

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY, April 16, 2026

2:00 P.M. – 3rd Street Gallery Building Conference Room

Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Mark Dembosky, Connie Thompson, Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Steven Koch and Becky Montanari (via zoom)

Elliott Jackson, Wet Mountain Tribune, Aaron Hostetler, Customer and Lucas Epp, Custer County Commissioner

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

Public input for those not on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes.

Aaron Hostetler, property owner would like to install water and sewer to his lot. At this time, there is water, but the sewer line would need a variance to cross either the property to the North or the property to the South. Mike Haga has given permission for an easement from the South. A partial easement will need to be given by Town of Silver Cliff. A variance from the board is required because district Rules and Regulations state that each separately owned parcel to be served shall be adjacent to both water and sewer mains in a public street, alley, easement, or right-of-way. Aaron will present an official request with approval from Silver Cliff for the right of way. Next meeting, a proposal for a variance will most likely be up for approval. RMWSD will need a legal easement for this variance.

Additions to the May 21, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. Proposal for variance for Aaron Hostetler
2. Excuse Steve Lasswell from March 19, 2026, meeting
3. Garden Tap charges discussion – Peggy will update

Administrative Report

1. Business Office Manager – Peggy Quint – Report is in the packet. No additional comments
2. Field Operations Manager – Steven Koch – Report is in the packet. Last month, they found that the connection location to the new sewer for Westcliffe Filing #2 had 20 foot of main that was filled with dirt. When trying to clean it out, the CO2 levels were too high to safely dig. Cameras will be brought on site tomorrow to check out the lines. This will determine if there is a collapse in the lines. This is just past the town barns.
3. District Manager – Dave Schneider
 - Well/Meter Project – no updates – still waiting on Black Hills regarding billing issues.

- **Wastewater Pilot Project -** The first DOLA grant request for reimbursement has been approved. We will be receiving about \$135k. A cement contractor has been hired to put in three concrete pads for the building sites of the wastewater treatment project. The skirting has been ordered, the recirculation pump is on order, and the blower equipment is on a ship from China. The recirculation pipe has been installed, and the lab building is nearing completion. Dave and Steven visited Wigwam, Colorado because they are using an EC unit and the same clarifier that we plan to use. They talked with the developers and the operators. Dave has hired Eric Dole to help us design what equipment is needed in the trailer. Dave found a company in Colorado Springs that manufactures the electro coagulation plates that we will use. We now have 146 blades on hand. The greenhouse design is underway. Black Hills was on site to evaluate the electrical needs, which GMS is drafting certified electric panel drops for the two 480 drops that are being installed. The bid from Black Hills will most likely be around \$100k. Once we have a certified electric panel drop document, Black Hills can move forward on the transformer.
- **Reservoir –** Dave heard from the Design Engineer - bid documents and final discharge drawings should arrive tomorrow. If so, the bid process will commence. Dave acquired a legal survey document regarding the easement on the Geroux property. Dave has discovered a potential grant opportunity for the reservoir. He will attend a webinar next week focusing on Bureau of Reclamation. Due to the drought in Colorado, they are looking at sufficient storage in the state. There is a good chance that funds could be made available. The reservoir project should start in the first part of June. We are required to wait until after haying season to work on the discharge pipe.
- **Westcliffe Filing #2 –** Project kickoff meeting was held last week. The contractor applied for a stormwater permit for the project. Project cannot start until the permit is acquired. It could be a few weeks. The part that we will be testing will be to flush the lines when they get to connection points where manholes will be installed. A deflection and air tightness test will take place and RMWSD will do a flush to see if gravity works and then use the camera van to make sure that all is clear.
- **Response to the drought policy –** Dave presented a Resolution that was approved in 2017 to address the bulk water use and how a drought situation would be implemented. The district has 330 acre feet of water storage in Lake DeWeese. The Smith Well is able to pump 270 gallons of water a minute. Those two water rights are almost always in priority. So the amount of augmentation water that we need drops way down. We can use that augmentation water to run through the bulk water station. Water is sufficient for this Summer and even into Winter. In June, Dave may request even-odd irrigation restrictions if we do not receive any moisture in April and May, just to be good stewards of the water.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for March 2026
Motion: Connie Thompson Second: Randy Wilhelm Vote: 5-0 in favor of approval

New Business

- 1. Garden Tap charges** The district has a few properties that have garden taps that are in addition to the taps on the properties. In the past when customers have asked to turn off the garden tap, the fees were not billed. Dave would like to see us bill for those garden taps whether they are being used or not. Peggy will reach out to the customers and ask them if they would like to keep their garden taps in the event that a base rate is billed. Customers have the option to abandon the garden tap. This discussion will continue next month.

Adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

