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**PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
5:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President Aragon, Board Member Cotton, Board Member Holt, Board Member Lattin, Board Member Pierce, Board Member Volger
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012** – Minutes were approved as read.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
  1. **USDA Update** – The USDA had sent the District a letter stating that they were pulling funding for the plant because the stalling of the wastewater project and for considering the PAWSD pipeline alternative. Town Manager Mitchem along with legal counsel contacted USDA and requested they not pull the funding. USDA requires a timely decision by the District so that they may release the funding for other projects in the State.
  2. **PAWSD Pipeline Update** – Mr. Mark Weiler, Committee Chair, gave a brief explanation on the history of the five year process that has brought the Sanitation District and the PAWSD Board together and the proposed pipeline. Mr. Ed Winton was hired by PAWSD in the last year and had suggested options to bring the community together, reduce costs, and better utilization of the current assets. Mr. Jeff Schamberg and Mr. Art Dillon are with Bartlett & West, Inc. engineering firm and have been hired to complete a feasibility report and PER for a wastewater pumping station. The Committee for the Sanitation and PAWSD District met with the engineers from Bartlett & West, Inc. hired by the District's to produce a preliminary engineering report and feasibility study for the potential pipeline and unanimously agreed to recommend moving forward with the low cost pipeline. The cost for the pipeline is estimated to be \$4,387,648 plus 15% construction contingency and engineering and construction administration costs for a total of \$5,484,560. The Committee has verbal right-of-way agreements from all property owners for the Meadows Route and South Pagosa Route pipeline options. This is well below the proposed mechanical wastewater plant estimate of \$7.5 million dollars. The proposed pipeline is designed for a service population of 3,000 and a total flow of 1.08 MGD or 750 gallons per minute. The elevation for pumping the sewage is approximately 600 feet. The proposed pipeline is just over 36,000 feet, and the proposed Meadows route will require less traffic control. Mr. Gregg Mayo with PAWSD explained there is a required ten foot separation between the water and sewer lines, the engineers will ask CDPHE if they would allow less than ten feet if it is a fused PVC pipe. Mr. Phil Starks explained the current water line is a supply line, not a potable water line. Board Member Holt is ready to make a decision on moving forward with the pipeline. He said there is a \$2 million savings plus the savings in interest costs. If accepted, the USDA funding would be given up, the \$2 million CWRPA loan is secured but could be re-negotiated at a lower rate in June, DOLA has verbally accepted the modification in project and will give their \$1.25 million in grant funds, and the PAWSD will be rebuilding its infrastructure that will be repaid by the District at a low interest rate, currently less than one percent. Mr. Glenn Walsh asked about State and/or Federal grants for the rehabilitation of the current lagoon site, and the potential of deed restrictions. Town Manager Mitchem said the District will be exploring funding options for the

reclamation and does not believe there to be any deed restrictions on the property. Board Member Cotton moved to approve the preliminary engineering report and feasibility study and authorize the committee to move forward with final design phase as per agreement, Board Member Holt seconded, unanimously approved.

**IV. Next Board Meeting March 22, 2012 at 12:00pm**

**V. ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.