



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Spring, CO 81147

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

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

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

BOARD ABSENT:

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 April 9, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

Board Member deGraaf moved to approve the consent agenda, Board Member Bergon seconded.

VI. REPORTS TO BOARD

1. Sanitation District Update

Public Works Director Phil Bennett gave a sanitation update about no longer using diesel back-up pumps at PS2; both pump stations are running on electric train pumps. The Sanitation District hosted a technical meeting for the operational design and implementation of the new system. Roaring Fork Engineering, COGENT Water Tech Group, FLYGT Pump Supplier Engineer, Browns-Hill Engineering, and Pagosa Springs Public Works operating personnel all participated. Roaring Fork will acquire technical design data, run-time and other operational data to provide a full system engineering analysis on the Force Main system. Results will be provided to FLYGT for an engineering check on their proposed pump train design. Browns-Hill is coordinating with FLYGT to assure control system configurations provide the necessary operational commands, speed and power for the pump system. Final recommendations are expected in May. Delivery and installation is expected six months after the order is placed, currently in the October/November timeframe.

Board President Pierce wants to make sure we have backup electric pumps before sending off the backup diesel pumps. Mr. Bennett said we have electric backup pumps.

2. McCabe Creek Project Update

Sanitation Projects Administrator Karl Johnson said the McCabe Creek project is moving along as scheduled. Currently, the crew is working on the stretch from the N6th/ N7th Alley from West to East towards the one-way portion of Florida. Increased traffic control is in place with flaggers to assist motorists and pedestrians navigating the construction zone. To date, approximately 450 lineal feet of 8" sewer main and 4 new manholes have been installed with seven service connections re-connected to the new mainline.

Council member Martinez asked if the weather would impact the workflow and inflow of the creek. Mr. Johnson said if it's too wet or muddy they will not work and when the creek rises from runoff they will also not be able to work.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sewer Service Line Replacements

Sanitation Projects Administrator Karl Johnson said some of the service lines have been reconnected to the main sewer line and most of the sewer lines have been replaced for everything within the town's right of way with the McCabe Creek Project alley. Per PSSGID policy (Section 5.14) property owners, own the service line from the service tap all the way to the connection on their property, regardless of whether it is private property or in public right-of-way. During multiple discussions about the repair and replacement of the PSSGID infrastructure, the question has been asked; As the Sanitation District works through the service lines, should the district assume the cost to upgrade current clay service lines or orange burg service lines to the industry standard of PVC up to the right-of-way line during these projects? The work is not part of the current contract and will result in additional fees.

Board Member Martinez asked what the cost of a replacement for the service line. Mr. Johnson said it would roughly be about \$5,000 - \$35,000 depending on location. Board President Pierce asked if we are planning on doing any category 4's or if we are just sticking with category 5's. Mr. Johnson said yes, they are planning on doing category 4's but that there isn't a definite number on how many. Board Member Williams asked if there was a way to make a sustainable program by adding the cost to the sewer bill. Mr. Johnson said there are other communities that do offer sliding scales for assistance help in paying for the cost.

Board Member Bergon, motioned to suspend the current PSSGID Rule Section 5.14 for service lines in Category 4 and Category 5 projects for 2026 and assume service line replacement costs in the Town

Right of Way, Board Member Williams seconded.

VIII. NEXT BOARD MEETING JUNE 2, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Pierce adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm

**Shari Pierce
Board President**