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**PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012
Town Hall Council Chambers
551 Hot Springs Blvd
5:00 p.m.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President Aragon, Board Member Alley, Board Member Bunning, Board Member Cotton, Board Member Lattin, Board Member Schanzenbaker, Board Member Volger
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 25, 2012** – Minutes were approved as read.
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Resolution 2012-02, Certifying Delinquent Sanitation Accounts to the Archuleta County Treasurer** - The District regulations allow the certification of delinquent sewer fees to the County Treasurer for collection with property taxes. This process has been a great success in the District's ability to collect delinquent fees. The 2012 delinquent fees have once again decreased slightly due to the slow economic recovery and increase in foreclosures. Several customers have commented positively to the conversion of monthly billing the district began in 2011. The certification to the County Treasure guarantees the District will recoup the service fees the properties have been provided along with any penalties. Board Member Volger moved to approve Resolution 2012-02, certifying delinquent wastewater fees and charges to the County Treasurer, Board Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. **Flying Burrito Sewer Connection** – This item was continued at the October 25th District meeting in order to discover the property owners requests. Staff contacted the property owners of 574 S 7th Street where the Flying Burrito is located. Ms. Laurentine White said that when she purchased the property, she did not know there was a connection at the top of the hill. She said Sanitation District Supervisor Starks found a sewer line in the access area to connect their house. She said she found out about the upper connection when some friends came for a visit. She said that Mr. Starks sent Ms. Webster, the previous owner of the Flying Burrito, a letter stating that the new property owner of the business would be responsible to pay the \$4,400. She said the Mr. Starks sent Pagosa Rooter to look at the drain and determine where they connected into the sewer lines. She does not have \$4,400 to pay for past plant investment fees. She said the original owner should have paid for this and she being the new owner should have been made aware of this other connection. The current owners of the Flying Burrito cannot afford to pay the \$4,400 for this tap fee either. She said she pays water access for the other lot her home sits upon, she doesn't think she can afford a future monthly rate for sewer. Sanitation Supervisor, Gene Tautges, said that when the business was put there Mrs. Webster was supposed to get with the fire department and grease trap and more installed and Ms. White was not required to pay for these items. He said a

tap and temporary connection is approved but a permanent building is not allowed in the GID. The Flying Burrito site has never been charged the connection fee of \$4,400 nor has it paid the monthly sewer fee. Council Member Volger said the monthly fee should have been paid, and suggests staff to look into the original PIF fee. Staff believes a variance was given to Ms. Webster to put the Flying Burrito business at the top of the hill a few years back. Council Member Cotton believes that when Ms. Webster was given a variance, the Commission assumed the fee had been paid and therefore never asked again. The former owners, Ms. Webster, were approved under a variance, when the new owners came forward with a Conditional Use Permit to open the business back up again, they were required to finally determine the use of the sewer line. Mr. Dickhoff said that Mr. Starks told him the two sewer lines connect in a Y before entering the main sewer line. Town Manager Mitchem asked the board to allow the continued operation of the business and ask staff to craft a recommendation to the board. He said not until the district found a large amount a grease in the system did they determine there was a hook-up at that location. This item is tabled until the December 5th meeting.

V. NEXT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2012 AT 12:00PM

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.