

# Pinewood Springs Water District

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## Special Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Pinewood Springs Community Center, 61 Kiowa Road, Lyons, CO

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

### 2. Roll Call and Quorum

Board Members Present: Jim Easter, Patty Peritz, Kim Bologna, Evan Jones

Quorum: Established

Attendees: Brian Holland, Rich Triano, Steve & Cindy Lamaire, Tom Emerson, John and Judy Bigger, the Isenbergs, Jim Ramsey, the Adelsons, Larry & Susan Wisecup, Ted Plank, Warren Mussleman, John Cook, the Kochs, Mark Stacey Davis, the Berlins, Doug Mann, Kathy Cundell, John Bykerk, Mary Legan, Pete Hindsey, Fred Lewis, Libby Noble, Jen Taylor, David Grigsby, Lisa Purcell, Mary Caner, Renee, Katie, Lisa, Jill, Maira Knotts, Two Mote, Martin Bolster, Steve Fitzgerald, and approximately 14 additional community members who arrived after the meeting began.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

### 4. Business Items

#### A. District's Critical Water Situation

The District reported a water emergency due to high manganese (1.6–7 range) preventing safe reservoir draws, combined with water tank levels dropping despite hauling. Emergency decision: Pump water from the reservoir despite manganese concerns. A boil water advisory was issued and bottled water was made available. Chlorine dosing is being closely monitored to balance manganese and prevent DBPs.

A temporary 50 gpm treatment containerized plant from Clear Creek Systems was identified as the immediate solution; expected delivery is ~3 weeks. CDPHE approval will be sought, but emergency installation may proceed before final approval.

Community Q&A included capacity, temporary vs. permanent use, preventive measures, and water rights issues. Board confirmed system is temporary but adequate, and efforts to secure water rights are ongoing.

#### **B. Water Hauling and Rates**

Hauling was performed with 6,000-gallon and 1,800-gallon loads. Discussion centered on regular vs. hauling rates. New rates effective September 1. Community raised fairness concerns regarding mid-month billing. Hauling costs reported: \$11,200 to date, including 11 loads by Speer (\$2,200) and 7 loads by MacDonald (amount pending).

#### **C. Contractor & Project Updates**

Rock excavation at Button Rock caused delays. CCI contract includes flat rate for rock removal. Board emphasized importance of conservation and ensuring proper pipe installation and testing.

#### **D. Wells Discussion**

Thirteen past wells remain abandoned due to uranium and radon contamination. Treatment costs estimated at ~\$45K per well. Not considered feasible at this time.

#### **E. Communications Improvements**

Board emphasized better communication with residents. Evan obtained website access and will update with meeting minutes, advisories, and project updates.

### **5. Motions and Actions**

Motion: Jim moved to approve CCI invoice of \$167,156.38 and Requisition #4 for \$105,168.73 and EIAF RFR 1 (2Q) for \$24,130.00. Seconded by Kim. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Evan moved to approve prorated September hauling expenses across all taps, based on average usage. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Public Comment**

Community members expressed concerns about unclear rates and timelines, requesting answers prior to the next regular board meeting. Several offered to volunteer for meter readings; staff explained limitations.

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

Respectfully recorded by Patty Peritz, Board Secretary