

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2026

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Jim Prioreshi, Ron Serna, Dennis Maroney, Paul Willumstad, Corinne Koehler, Donna Phillips, Marisa Lopez

Also Present: Lisha Coultrip, Attorney
Scott Hobson, Administrator
Mike Cuppy, Northstar Engineering
Tia Monson, Lake Runyon Watchperson

The regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order by President Prioreshi at 10:00 am.

Minutes

A quorum being present, the minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Koehler to approve minutes and seconded by Maroney. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Forum

None

Guest Speaker

None

Arts Committee

Levee Mural Project

Proposals

Jan Patterson "Americas Oldest Toy Run"

Christina Beurman "Iris in Bloom"

Tia Monson "Horse Mural"

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Willumstad moved to approve the four proposals. Koehler seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sculptures

None

Treasurers Report

A. Accountant's Compilation Reports

Priorreschi suggested to forego report because of Cosyleon's absence. Phillips made motion to forego report. Serna seconded.

B. Payment of Bills

_____ made motion and _____ seconded to dispensed with the presentation and approve the list of bills. All in favor. Motion carried..

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Old Business:

Moffat Parking/Trailhead & Tree Remediation

Priorreschi said that they have started grubbing. There are issues with cars parking down there. The Ranger and Police Department are going down there to get cars out so work can continue. Cars have to be kept out. Koehler asked if Priorreschi had met with the neighbor yet. He said he did and the neighbor is very pleased the work is going to be done. One of the solar lights is going to have to be relocated because there is a streetlight near the spot it was to be placed. Priorreschi is going to talk to city staff, Bobby Quintana and Steven Meier, to see if they can give us a pole to use. A flush mount pole would cost \$2,400.00 more. Because of EPA superfund restrictions, we can't go lower than 18". Priorreschi will talk to City. Dillon with Miller Pipeline needs an answer so he can proceed. May need to be tabled. Priorreschi will get quotes on tree cutting.

Levee Lighting Installation Update

Hobson talked to Bobby Quintana and said the resolution to amend the lighting contract to include the expansion fill for the poles is on the agenda for April 27. Once documents are signed, installation will begin. 10 – 12 poles will be installed daily and work should be completed by May.

Levee Caulking RFP- Phase 1 Section

Hobson is going to get a draft together and will send out for review. Work will be done on 1st phase capping at \$5,000.00 on fracking and \$400.00 on expansion joints. This will be done in phases and then will figure out costs.

Camera Proposal Update

Priorreschi heard back from David Fingel and he is waiting on final numbers for costs. They will sit down with architect and discuss what kind of cameras will be used.

Wildhorse Crossing Project Update

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Priorreschi got an email from Dillon. He did a revised proposal based on the box culvert and everything else and cut cost by \$155,059.00. The total went down from \$929,000.00 to \$744,814.00

New Business

Chamber of Commerce Film Night

Priorreschi met with Cara Siegle from the Chamber about the Documentary about the 1921 Great Flood of Pueblo that is going to be shown on the Riverwalk. Cara is requesting the Conservancy District donate \$2,500.00 - \$ 3,000.00 to help with security, food trucks and porta potties. She will be using the Pueblo Conservancy Districts Logo for recognition. Willumstad moved to approve \$1,000.00. Maroney seconded. Discussion was had. Lopez was against and the rest of the Board was in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting With Assessor

Cuppy met with Assessor and talked about the valuation list for the fee assessments that is done every October for the previous year. He was told 2 employees are retiring and that the County will be using a new program to figure values. He mentioned the previous mistakes that had been made. They will be doing a test run on last years assessments to see how it goes and hopefully will have no mistakes. They will be checking everything and Cuppy will be involved and staying in close contact with them.

Arkansas River Petroleum Spill

Priorreschi did an interview with television station about the spill. He notified them that no one had been informed about the spill and that it killed several fish. Mike Brown with CPW thought that the Sheriff informed everyone. Priorreschi is going to get a meeting in the works to make sure everyone is notified when something like this happens in the future.

Weed Control Contract

Priorreschi said he really hasn't tackled this yet. Rick Kidd gave him lots of names to call.

Runyon Levee Ownership

It does not appear the Army Corps has ownership of the levee. They do not really have any ownership. It is a jurisdiction interest since the Army Corps designed and funded the construction of the earthen levee adjacent to Runyon Lake. A pole is being proposed to be put at the concrete levy by the rock levy and the Army Corps said no because they will have concerns about it since they constructed the levee.

President's Report

Priorreschi said he is pushing forward with all the personnel changes. Phillips is concerned because she put in for reappointment to the Board and hasn't heard anything. She did resubmit her application.

Administrator's Report

Hobson is working on an itinerary for this month and next. He would like a follow up meeting about the Master Plan with an update from Board of Water Works staff with what they are working on and what PCD is working on. He is going to meet with Greg George the Public Works Director of Pueblo County to find out the status of the Raise Grant which is the Trail Grant in access to Water Works Park on the northside. He is trying to set up a meeting with Pueblo Police Department to see if he can get a tour of the real time crime center. If they are open to this he would like to have board members attend. He is going to meet with Tia about what she does. He would like to review the CPW agreement. He is going to work on mapping the original PCD boundries. He is going to set up a meeting. He is going to set up a meeting with City staff to go thru and make them aware of Title 37. He would like to set up a meeting with Barb Huber the Fire Chief to see weather or not under the water rescue funding at the state level to see if any of those funds could help pay for the cameras. He will be attending the sign meeting May 11.

Other Business As May Be Brought Before the Board

Lopez said that the website schedule says 2025 and would like it to be updated to 2026. Prioreshi said Tia has a good relationship with Justin Bregar and she will ask him to fix this.

Koehler and Cosyleon went to the County Historic Meeting this month and Larry Green did a wonderful job on Part 1 The History of Politics. Part 2 will be in June and will be about the Pueblo Conservancy District and the Levee.

Koehler said the culvert grates at Runyon need to be cleaned up.

Koehler questioned if Cynthia is still doing things for the District. Prioreshi said no artists can go on the Levee without Tia knowing.

Koehler said we have 55 sponsorships for the fundraiser and 20 artists will be there. She said Board members need to do things and volunteer. Tia is doing baskets for raffles. Sarah Ballard will be doing a food truck. Board needs to buy and sell tickets.

Prioreshi said Hanging Trail has rebar sticking up on southside.

Serna would like to have Tia paint the numbers in fluorescent paint so people can see them. Serna made motion to have Tia paint numbers for \$100.00. Lopez requested that we get a quote on the cost and bring back to table at next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

2026 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES JUNE 24, 2026
JULY 22, 2026 AUGUST 28, 2026 SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
OCTOBER 28, 2026 NOVEMBER 18, 2026 DECEMBER 16, 2026
(Meetings will be at 10:00 am unless posted otherwise).

APPROVED


James B Prioreschi, President


Ron Serna, Secretary

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