

Coolin Sewer District Regular Meeting Minutes August 6, 2025

The Coolin Sewer District Board of Directors met on August 6, 2025, at the Coolin Civic Center. Those present were Paul LaCasse, Jim Morse, Josh Christensen, and Jake Copeland. Also present were Chris Morris, Skyler Day, Jordan Brooks, and Thad O’Sullivan. Jake called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. See sign in sheet for community members present.

Jake noted that the District Board of Directors is comprised of five members; however, at present, only four positions are filled. He encouraged any qualified individuals who are interested to contact the District Clerk for further information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Budig had a question regarding sub-water tables and whether the District had any information on which direction they flow. Jake stated that installation of monitoring wells is part of upcoming improvements and that improvements will be made as funding is available. Jake also noted that grant funding provided by the State is highly limited.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jim motioned to approve the July 2nd meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

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

Paul motioned to approve the updated Sewer Service Application which reflects the current connection fee (approved at the January 8th Board meeting) and an added provision regarding Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) approved Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER). The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Caleb Connell submitted a sewer service application for his shop with living quarters at 1345 N Steamboat Bay Rd, on 7/20/25. His intent was to save his available ER/connection (which was assessed in the 2006 LID) for his house. Josh motioned to deny the application for sewer service for the shop with living quarters. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Baird submitted a Sewer Service Application for his property (Lot 19) on Maiden Lane, on 7/22/25. The Board reviewed his application and confirmed an ER/connection was assessed in the 2006 LID. The Board directed Jordan to have Mr. Baird fill out an updated Sewer Service Application now that the updated format had been approved. The Board stated that Mr. Baird would need to obtain an IDEQ approved PER before final approval could be given by the District.

Josh motioned to approve the building location permit review sign off for Tim Davis for a steel structure with no plumbing at 76 Sherwood Dr. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Jim motioned to approve the building location permit review sign off for Jason & Keely Wines for a house and shop on parcel RP052310000030A (Sundance Acres) with a comment stating there is no LID or connection available for the parcel. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

BOARD COMMENT

Jim provided an update on the raised sewer lid project along E River Rd. He noted that there are several accounts regarding the Bonner County grader hitting the lids. Jim has been communicating with Jason Topp from Bonner County about the incident in an effort to recover repair expenses.

Paul expressed concern about the lack of official addresses for lift stations. Jake searched for addresses nearby that could be used for the time being.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Andy McCleod – replace float pump
2. Garskes – went there twice, foreign object stuck in the pump
3. Guy Byrd – pump tank overflowing
4. Cvancara – pump tank overflowing, replace pump, no estimation on how much effluent went on the ground, the Board stated a report to IDEQ must be submitted in situations like this.
5. Hargreaves – breaker tripping, foreign object, reset pump
6. Jemisons (Bullock) – TP stuck in pump, cleared, all fine
7. Langley's shop – replaced a fitting
8. Loel Fenwick – overflowing out of tank, swing joint issue
9. O'Connors – root issues
10. Solberg – alarm
11. Smith – alarm
12. Wilson – installed new lids
13. Battaglia – alarm
14. Ellis – breaker tripped, everything was fine on arrival
15. Lusk – service line repair, 2nd time

16. Davis (E Cav Bay Rd) – alarm
17. Pring – house draining slowly, could be a root problem

Chris stated 6 locates were completed in July.

Chris reported that he requested RC Worst to source an alternative brand of mixer pump for replacement at the south lift station, as the existing brand does not carry a warranty. Additionally, Big Sky Industrial vacuumed out the south lift station.

Beckwith & Kuffel recommended retightening all components on the blowers to address the leakage issue.

Chris said the irrigation pump pressure dropped to 20 psi, and it should be at 60 psi. He stated he couldn't find anything in the chlorine contact chamber and main line. RC Worst would be up to assess the situation soon.

The Board asked for weekly checklists to be included in meeting packets for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Paul to move into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(f) and 74-206(b). The motion was seconded by Josh. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously. Executive session started at 4:55pm. Jim motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Paul. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 6:13pm.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Brooks
Clerk | Treasurer
Coolin Sewer District

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Meeting Sign in Sheet

8/6/25

Print your first and last name below. Thank you!

1. MIKE BUDIG
2. Brad Wagner
3. Darcy Sjothaug
4. Earl Nicholson
5. CORY YOST
6. John Stockton
7. Ron Huff
8. Dennis Ball
9. Matt Rudolf

Neal Hughes

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