Town of Paonia
214 Grand Avenue
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 6:30 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

A) Roll Call

Present:
Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer
Trustee Czech
Trustee Foster (via Zoom)
Trustee Hunter
Trustee Ostrander

Absent:
Mayor Smith

B) Approval of Agenda

Interim Town Administrator Sund noted that the Town Attorney had been asked to address questions regarding Administrator Wynn's status. Town Attorney Buchner recommended adding the matter under the fair notice exception as a discussion item tied to the administrator-related agenda items.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the agenda and include the discussion mentioned by the Attorney under Actions & Presentations item G, number 4. Seconded by Trustee Ostrander.

The motion carries unanimously.

C) Announcements

Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer announced open seats on the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment, with applications and letters of interest due to the Town Clerk by July 1, 2026, at noon.

D) Public Comment

L. Livingston comments on misuse of cellular-type meter reading data and clarification on the western loop replacement meeting.

E) Consent Agenda

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Ostrander.

The motion carries unanimously.

F) Staff Reports

1) Interim Town Administrators Report

Interim Town Administrator Sund discussed administrative handling of certain permit and water moratorium issues, suggested future review of water conservation/rate options, and introduced a "parking lot" process for tracking future agenda topics.

2) Department Score Card

No discussion or presentation made.

G) Actions & Presentations

1) Consideration of Agreement with Red Feather Bowmen for the Smith Center

Interim Town Administrator Sund advised the agreement could be approved conditionally if Red Feather Bowmen provided proper insurance documentation naming the Town appropriately, with higher coverage likely needed in the future.

Board discussion included a suggestion to explore whether any state indemnity or insurance assistance might exist for similar nonprofit/public-service groups.

Trustee Ostrander makes a motion to conditionally accept the lease with Red Feather Bowmen using the Smith Center for a period of twelve (12) months or until the town enacts an agreement for the building's management supersedes the lease providing Red Feather Bowmen furnishes the proper liability insurance documentation. Seconded by Trustee Foster.

The motion carries unanimously.

2) Consideration of Appointing Two Trustees to the Hiring Committee for the Town Administrator Hiring Process

The Board discussed forming a hiring committee to assist with the Town Administrator recruitment process, including review of executive search firm proposals and later applicant review. Trustees Hunter, Ostrander, Foster, and Czech each expressed some willingness to serve, with discussion narrowing toward Trustees Ostrander and Foster. The Board also discussed including staff representatives from administration, public works, and police, while noting workload concerns for Public Works and the need for staff input in the process.

Public Comment:

- E. Brown comments on interest in serving on the Board of Trustees.
- C. Patterson comments on need for a new trustee and recruitment timeline.
- E. Short comments on lack of board concern about costs of hiring a firm.

Trustee Ostrander makes a motion to appoint Trustee Foster, and herself, Trustee Ostrander, as the trustee members for the search for the firm as well as three staff; Samira Vetter, Jordan Redden, and Matt Laiminger as staff representatives. Seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

3) Consideration of Process for the Ad Hoc Short Term Rental Committee to Fill Vacant Community Member Seat and Request from Facilitator Scott Brown about Committee Membership

Staff reported that the STR Committee had a vacant community member seat following Julie Bennett's resignation and that Facilitator Scott Brown had recommended filling the vacancy before future meetings continued. The Board discussed whether to fill only the vacant seat or also add a third community representative, including possible representation from Common Ground, use of the prior applicant pool, and whether the committee or Board should handle the appointment process. The Board also briefly discussed concerns about the committee's scope, with Mr. Brown and staff noting that the current scope was tied to the facilitator's contract and that broader topics could be addressed later by the Board of Trustees through a work session if needed.

Public Comment:

- C. Patterson comments in support of a work session.
- E. Short comments on public feedback considerations.

- S. Yeamans comments on government overreach and affordable housing arguments.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to direct the Ad Hoc Short-Term Rental Committee to fill the vacant seat and add an additional community member seat, and to fill those vacancies within the committee. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Foster asked whether the Board needed to make a motion for an STR work session. Trustee Hunter said she did not believe it was agenda-based, and another trustee suggested placing it in the new "parking lot" for future consideration. Trustee Foster agreed to that approach.

4) Consideration of Appointing Interim Town Administrator Sund to the Planning Commission

a) <u>UPDATE – added at approval of agenda:</u> Town Attorney Buchner on status of Town Administrator Wynn.

Town Attorney Buchner explained that Town Administrator Wynn had provided sufficient notice of his intent not to renew his contract, which ends July 12, 2026. Town Administrator Wynn had accrued enough paid time off to remain on PTO through the end of the contract and was expected to continue working remotely on key outstanding projects, including the budget amendment and audit-related work. He also clarified that the Town was not approving additional pay beyond accrued PTO, that the PTO was treated as earned compensation, and that Administrator Wynn remained available to Interim Town Administrator Sund, the Mayor, and the Town Attorney for continuity during the transition.

b) <u>Appointment to Planning Commission</u>

Staff explained that because Town Administrator Wynn was finishing out his contract remotely and Interim Administrator Sund had taken over day-to-day operations, it was appropriate to appoint Interim Administrator Sund to the administrative member seat on the Planning Commission. Interim Administrator Sund had indicated he was willing to serve in that role during his interim administrator service.

Public Comment:

No public comments received on this topic.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to support the appointment of Intern Town Administrator Sund to serve as the administrative member of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Trustee Ostrander.

The motion carries unanimously.

5) Consideration of Appointing Interim Town Administrator Sund to the Ad Hoc Short-Term Rental Committee

Staff explained that, because Interim Town Administrator Sund had taken over day-to-day Town operations, appointing him to the Ad Hoc Short-Term Rental Committee would allow the committee to continue receiving administrative input and coordination. Interim Town Administrator Sund indicated he was willing to serve on the committee during his interim appointment.

Public Comment:

No public comments received on this topic.

Trustee Czech makes a motion to appoint Interim Administrator Greg Sund to the Ad Hoc Short-Term Rental Committee. Seconded by Trustee Ostrander.

The motion carries unanimously.

6) Consideration of Resolution 10-26 Appointment of Officer – Treasurer

Staff explained that Resolution 10-26 would appoint Interim Town Administrator Greg Sund as Town Treasurer to maintain continuity during the administrative transition. Interim Town Administrator Sund clarified that, if appointed, he would oversee finance rather than take over daily accounting work, and he noted the Town may need to consider better separation of financial duties in the future, possibly through an additional finance/accounting position.

Public Comment:

No public comments received on this topic.

Trustee Czech makes a motion to approve Resolution 10-26, appointing Greg Sund as Town Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

7) Consideration of Resolution 11-26 Authorized Signatories

Staff explained that Resolution 11-26 would update the Town's authorized signatories by removing Stefen Wynn and adding Interim Town Administrator Greg Sund, while keeping the existing requirement for staff and elected official or Finance Committee involvement for new or changed bank/credit accounts.

No Board discussion followed.

Public Comment:

No public comments received on this topic.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve Resolution 11-26 designating authorized signatories for applications for new or changes to bank and credit cards. Seconded by Trustee Ostrander.

The motion carries unanimously.

8) Executive Session

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., in order to determine positions relative to matters that are or may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding a possible agreement for transfer and operation of water system with Hidden Valley HOA. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

The Board goes into Executive Session at 8:36 PM.

Executive Session concludes at 9:04 PM. Attendees included Attorneys Sheila Stack and Clay Buchner, Deputy Clerk Santiago, Interim Town Administrator Sund, Trustee Foster, Trustee Czech, Trustee Ostrander, Trustee Hunter, and Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer.

No action taken.

H) Mayor & Trustee Reports

1) Ad Hoc Short Term Rentals Committee

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisher provided an update from the Ad Hoc Short-Term Rental Committee. She summarized that the committee had worked through some proposed definition and wording changes but had been unable to move forward fully due to membership/quorum issues. The Board also briefly discussed how the newly approved community member appointments would help the committee continue its work

2) Parking Lot Items Suggested

Trustee Ostrander identified topics for the Parking Lot that included possible STR Work Session for further Board/public discussion, possible resolution in support of citizen free speech, and a possible resolution/discussion on a data center ban.

I) Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer adjourns the meeting at 9:13 PM.

TOWN OF PAONIA SEAL INC. 1902 DELTA COUNTY COLORADO

Samira M. Vetter

Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk

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Sheree Fischer, Mayor Pro-Tem