

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY, June 18, 2026

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

Call to Order at 2:01

Roll Call Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Mark Dembosky, Connie Thompson, Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Steven Koch, and Paul Wenke

Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Wenke

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

Additions to the July 16, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

- 1. 2025 Audit Presentation**
- 2. Paul Wenke request for tap on water line for Valley Ace Hardware board decision**

Administrative Report

- 1. Business Office Manager – Peggy Quint - Report in packet**
- 2. Field Operations Manager – Steven Koch – Report in packet –**
 - The PFAS testing results were sent to RMWSD and the results were worthy of public notification. Peggy has posted on Facebook and the RMWSD website and will send to the paper for a Press Release. This is good news and certainly news the community needs to hear.**
- 3. District Manager – Dave Schneider**
 - Dave and Peggy met with Iconergy for a 6-month review meeting concerning the water meter and well project. Black Hills still has not responded regarding the solar bank. Iconergy is going to see if the sub-contractor will pay for the replacement of the automatic transfer switch from the generator because it was installed incorrectly. At this time, it must be turned on manually. Once fixed, it can be put online.**
 - Wastewater Pilot Study – the blower building is complete (two days before the blowers arrived) the blowers weigh about a ton each. The blower header for the blower motors, some clarifier equipment, re-circ pump, Black Hills and baffle curtains are on order. The engineer that is helping with the EC unit is coming next week to instruct staff on the controls etc.**
 - Reservoir – pre-bid meeting was held this week. There were about ten different companies interested in bidding. The paperwork was reviewed and a walk through was conducted on-site. Dave is confident that legitimate bids will be submitted. Four or five were basically local or in the general area. Bids will be due at 3:30 p.m. on July 23rd and by the third week of August, the project should be awarded. The official start should be September 18th. Mid-**

April is the expected completion date if all goes well. Because there will be thousands of yards of soil compacted, the soil needs to be thawed enough to compact or scrape off the frozen layer. If completed in April, we could start diverting and filling. Dave does not want to rush the project if it would compromise the quality of the product used. The possibility of fencing in the reservoir was brought up again and Dave informed the board that the State does not require a fence around the reservoir, plus we do not have the funds for a \$300k fence. A warning sign could be posted.

- **Westcliffe Filing 2** – Dave is pleased with the quality of the product being installed in the ground. Once the wastewater lines are in, they will be almost finished or will likely be by the middle of July.
- **Johnson Ranch Update** – we got eighteen acre-feet of diversion in May and June. It is completely dry now and is not expected to have any more water for the rest of the year. Our storage in DeWeese remains at 334-acre feet, which means the district is in decent shape for water storage.
- **Silver Cliff** has been working on their roads and the company used crushed/ground asphalt. It looks great except they buried all the access points to the manholes and water curbs. Field techs have been checking on the situation to make sure it has been done correctly. There have been a few items that the district has given them. Dave will negotiate the in-kind reimbursement.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the Minutes of May 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Financial Report and Approval of Checks for May 2026**
Motion: Randy Wilhelm Second: Mark Dembosky Vote: 5-0

New Business

1. **Paul Wenke** – Water tap for established water line for Valley Ace Hardware – In 2006 Bud Piquette requested of Mr. Wenke, John Comerford, Art Nordyke, Linda Olden and Chris Haga to pay for a water line extension that would run across their properties. RMWSD had received a grant from DOLA, but the grant was not sufficient to install the pipe the way that district, Silver Cliff or Westcliffe wanted because it would not satisfy the water needs in the eastern part of Silver Cliff and the eastern part of Westcliffe or the western part of all of Silver Cliff. Mr. Wenke and the others gave in-kind rather than money. Mr. Wenke requested a water tap be awarded to him because he is selling his business. The Agreement that Mr. Wenke presented (attached) states “The parties agree that all future main extensions and service tap connections on the water line shall be in compliance with district rules, fees, regulations, and policies enforced at the time of such extension or service connection”. The board will review the documents presented and will let Mr. Wenke know in July.
2. **Excuse Connie Thompson** from May 21, 2026, meeting
Motion: Steve Lasswell Second: Randy Wilhelm Vote: 4-0
3. **Garden Tap discussion continued** – Dave has not heard from the district attorney, this item was tabled until next month.
4. **Accept of the Memorandum of Understanding with Town of Westcliffe** – the actual memorandum of understanding defines roles and responsibility between the town and RMWSD because of the uniqueness of the project. For the Town of Westcliffe to retain the grant, they

must retain ownership of the infrastructure for ten years. During that time, it will be operated by RMWSD because it is connected to the system. That means every three years the district will camera and jet the lines as regular maintenance. RMWSD will not be responsible for any errors or omissions of the contractor for ten years. Added to the MOU is that if they run out of money, the district is not financially liable to finish the project. Dave presented a resolution to allow the board to approve the entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Westcliffe for the next ten years. During this ten-year period, the MOU will define responsibilities of ownership maintenance and repair. The MOU specifically states that the district agrees to take ownership after ten years. The ownership of the infrastructure shall be transferred from the Town of Westcliffe to Round Mountain Water and Sanitation via a bill of sale along with any easements or rights reasonably required by the district to access, maintain, repair, replace, and operate the infrastructure at no cost. Motion to approve was made by Steve Lasswell and seconded by Connie Thompson. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Old Business

1. **Sludge fund bank accounts update - Dave has closed the Sludge Removal Account at Kirkpatrick Bank. There is some donation money coming that will be deposited in the United Business Bank Sludge Removal Account. Those funds will be used in the next few months.**

Adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

