

Coolin Sewer District
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026

The Coolin Sewer District Board of Directors met on February 4, 2026, at the Coolin Civic Center. Those present were Paul LaCasse, Jim Morse, Josh Christensen, and Jake Copeland. Also present were Chris Morris, Jordan Brooks, and Thad O’Sullivan. See attached sign in sheet for community members present. Jake called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Josh motioned to approve the January meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

Paul motioned to approve the January bill payments and treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Kyle Mescho and Zack Wallin (Keller Associates) attended the meeting to discuss the revenue bond process which was previously discussed at a special meeting on January 15th. A revenue bond may be placed on the election ballot for consideration by District constituents during either the May or November election cycles. The Board determined that aiming for the November 2026 election would be preferred over May 2026, to allow for more research and public involvement. It was noted that there are 127 registered voters within the Coolin Sewer District boundaries per Bonner County Elections Office. A majority vote of 50%+1 would result in a pass. The amount of the bond would be determined based off which improvement scenario is chosen (scenario options shown in [CSD Minutes – 10.29.25](#)). The debt service would be paid for by any connections receiving a quarterly bill for user fee charges, as a separate line item from operations and maintenance. Meaning, any new connections to the system will also incur the charge for debt service. It was stated that a revenue bond is not a Local Improvement District (LID).

The District could choose scenario 2, to only address improvements needed for existing LID connections and reuse permit changes (824 ERUs) or scenario 3, the facility plans projected growth (940 ERUs). Scenario 3 would capture LIDs and reuse permit changes along with some additional capacity. Initial discussion leaned in favor of only addressing LID connections and reuse permit changes. However, subsequent discussions revealed that failing to consider growth would mean properties within the District boundaries, that have installed septic drain fields during the moratorium, would still not be able to connect to the system. Consideration of the cost of improvements now vs later was also mentioned, noting that the amount received in connection fees could make up a good

portion of the difference between the two scenarios. It was also suggested that if maintaining the health and integrity of Priest Lake is the primary objective, then planning for growth should not be overlooked. It was also questioned whether Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) would have an opinion on phasing of improvements or if the facility plan projected growth would be required. Kyle and Zack will email IDEQ to ask if they support a phased approach. Public outreach was discussed and how much money and resources should be spent on informing and receiving feedback from citizens. Ultimately no vote was taken on which scenario the District intends to pursue or to officially put a revenue bond on an election ballot. The item requires additional consideration and will be discussed further in upcoming meetings.

Jake also emphasized that, as members of the Board, their responsibility is not to determine what may or may not be constructed by property owners based on their individual views regarding current community matters.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Service calls:

1. Loyd Rentfro – Pump discharge line came off pump, put everything back together and reset pump, while pump was pumping down found that the pump float was bad, replaced float.
2. Mike Day – Bad pump contacts, replaced.
3. Jerry & Colleen Wilson – Bad pump contacts, replaced.
4. John Mandere - Broke fitting at pump valve.
5. Matt Alice – No power to controller, had customer reset breaker in the house, checked amperage and it was high, pulled pump and found toilet paper stuck in the cutters, cleared the toilet paper. Reset pump and everything worked properly.
6. Clipper Marina - Broke nipple, replaced with a new one, pumps wouldn't clear tank, checked amperage and discovered a bad pump contacts, shut pump off, the one pump still wouldn't clear the tank, shut the pump valve off and the pump cleaned the tank, called R.C. Worst and had them come up and check everything out, they replaced the contacts, we pulled the pump to replace the check valve and found hard plastic stuck in the check valve, they took the top of the pump off and discovered the top impeller broke, had them order a new pump and motor.

Chris had 1 locate in January.

Chris mentioned that someone had put an old radiator and trash in the District's dumpster recently. The plan was to start locking the dumpster moving forward.

Jake had some additional sections to add to the weekly maintenance report template.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Paul to move into executive sessions according to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) and 74-206(1)(a). The motion was seconded by Jim. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously. Executive session started at 5:38pm. A motion was made by Paul to come out of executive session at 6:53pm. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Brooks
Clerk | Treasurer
Coolin Sewer District

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Meeting Sign in Sheet

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Print your first and last name below. Thank you!

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2. ZACH Wallin

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