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**PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES
TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2010
Town Hall Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Holt, Council Member Jackson, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Volger
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES from February 2nd and 18th, 2010** – Minutes were approved as read
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Waste Treatment plant options** – The Sanitation Supervisor, Phil Starks, has been researching funding for a solar power plant. He contacted the USDA Rural Development and was advised that the USDA had new ARRA funds available up to \$11 million in loans and \$5 million in grants for the state of Colorado projects. These ARRA funds face different engineering processes which could potentially remove previous roadblocks. One of these original roadblocks was the plant being located within the 500 year floodplain. After discussion with the USDA RA engineers, Mr. Starks was made to believe the waiver of the floodplain issue would be approved by review both in Colorado and in Washington DC. The requirement to get a FEMA floodplain study is no longer necessary. Selecting the USDA route and submitting the application will take time and engineering, but Mr. Starks feels it is the correct action to take. The current loan/grant funding available is at a 45% ratio to each other. If approved the district could receive a \$3.3 million loan and a \$2.7 million grant for a \$6 million dollar facility. The current \$2 million dollar loan from Water and Power Authority will not be extended until more information is received with a deadline of early April. The DOLA grant of \$1,250,000 expires in November of 2010. The costs for the USDA option will be \$30,000-\$40,000 for the application, floodplain study and engineering. The grant application is due prior to the Water and Power Authority deadline of April. The turnaround time with USDA is dependent upon our floodplain study and their work load but estimated about 3-6 weeks. The headworks will be put on hold until the engineering is complete; however the lagoon dredging will need to be done this year. Council Member Pierce moved to approve moving ahead with the USDA Rural Development application for funding of the designed waste water treatment plant and putting the headworks project on hold, Council Member Holt seconded, unanimously approved.
- IV. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**
 1. **District Manager Report** – January’s flows were .207 MGD on average; an 83% removal rate for BOD. There were 3 violations in January. The BOD violation is due to the amount of sludge in the lagoons, but we hope to have the dredging completed this year. No spills or clogs in the collection system to report. A \$10,000 planning grant was received from the Water and Power Authority.
- V. **Next Board Meeting March 18th at 12:00pm**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm