Coolin Sewer District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2026

The Coolin Sewer District Board of Directors met on August 5, 2026, at the Coolin Civic Center, at 3:00pm. Executive session was held before the regular meeting time of 4:00pm. Those present were Paul LaCasse, Jim Morse, Josh Christensen, and Jake Copeland. Also present were Jordan Brooks and Toby McLaughlin (Sandpoint Law). Jake called the meeting to order at 2:59pm. Chris Morris arrived at 4:00pm following executive session. See attached sign in sheet for community members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Paul moved to go into executive session per §74-206(1)(f). The motion was seconded by Jim. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously. Executive session began at 2:59pm. Paul moved to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried. Executive session ended at 3:55pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul moved to approve July 1, 2026, meeting minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Paul moved to approve July 15, 2026, meeting minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Paul moved to approve the July 2026 bill payments and treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Bond Election Resolution 26-02 was reviewed and discussed. The following sentence from the ballot form was discussed. *"The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond is a tax of $0.00 per $100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions."* The Board was concerned this sentence would cause confusion to the voter, making it unclear how the bond would be repaid. In email communications, Brandon Helgeson with Hawley Troxell, stated this sentence is a tax impact statement saying there is a tax impact of $0.00. The tax impact statement is required by law. The bond will be repaid through quarterly user fee revenue and will be listed as a separate line item from operations and maintenance charges. The bond will not be repaid through property tax revenue. The Board would like to see an additional statement on the ballot form which states the potential rate impact. Brandon also stated in email communications that Hawley Troxell generally tries not to include

anything on the ballot that isn't prescribed by statute due to the potential risk of an election challenge. Hawley Troxell recommended including the potential rate impact in informational materials and presentations to the public explaining the reason the tax impact statement of $0.00 is listed, because it is required by law. The Board tabled this item until later in the meeting to further read through the resolution and discuss after new business was addressed.

Keller Associates Task Order #11: 2026 Bond Support was reviewed by the Board. The task order outlined how Keller Associates will assist with public support efforts associated with the fall revenue bond to fund wastewater system improvements. Paul moved to approve Task Order #11 as written. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Keller Associates Owner-Consultant Agreement: Amendment #1 was reviewed by the Board. The amendment included additional scope of services to complete topographic survey and base mapping of Coolin Sewer District's existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Paul moved to approve Amendment #1. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Josh moved to authorize retention of general legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Jim moved to authorize retention of civil litigation attorney. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Building location permit BLP2026-0779 for Matthew Minas at 148 N Hess Pt Rd was reviewed by the Board. Josh moved to approve sign off with the inclusion of comments stating that 1 single family dwelling can be reconnected to the existing system and no additional outbuildings or RVs. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Building location permit BLP2026-0667 for Patton Family Trust at 436 Bayview Dr was reviewed by the Board. Josh moved to approve sign off with the inclusion of comments stating that no additional sewer connections are available. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

The Board reviewed the 2026-2027 preliminary budget, which includes the anticipated 25% rate increase beginning in March 2027. The Board agreed the proposed budget was ready for publication. Expense line-item allocations will be reviewed again in November 2026 before the budget is adopted.

The Board reviewed the connection status for parcel RP00072005012AA (Bayview Dr). The Board determined there are 5 assessed ERs (LIDs) on the parcel. There is one existing system on the property and user fees have been continuously paid since the structure burned down in the late 1970s. The existing system is a 500-gallon steel tank. The Board agreed 1 ER/single family dwelling could

reconnect to the system. Prior to connection, a new tank must be installed at the owner's expense. The additional 4 ERs cannot connect until restrictions are lifted.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Tenthy – unusual swirling in the tank, bad alarm float, replaced alarm float, found one of the pump feet stuck in the pump, replaced with a new pump
2. Pierce – toilet paper stuck in the pump, replaced with new pump since this has been repeating issue
3. Moffitt – Chris contacted the owner and gained access to District equipment that was locked, found high pump amperage, replaced with a new pump
4. Larson – bad pump float
5. Moose Knuckle – bad redundant off float, float replaced
6. Atkinsons – main breaker tripped, reset breaker and tested pump, everything good
7. Suttons – bad pump float, replaced float. Ball Electric re-wired the system so District equipment was separated from the customer's generator and well equipment which was causing issues and blowing fuses for District equipment. The Board agreed that all electrical costs are the owner's responsibility.
8. Robinson – pump not working in auto, replaced float, still wouldn't work in auto, RC Worst came to troubleshoot the issue, a wire was found shorted out in the tank, wiring will be replaced
9. Hauled old pumps to the dump
10. Alison with Selkirk Power Generation serviced both lift station generators, the south lift station generator maintenance cycle issue still needs resolved.
11. Tombari – toilet paper stuck in pump
12. Bullock – toilet paper stuck in the pump
13. Stauffer – tank replaced
14. Office lighting replaced
15. 8 locates in the month of July
16. Dry box container storage was briefly discussed; quotes are still needed to decide which size to purchase.
17. Monthly irrigation samples were discussed; Bob Hansen requested that samples be collected in the first week of the month.

BOARD COMMENT

The Board directed Jordan to submit a summarized version of the latest District status letter for public comment on the Yoman Bluff subdivision file.

UNFINSIHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

The Board returned to discussion of the Bond Election Resolution. After considering the advantages and disadvantages of including specific rate impact information on the ballot form, the Board determined that leaving the ballot as written was the best approach. The District will provide potential rate impact information separately through supplemental materials. Paul moved to adopt Resolution 26-02 as written and approve the ballot form language as written. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm. 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!

1. Jeff Boies
2. Don Pruett
3. Carol Nicholson
4. Teri Carlson
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