



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 14, 2023**

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: Bill Carlson, Stan Harbaugh, Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Trustee Nicole Maxwell was absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Brian Rusche, and Town Attorney Jim Neu.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed her Town Manager report and updated the Board on current projects.

The consensus of the Board is to have Mayor Mikolai sign a letter of support to Mesa County for a TAP Grant.

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 – February 25, 2023 – March 9, 2023
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the February 28, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

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

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING I

Ordinance 2023-02 - Land Development Code Amendment Regarding Office Uses in the Town Center (TC) Zone District

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 6:09 pm.

Community Development Director Brian Rusche reviewed his staff report and the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the application.

Applicant Alex Hood, a partner in REO Holdings, LLC (owner of 305 Main Street) gave a brief presentation regarding the request, and stressed that they are requesting that office uses be changed to a conditional use, not permitted by right.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment.

Jessica Burford - President & CEO of the Palisade Chamber of Commerce, and Luke Gingerich – Area Manager of JUB Engineers, both spoke in favor of the application.

Gail Evans – 126 Majestic Court, spoke in opposition of the application.

Mr. Hood gave closing remarks encouraging the Board to approve the application to allow the flexibility of the Town Center Zone.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to Board comment.

All members of the Board of Trustees spoke about the pros and cons of the proposed changes to the Land Development Code.

Town Attorney Jim Neu clarified that this was a legislative action, not quasi-judicial.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to deny Ordinance 2023-02.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 6:44 pm.

NEW ITEMS

Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing Town Staff to Take Certain Actions Regarding Town Water Rights

Town Manager Hawkinson introduced the Town's Water Attorney, Mary Elizabeth Geiger, who reviewed Resolution 2023-03 and explained why it was being requested.

Motion #4 by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Chase, to approve Resolution 2023-03 authorizing Town staff to take certain actions regarding Town water rights.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Agreement with Palisade Pipes and Laterals

Town Attorney Jim Neu reviewed the staff report and answered questions from various Board members.

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to direct the Town Manager direct the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Palisade Pipes & Laterals to transition the operation of the raw water irrigation system to the Town of Palisade beginning with the 2023 irrigation season.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-04 - Special Event Calendar, Blackout Dates

Town Clerk Keli Frasier explained the proposed Resolution regarding special events and blackout dates.

Motion #6 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adopt Resolution 2023-04 Special Event Calendar and Blackout Dates.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Interviews and Appointments to the Palisade Planning Commission

All applicants that weren't being interviewed were asked to leave the chambers while individual interviews took place.

A copy of the silent vote results will be a permanent attachment to these minutes.

Motion #7 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to appoint Brandon Burke, David Hull and Ed Seymour to the Palisade Planning Commission for a four-year term ending in February 2027.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Evans – 126 Majestic Court, thanked Town Manager Hawkinson, Community Development Director Rusche, and the rest of Town Hall staff for all of their hard work. She went on to state that the Town of Palisade would not survive without Town Manager Hawkinson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #8 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Chase, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

X

Greg Mikolai

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X

Keli Frasier

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk





Board of Trustees Regular Meeting March 14, 2023

Planning Commission Appointment Tally Sheet

(Individual Board Member Votes Will Be Attached to This Sheet as a
Permanent Attachment to the 03/14/2023 Minutes)

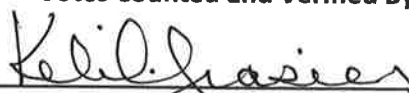
Vote 1

	<u>BURKE, BRANDON</u>	<u>HULL, DAVID</u>	<u>SEYMOUR, ED</u>	<u>WEIS, JJ</u>
<u>Mayor Greg Mikolai</u>	✓	✓	✓	
<u>Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner</u>	✓	✓	✓	
<u>Trustee Thea Chase</u>	✓	✓	✓	
<u>Trustee Bill Carlson</u>	✓	✓	✓	
<u>Trustee Jamie Somerville</u>	✓	✓	✓	
<u>Trustee Nicole Maxwell</u>	ABSENT			
<u>Trustee Stan Harbaugh</u>	✓	✓	✓	
Total:	6	6	6	

Vote 2

	<u>BURKE, BRANDON</u>	<u>HULL, DAVID</u>	<u>SEYMOUR, ED</u>	<u>WEIS, JJ</u>
<u>Mayor Greg Mikolai</u>				
<u>Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner</u>				
<u>Trustee Thea Chase</u>				
<u>Trustee Bill Carlson</u>				
<u>Trustee Jamie Somerville</u>				
<u>Trustee Nicole Maxwell</u>	ABSENT			
<u>Trustee Stan Harbaugh</u>				
Total:				

Votes Counted and Verified By:



 Keli Frasier, Town Clerk

Trustee Jamie Somerville

Planning Commission Appointment

03/14/2023

Vote for Three (3)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burke, Brandon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hull, David
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seymour, Ed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weis, JJ

Trustee Stan Harbaugh

Planning Commission Appointment

03/14/2023

Vote for Three (3)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burke, Brandon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hull, David
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seymour, Ed
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Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner

Planning Commission Appointment

03/14/2023

Vote for Three (3)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burke, Brandon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hull, David
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seymour, Ed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weis, JJ

Trustee Bill Carlson

Planning Commission Appointment

03/14/2023

Vote for Three (3)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burke, Brandon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hull, David
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seymour, Ed
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Trustee Thea Chase

Planning Commission Appointment

03/14/2023

Vote for Three (3)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hull, David
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seymour, Ed
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Mayor Greg Mikolai

Planning Commission Appointment

03/14/2023

Vote for Three (3)

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