



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Spring, CO 81147

MINUTES
Sanitation General Improvement District Meeting
March 17, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

A special meeting of the Town of Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District was called to order on March 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

BOARD PRESENT: Board President Pierce, Board Member Bergon, Board Member Lindner,
Board Member Martinez, Board Member Williams

BOARD ABSENT: Board Member deGraaf, Board Member DeGuise

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. DISCLOSURES AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Board Member Bergon moved to approve the consent agenda, Board Member Williams seconded. Motion Passed

VI. REPORTS TO BOARD

1. Sanitation District Update

The pump stations are running on bypass pumps at a cost of \$58,000 per month.

Replacement parts for the four pumps have been ordered through Flygt and are expected to cost upwards of \$2.5 million. The discharge and re-use permit applications for the San Juan WWTP have been submitted to CDPHE for approval, which may take up to 60 days.

Roaring Fork Engineering came to Pagosa for a site visit on the lift station overflow vaults at PS, and KOA, Chamber, and Apace lift stations, and to identify conflicts for the design of Category 5s. The McCabe Creek project began today and should be completed in 80 days, July 1st.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Messaging and Communication

The Town's communications professionals and staff confirmed consistent, accurate messaging regarding the wastewater system. The situation is stabilized with significant work ahead. The Town's message should be clear: this is not a “state of emergency,” but it is a serious infrastructure reliability challenge—and we have a plan. Town Manager Harris said a temporary wastewater treatment plant is over \$5 million, so at this time staff is keeping the pumps running until a new treatment plant is built. Sewer Project Admin, Karl Johnson, said pumps have lasted about three years before needing replacement.

Mr. Charles Moore with Brown's Hill Engineering provided information on the electrical needs of the pump station equipment and the need for fresh air in the pump stations. Sanitation Supervisor, Lucian Brewster, said the pumps can cavitate and cause corrosion, the Flygt pumps grind the solids, and are made for wastewater pumps.

VIII. NEXT BOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Pierce adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Shari Pierce
Board President