

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 20, 2026

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

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Mark Dembosky, Connie Thompson, Peggy Quint, Dave Schneider, Steven Koch, Becky Montanari (via zoom) and Andrew Wolf, Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Lasswell

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

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

Additions to the September 24, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda (Note change in date)

- 1. Minutes for the Special Meeting held on August 13, 2026, will be added to the Consent Agenda**
- 2. SDA Report from Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint and Becky Montanari**

Administrative Report

- 1. Business Office Manager – Peggy Quint – Report in packet**
- 2. Field Operations Manager – Steven Koch – Report in packet**
 - Service line repair next to Tony's on Mill Street**
 - Skirting at the lagoons was installed, creating different zones in the lagoons. The anoxic zone worked as expected, but we are not set up to accommodate it yet. The lack of mixing and recirculation resulted in some odor. Aeration was increased and sewer sweeteners were added to mitigate the smell. The current aeration equipment is nearing end of life, so the new system is needed!**
- 3. District Manager – Dave Schneider**
 - Well/meter project – new control box for the Smith Well is back online. Cummins programmed it and it is up and running. The backup generator is back online as well. Dave sent the repair cost to Iconergy to see if they could recover anything from the project construction company. The cost was roughly \$9000.00.**
 - Reservoir Project – the project has been awarded, and the contract is being finalized once it is signed. There will be a preconstruction meeting that is required by the state with all the stakeholders, which is RMWSD, Upper Ark, Mountain Valley Excavators, Colorado Water**

Conservation Board, and the State Dam Inspector will all meet on site. In Dave's absence, Steven will take over. The plan is to start mid-September. The field techs have removed 900 feet of the south fence so that we can use the full amount of acreage that the district owns.

- **Wastewater Pilot Study**

Black Hills is scheduled to start work sometime next week. They will work on the south drop. There are old light poles that will need to be removed and replaced with new poles and transformers on the south end. Dave is hoping to get them to work on the single phase drop on the very north end that goes to the EC unit. The header material for the blower is still in transit. A meeting with GMS tomorrow will help refine the automatic controls for the aeration blowers once they are in. The EC Clarifier units should be in tomorrow or next week.

- There have been no diversions at the ranch since we haven't received any heavy rains. RMWSD had to augment 18-acre feet last month which took some of our storage. The biggest reason was that our well was called out of priority almost all of July.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the Minutes of July 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Financial Report and Approval of Checks for July 2026**

Motion to approve: Connie Thompson and seconded by: Randy Wilhelm Vote 5-0

New Business

1. **2025 Audit Presentation – Andrew Wolf**

Andrew has been working on the district audits for several years and is quite familiar with the district. Andrew presented a clean audit opinion with no findings or qualifications for the year ending 2025. The net position report showed cash, investments in CSAFE, receivables from water/sewer bills, and prepaid expenses like insurance premiums. Customer deposits dropped to zero because tap fee policies changed effective January 1, 2024, making certain pre-purchased taps non-refundable assets of the district. The board discussed treating Tabor reserves as an expense in the budget as a precautionary measure despite it being a reserve mechanism rather than an actual expenditure. Andrew explained that most districts use budgets as management tools rather than just strict compliance documents. High liquidity was noted with over \$2 million in funds available at year-end despite recent large expenditures on debt service.

Motion to accept audit was made by Randy Wilhelm and seconded by Connie Thompson.
Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

2. **Approval of Amendment number one of IGA with Upper Ark**

Dave Schneider provided history on a mandate from the Division of Water Resources requiring a conditional reservoir construction linked to Johnson Ranch water rights since 2020. An IGA was established in March of 2023 between RMWSD and Upper Ark detailing cost and water storage sharing at ratios of 2/3 versus 1/3. A design change necessitated Amendment One because utilizing a municipal well as a diversion point proved significantly more cost effective than creek discharge methods, saving the district nearly \$3 million. Amendment One

establishes equitable management of the well diversion point where municipal use receives priority followed by reservoir filling according to set ratios.

Motion to approve Amendment 2026-08 was made by Mark Dembosky and seconded by Connie Thompson. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

3. Approval of Amendment number two of IGA with Upper Ark

RMWSD owns all physical assets of the reservoir like land, pipes and storage vessels, Upper Ark will manage project finances due to their experience in grant administration. Upper Ark holds existing grants in their own name and RMWSD cannot directly administer them even though they are the project owner. Upper Ark will serve as fiscal administrator managing invoices and reimbursement requests while RMWSD maintains role as project administrator overseeing construction management. RMWSD retains authority over final contract approvals and engineer selection oversight decisions along with any significant project deviations. Clint Brown, Engineer Analytics, will act as the project engineer responsible for construction oversight duties at an estimated cost of \$214,000. The CWCB serves as the grant agency overseeing grant reimbursements. Maintenance agreements exist where standard repairs will follow sharing rations while catastrophic events like major floods remain RMWSD responsibility under the CSD Pool. The board understands that the reservoir is considered a low-risk dam installation and that dam inspectors have already approved designs. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Mark Dembosky. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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