

# ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY, May 21, 2026

2:00 P.M. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Gallery Building Conference Room

Call to Order at 2:02 p.m. by Steve Lasswell

Roll Call: Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Mark Dembosky, Charles Bogle via zoom, Steven Koch, Peggy Quint, Becky Montanari via zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm

There was no public in attendance

**\*\*\*Regular Board Meeting\*\*\***

Additions to the June 18, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Excuse Connie Thompson from May 21, 2026, meeting
2. Garden Tap discussion continued

Administrative Report

1. Business Office Manager – Peggy Quint – Report in packet
2. Field Operations Manager – Steven Koch – Report in packet
3. District Manager – Dave Schneider
  - Well/Meter Project – snow shorted out the generator control box. Upon inspection, found that the electrician had installed an inside rated box on the outside wall. Warranty had expired and it will need to be replaced. It will be more cost effective to purchase an outside rated control box. Waiting on the estimate, which will be about \$6k.
  - WW Pilot Project – Buildings are near completion. Almost all the equipment has been ordered. Eric Dole will help install the EC and clarification system in the trailer. He will be on-site next month. Electrician has been contacted. Each building will be bid on as it comes up. We have received the first bid for the blower building, which includes the installation of the whole new drop assembly when Black Hills upgrades. The greenhouse will have a minimal amount of demand so it will have a step down from the 480 which will save on the monthly meter charge. Most of the blower equipment will arrive next month. The region blowers are in, and almost all of the pods are assembled.

- **Reservoir – Bid documents are completed. Bid invites have been sent. Pre-bids are due June 17<sup>th</sup>, Bids are due July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Joint meeting between Upper Ark and RMWSD will be held on or around August 6<sup>th</sup> to look over bids and narrow down the selection to three. August 21<sup>st</sup>, the project will be awarded. Project should start on September 18<sup>th</sup> and be completed by mid-May 2027. Funding is \$500K to \$700K short. Once bids are in, Dave will know how to pursue funds. The grant cycle starts in 2027, so it will not line up with the project. The easement with Geroux was signed today.**
- **Westcliffe Filing #2 – this project has started with typical issues. They are still working on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This project should be completed by mid-August.**
- **Due to drought conditions, Dave has suggested that the district request voluntary grass irrigation within the district. That means that even numbered properties water on even number days and the same for odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days. Peggy will communicate this request via Facebook, website, and billing. This makes it easier to manage the demands.  
Motion to implement odd-even volunteer water restrictions beginning June 1st: Mark Dembosky Second: Randy Wilhelm Vote: 4-0.**

#### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for April 2026**  
**Motion: Randy Wilhelm Second: Mark Dembosky Vote: 4-0**

#### **New Business**

- 1. Sludge funds at UBB and Kirkpatrick – The accounts that were opened a year ago to allow donations to be made for sludge removal have served their purpose. Dave and Peggy suggest that the accounts be closed and the funds be moved to Capital Improvements Accounts. Motion to close the sludge fund accounts at United Business Bank and Kirkpatrick Bank was made by Randy Wilhelm Seconded by Mark Dembosky Vote 4-0 in favor of closing both accounts and moving the funds to Capital Improvements.**
- 2. 880 Main – Variance request – The First National Bank of Hutchinson is moving into Westcliffe between Hunger Buster and Bob Senderhauf’s office at 880 Main Street. The sewer main is easy to access because it is on the South side. The water main is on the North side of Main Street. Because it is very expensive to cross the highway, Dave suggested they request a variance to access the water line that feeds Hunger Buster and the RV Park. This cost will be paid for by the bank. Our responsibility will be installing live taps. They are requesting a variance to allow them to extend the water line to their property and connect to the water main. Our Rules and Regs state that the water main needs to be adjacent to one of the parcels. Motion to approve the variance requested by First National Bank of Hutchinson, to connect to water at their site by extending it from the district’s existing main that is behind Hunger Buster that is West of the property was made by Mark Dembosky and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**

- 3. Excuse Steve Lasswell from March meeting – Randy Wilhelm made a motion to excuse Steve Lasswell from the March meeting. Mark Dembosky seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote with Steve abstaining.**
- 4. Proposal for variance for Aaron Hostetler – Mr. Hostetler has requested a variance on his property behind Altitude Fitness Center. Dave informed him that a variance could not be presented and/or approved until the district had legal proof of access. Mr. Mike Haga still owns the property that requires the easement. Mr. Hostetler has submitted legal agreement documents to RMWSD. This will be Mr. Hostetler’s financial responsibility to install and to maintain. Round Mountain’s Rules and Reg state the line is to be adjacent to the parcel. The water is adjacent, but the wastewater is not. Motion to grant a variance to Aaron Hostetler to interface with our wastewater system by putting a sewer line extension, which he will own and maintain through the Fox Run Subdivision was made by Randy Wilhelm, seconded by Mark Dembosky. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**
- 5. Silver Cliff road projects – Silver Cliff has been investing in road improvements. There was some communication between Silver Cliff and Steven Koch regarding the protocol of this project and how the manholes need to be raised. Silver Cliff has covered the district manholes with asphalt. That is a health and safety violation. Mayor Buck Wenzel asked Dave to present a proposal to the district board to cover the upfront costs of the parts and risers. There are 16 to 18 manholes and 18 to 20 valve box risers with a cost of around \$3600. Motion was made to NOT approve supplying parts at our cost, but the district will allow Silver Cliff to use our parts if replaced in kind in a timely manner (60 days) by Randy Wilhelm, seconded by Mark Dembosky and was approved with a 4-0 vote.**

#### **Old Business**

- 1. Garden Tap charges discussion – Peggy will update – Peggy contacted the garden tap owners as requested by the board last month. Only 2 of the 6 garden tap owners wanted to keep their taps if the district was to start charging them a monthly base rate whether they were using them or not. At this time, those users are charged the monthly base rate and usage only when the tap is turned on (Summertime). It was decided that when the property sells, the new owners would have the option of paying the monthly base rate all year, or abandon the garden tap. Dave will write an amendment to the Rules and Regs and present it to the board next month.**

**Mark Dembosky informed those present that he is back on the Town of Westcliffe Board. Dave reminded him that when he is at the Town of Westcliffe, he speaks for Westcliffe and not Round Mountain. There was discussion regarding conflict of interest and how SDA has guidelines regarding it in their handbook.**

**Adjourn at 3:32 p.m.**