the history of the One Riverfront project, as well as the goals and direction the groups and project want to move toward.

### ***Colorado West Land Trust***

Ilana Moir, Director of Conservation at Colorado West Land Trust, gave a brief presentation of the history, progress, and goals of the Colorado West Land Trust buffer program.

## **PUBLIC HEARING I**

### ***Ordinance 2023-06: Xcel Energy Franchise Agreement***

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing at 7:08 pm.

Town Manager Hawkisnon reviewed the staff report and reminded the Board of Trustees that this is the second reading of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment, and none was offered.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to Board discussion. None was offered.

***Motion #3*** by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve Ordinance 2023-06 granting a gas and electric franchise within the Town of Palisade to Public Service Company of Colorado ("Xcel").

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Consider Comment on BLM Grand Junction-Colorado River Valley Supplement Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Leasing***

Town Manager Hawkinson introduced Scott Breaden, the director of the Colorado Wildlands Project, who reviewed the BLM Grand Junction-Colorado River Valley Supplement Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Leasing.

Mayor Mikolai allowed public comment on this item.

Chelsie Miera, the Director of the West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association, explained the improvements the oil and gas industry has accomplished regarding emissions while drilling and the regulations imposed on oil and gas drilling operations.

Board members discussed the content of the proposed letter, the importance of protecting the Palisade watershed, and the unknown content of the environmental impact study proposed alternatives.

*Motion #4* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve the proposed letter commenting on the BLM Grand Junction-Colorado River Valley Supplement Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Leasing as written.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Mikolai

**No:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Maxwell

**Absent:** Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None were offered.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Summerville reported on the most recent Palisade Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.

Mayor Mikolai stated there hadn't been a recent GRVTC meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turner stated she would give an update about the Palisade Tourism Advisory Board at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**


*Motion #5* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

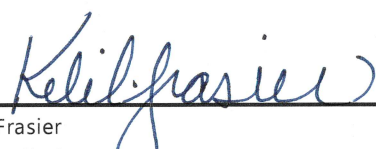
A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

**WORK SESSION**

The work session of the Board of Trustees was canceled.

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Greg Mikolai  
Mayor

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Keli Frasier  
Town Clerk

