CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
February 11, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Sign In Sheet Attached)

- CMRWA: Monty Sealey, Sam Klepzig, Zach Tomlinson
- Great West Engineering: Bob Church, Susan Hayes, Amy Deitchler
- Shawmut-Deadman's Basin Water District: Scott Keller
- Funding Agencies: Greg Kruzick, Shawna Swanz, Shelby Welch
- MMCWD: Warren Hansen
- Harlowton Board Members: Jack Runner, Paul Otten, Jim Kalitowski
- Ryegate Board Member: Allen Davis
- Roundup Board Members: Dave Ligget, Lon Sibley
- Broadview Board Members: Steve Sorensen
- Lavina: Diane Buroff
- Stahly: Matt Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 14, 2025.

- **Motion** to approve the ~~December~~ January minutes by Allen, motion seconded by Paul, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS

- First Security starting balance of -$1,345,232 and deposits of $1,399,243
  - Balance of $54,011
  - Invoices paid $655,384 leaving an ending balance of -$601,376
- Stockman Account – starting balance of -$903,069, deposits of $1,051,000 for a balance of $147,931.
  - Invoices to pay of $2,004,557
  - Leaving a balance of -$1,856,626

- **Motion** to approve the bills to pay by Dave L., motion seconded by Paul, motion carried.

Invoices					
Vendor	Invoice	Category	Amount	Bank	Funding Source
Great West Engineering	38539	PH II - Engineering	$2,586.90	Stock	BOR - Well 4
Great West Engineering	38540	PH IV - Engineering	$9,966.00	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Great West Engineering	38541	PH III & IIIA - Engineering	$898.00	Stock	BOR - PH III
Great West Engineering	38542	PH IV & Well 5 - Engineering	$94,729.39	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Great West Engineering	38543	PH III - Engineering	$18,085.65	Stock	BOR - PH III
Great West Engineering	38544	PH IIIA - Engineering	$45,574.55	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	38545	Judith Basin Monitoring: Data Acq & Database	$2,610.01	1st Sec	General Admin
C&C Excavation	Pay App 1	PH III - Construction	$1,262,988.10	Stock	BOR - PH III
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 1	PH III - Construction	$12,757.46	Stock	BOR - PH III
C&C Excavation	Pay App 16	PH IV - Construction	$382,912.46	1st Sec ~~& Stock~~	RW-24-086 ($367,942.74) & WRF-26601 ($14,969.72)
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 16	PH IV - Construction	$3,867.80	1st Sec	WRF-26601
Innova	1483	Accounting	$555.50	1st Sec	General Admin
COP Construction	Pay App 6	Well 4 & 5 - Construction	$753,807.56	1st Sec & Stock	BOR Well 4 ($130,000), WRF-26602 ($220,000), WRF-26601 ($403,807.56)
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 6	Well 4 & 5 - Construction	$7,614.22	1st Sec	WRF-26601
Central Lumber	192300	PH IIIA - Construction	$8,340.00	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Central Lumber	192299	Well 4 & 5 - Construction	$5,560.00	Stock	BOR - Well 4
Central Lumber	192298	PH III - Construction	$5,560.00	Stock	BOR - PH III

Central Lumber	192297	PH IV - Construction	$8,340.00	Stock	BOR - PH IV
C Brewer, Inc.	Claim	PH II - Construction	$5,960.00	Stock	BOR - Well 4
Townsend Electric	0022037-IN	Well 4 & 5 - Construction	$19,043.44	Stock	BOR - Well 4
Project & Mgmt Services	RW02601	Project Coordination/Administration	$6,225.00	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Project & Mgmt Services	RW026001-A	Project Administration	$1,926.62	1st Sec	General Admin
Mid Rivers Communication	8740500	Water Monitoring	$32.15	1st Sec	General Admin
		Total Invoices	$2,659,940.81		

O & M REPORT

- Monty Report on O&M Account
  - Balance of $216,706.32
  - Expenditures $52,671.59
  - Revenue of $78,887.18
  - Ending balance of $ $242,921.95
  - Revenue above expenses between $25 and $30,000 until bond payments start
- Bob Report on Revenue/Expense Report
  - Bob relayed the summary of the report distributed to the board.
- Harlowton annual EDU count
  - Discussion of EDU count with Harlowton
    - Susan relayed history of the how the EDUs were added up for the first bill.
    - Mayor Runner provided explanation of their current meter counts
    - Bob requested that they submit their new data and request to Monty
- Sam – report on operations
  - BacT tests look good
  - Received a new proposal for backup power from Townsend Electric
    - Automatic transfer switch plus generator versus manual transfer switch and portable generator. $16k each
    - To be used at remote locations. $7k each
    - Item to think about and discuss at future meetings
- Well 3 Emergency Work Update
  - Well 3 – getting an alarm on the filter again.

PHASE II-TO ROUNDUP-STATUS

- Closing on the loan for all of Phase II on April 16
  - Resolution at March 11 meeting
  - Discussion regarding loan payments – start in July 2026 or January 2027
- **Motion** to start loan payments in January 2027 by Lon, motion seconded by Dave L., motion carried

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS

- Schedule update – Amy provided general update
- Proposed Increase to loan amount
- Change Order No. 8 for approval
  - **Motion** to approve CO No. 8 by Allen, motion seconded by Paul, motion carried
- Additional costs have been incurred as part of Phase 4 (additional rock excavation, contingency was utilized for emergency work on Well 3, change orders for connecting infrastructure) and an additional $600,000 in funds will be needed to complete the project. It is proposed to utilize $300,000 in BOR funds and $300,000 in loan funds. This has been discussed with the bond attorney and a new resolution will be drafted. We would like to increase the Phase 4 construction loan from $3million to $3.3 million.
  - **Motion** to approve increase of construction loan in Phase 4 by $300,000 by Paul, motion seconded by Lon, motion carried

PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS

- Schedule Update – Amy provided general update
  - Anticipate end of March for starting to trench
  - Eagle survey will be conducted at beginning of March
  - Waiting to have pre-con until we know about the impact of bird restrictions

- Monty – provided information on inquiries he has been receiving regarding water for data centers south of Broadview
- Steve inquired about a potential informational meeting in Broadview related to current project status and inquiries about the data centers.

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

- Environmental and Cultural Work
- Design Updates
    - Bob provided status update regarding design and easements.
    - Working with State Water Project Bureau regarding route around Deadman's

WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS

- Schedule update
    - Amy provided update, visited the site earlier in the day
- Change Order No. 4 for approval
- **Motion** to approve CO No. 4 by Steve, motion seconded by Dave L., motion carried

PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS

- Design update (Stahly)
    - Matt Smith with Stahly provided an update
        - easements

MIDDLE MUSSELSHELL DISTRICT

- Design update (Stahly)
    - Matt Smith with Stahly provided an update
        - Had a public meeting recently to discuss project
        - Finished survey for the SW connection point by golf course, starting design
        - Send design for MMCWD early next week
        - Easement from Anderson
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PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS

- Bob and Monty meeting in Hobson – meeting is postponed
- **Motion** to approve setting a commitment deadline for Hobson of September 1, 2026 by Lon, motion seconded byAllen, motion carried
    - Bob/Monty will draft a letter

BOR

- Greg provided update on funds
    - $75M in rural water plus ups
    - MJRWS would be in bottom of ranking criteria for any of those funds.
    - Bob commented that it does not seem like we will need to request any additional funds at this time

DNRC

- Shawna Swanz provided an update – grant agreement for next phase will be in mail shortly, Bob will be helping Shawna with article for Montana Rural Water magazine.

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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- March 11, 2026 at 1:00pm

OTHER BUSINESS