CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
November 12, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- CMRWA: Monty Sealey, Sam Klepzig, Zach Tomlinson
- Great West Engineering: Susan Hayes, Amy Deitchler, Bob Church, Cheri Anderson
- Shawmut-Deadman's Basin Water District:
- Funding Agencies: Greg Kruzich
- MMCWD: Warren Hanson, Dave Shreeve
- Sunset Colony:
- Harlowton Board Members: Jim Kalitowski
- Ryegate Board Member: Kassandra Gantz
- Roundup Board Members: Dave Liggett, Lon Sibley, Dave Picchioni
- Broadview Board Members: Steve Sorensen
- Stahly: Matt Smith
- Innova:

(Sign-in Sheets attached)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 8, 2025.

- **Motion** to approve the October minutes by Dave Liggett motion seconded by Dave Picchioni motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS

- **Motion** to approve the bills to pay by Dave Liggett motion seconded by Dave Picchioni motion carried.

Invoices					
Vendor	Invoice	Category	Amount	Bank	Funding Source
Great West Engineering	37048	PH IIIA - Design Tasks	$2,085.00	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	37839	PH III - Pipeline Projecting Infra Projects	$32,947.04	Stock	BOR - PH III
Great West Engineering	37840	PH II - Construction Management	$3,244.50	Stock	BOR PH II
Great West Engineering	37842	PH III & IIIA - Aquatic Resource/Cultural	$5,095.13	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	37843	PH IIIA - Design Tasks	$11,425.70	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	37855	PH IV & V - Connecting Infra Projects	$94,594.68	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Northwestern Energy	340225340	PH III - Electric Service (Construction)	$55,319.00	Stock	BOR - PH III
COP Construction	Pay App 3	PH IV Wells - Construction (Phase 4 Well 5)	$730,323.38	Stock	BOR PH IV
MT Gross Receipts Tax	1% Tax #3	PH IV Wells - Construction (Phase 4 Well 5)	$7,377.00	Stock	BOR PH IV
C&C Excavation	Pay App 13	PH IV - Construction (Pipeline)	$881,418.49	Stock	BOR - PH IV
MT Gross Receipts Tax	1% Tax #13	PH IV - Construction (Pipeline)	$8,903.22	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Innova	1401	Accounting	$463.00	1st Sec	General Admin
Urick Law Firm	Oct Statement	Title Work Review	$1,974.00	Stock	BOR PH III
Sweet Grass Title	ST-GV-429	Kaufman Bros. Title Insurance	$200.00	Stock	BOR PH III
DEQ	512602131	Annual Fee	$100.00	1st Sec	General Admin
Project & Mgmt Services	RW02510	Project Coordination/Administration	$6,485.00	Stock	BOR PH III
Project & Mgmt Services	RW025010A	Administrative Services	$1,975.01	1st Sec	General Admin
Mid Rivers Coop	8740500	Water Monitoring	$30.35	1st Sec	General Admin
Central Lumber	185765	Dehumidifiers	$4,900.00	Stock	BOR PH IV
Hurco Technologies	Statement	Freight for Valve Tools	$918.91	1st Sec	General Admin
John Heiken	Easement	Easement **Paid in March	~~$3,560.00~~	~~Stock~~	~~BOR PH III~~
Fergus Electric	Acct. Deposit	Required account deposit	$18,500.00	1st Sec	General Admin

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The following were approved at Sept 2025 meeting, were not paid while waiting on documents which have now been received					
Deborah Bangert Alexander	Easement	Powerline Easement and Pipeline Easement	$12,000.00	Stock	BOR PH III
Steve Harmon	Easement	Powerline Easement	$42,500.00	Stock	BOR PH III
Solberg	Easement	Powerline Easement	$7,000.00	Stock	BOR PH III
		Total Invoices	~~$1,933,339.40~~ $1,929,779.41		

John Hayes's easement, which is a check written for. There is note, but it needs to be subtracted off of here as not being paid

O & M REPORT

- Monty Report on O&M Account
  - Beginning balance $133,000.37
  - Expenditures, payroll, unemployment, Rd. bond payment, which is 10,597, and a $5000 payment to First Security Bank. The next payment will be just under $5,000. That will be the final payment.
  - September claims paid for O&M besides payroll, and the bond payments and debt service were $22,738.78. The total expenses were $54,089.61.
  - October water payments received were $92,120.76.
  - November water bills expected with 34 accounts of $76,552.59.
  - Combined with the October revenue the balance is $191,189.84.
- Fergus Electric
  - Monty would like to pay Fergus $18,500, they lowered the required deposit from $52,000.
- Well 3
  - Status of Central Drilling to pull and replace pump/motor
  - Bac-Ts this month passed.
  - I just talked with Amy today about getting DEQ notified so we can sell water to the colony by late next week.
  - We do have a minor leak over by Rothiemay that we're going to be able to get to after we figure out Well 3, and that's going to be on Monday/Tuesday.
  - Baker Hughes should be here on Tuesday. We should be setting up the well rig on Friday.
  - Monty - I think in the minutes, there was a mention of relays. What are they?
    - Sam - It's the signal that opens and closes. Then you said 40 of them. Yeah, because we have to replace some. Once a year, and we've already had two fail, so I want them to be around $16.00 each.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

- None

PHASE II-TO ROUNDUP-STATUS - Amy

- Punchlist Items
- Punchlist is completed and signed off by Sam. Amy is checking on the status of the electrical equipment.
- Amy got a pay app last night that was not correct, so it is not on the agenda. COP has corrections that need to be made. It is anticipated for the December meeting.
- Pay app will not get paid until next month since it was turned in late and needed additional corrections.
- Once the retainage is paid to COP, Phase 2 will be complete.

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS - Amy

- Schedule update
- Sunset Colony – connection status
- Currently, the pipeline headed east is at Four Mile road, approximately 15 miles from Melstone
- The line up to the colony is complete, tested, pressure tested, fibers up and running. Sam can see it on SCADA
- C&C has asked for substantial completion on the line from Roundup to Sunset. It will be issued.

PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS - Susan

- State – has been approved, getting a fully executed copy for site title
- MDT permits – approved, pending traffic control plans from C&C.

- Town encroachment permits – Broadview (approved), Lavina (approved)
- BNSF Permit – executed and included in the plans
- Fergus Electric – complete
- NWE – Broadview booster pump – agreement for signature, easement is with Steward, Broadview meter pit – no cost
- Eagle Survey – Power Engineers will complete in March 2026
- Schedule Update
    - Bid opening was Oct. 30
    - Bid tabs (6 bids)
    - Low bidder, recommendation of project award
    - C&C was the low bidder, just under $10M. Amy has the award to be signed.
    - **Motion** to approve the low bidder by Lon Sibley motion seconded by Dave Picchioni motion carried.

PH III A-TO SHAWMUT/DEADMAN'S BASIN-STATUS - Bob

- Environmental and Cultural Work – working on the reports
- Initiated Design Work
- Working on easements
- Sent a letter to everyone along the pipeline informing them about the project and that they could get service
- Bob is working on the easement around the Dam. Bob will be working with the State Dams group once we have a route. If needed, we will work with DNRC to get the easements.
- We will need a state lands permit also. Hopefully, the state agencies will work together.

PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS - Matt

- Working on the easements - got legal description and working on a value for the negotiations
- Currently complete with 50% design - Will send to Amy for review and comments by end of the week.

WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS - Amy

- Schedule update
- Central Drilling claim
- All of the pipe from the Wells 4 and 5 to the disinfection building have been installed. They've not been chlorinated, flushed or tested
- The vaults, surge vaults at each well have floor and walls poured. Waiting on strength results to start backfill.
- Once well 3 is set, Central Drilling will move and set pumps in wells 4 and 5
- Hopefully they'll get a concrete break next Monday and then they can start backfilling around the vaults.
- Plan to pour pads for the generators and building foundations, not next week but the following week
- Central drilling submitted a cost change, MM rejected it
    - Central drilling and COP disagree with this and submitted a change order for $35K
    - GWE recommends denying the change order
    - Board has decided to review the documents and will not make a decision until the next meeting

MIDDLE MUSSELSHELL DISTRICT - Matt

- Waiting for site title opinion from the attorney
- Have a final on the total number of connections for the community and will get that sent to Susan
- Final exhibit will be sent to Sandie and then on to GWE and CMRWA
- Will respond to Susan's email by Friday
- Will do a draft water users agreement once GWE has all this information

PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS - None

BOR – Greg

- Has received the quarterly reports

DNRC - None

RD - None

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- December 10, 2025

OTHER BUSINESS

11-12-25 CMRA Harlowton

	Name	Representing	
	Bob Church	Great West	
	Ralph Hanson	MMCWD	
	DAVE Shreeve	MMCWD	Roundup
	Amy Deitchler	GWE	
Online	Greg Kruzich	BOR	
	Matt Smith	Stahely	
	Steve	Broadview	

11-12-25 CMRWA - Harlowton

Name	Representing
Marty Sedey	PM services
Dave Liggett	Roundup
SAM KLEPZIG	CMRWA
Zach Tomlinson	CMRWA
Dave Pinchioni	Roundup
Lon Sibley	Roundup
Susan Hayes	GWE
Kassandra Gantz	Ryegate