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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Sign in sheet attached)

- CMRWA: Sam Klepzig, Monty Sealey,
- Great West Engineering: Bob Church, Susan Hayes, Amy Deitchler, Cheri Anderson
- Shawmut-Deadman's Basin Water District: Scott Keller
- Funding Agencies: Greg Kruzich, Rebecca Beam, Shawna Swanz
- MMCWD: Warren Hansen
- Harlowton Board Members: Jim Kalitowski, Jack Runner, Paul Otten
- Ryegate Board Member: Allen Davis
- Roundup Board Members: Lon Sibley
- Broadview Board Members: Steve Sorensen
- Stahly: Matt Smith
- Bond Council: Dan Semmens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 11, 2026.

- Change last month's minutes to read motion to approval January meeting minutes instead of December
- **Motion** to approve the February minutes by Allen Davis motion seconded by Lon Sibley motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS

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

Invoices					
Vendor	Invoice	Category	Amount	Bank	Funding Source
Great West Engineering	38776	PH II - Engineering	$1,157.50	Stock	BOR - PH II
Great West Engineering	38777	PH III & IIIA - Engineering	$10,096.90	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	38778	PH IV - Engineering	$87,118.89	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Great West Engineering	38779	PH III - Engineering	$16,298.90	Stock	BOR - PH III
Great West Engineering	38780	PH IIIA - Engineering	$45,700.19	Stock	BOR - PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	38781	Judith Basin Monitoring	$5,712.00	1st Sec	General Admin
COP Construction	Pay App 7	Wells 4 & 5 - Construction	$645,229.08	1st Sec	WRF-26602 ($146,600) & WRF-26601 ($498,629.08)
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 7	Wells 4 & 5 - Construction	$6,517.47	1st Sec	WRF-26601
State of Montana	6693	PH III - Sage Grouse (Construction)	$35,215.11	Stock	BOR - PH III
C&C Excavation	Pay App 2	PH III - Construction	$473,415.62	Stock	BOR - PH III
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 2	PH III - Construction	$4,781.98	Stock	BOR - PH III
C&C Excavation	Pay App 17	PH IV - Construction	$308,311.10	Stock	BOR - PH IV
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 17	PH IV - Construction	$3,114.25	Stock	BOR - PH IV
Innova LLC	1507	Accounting	$380.50	1st Sec	General Admin
Mid Rivers Communications	8740500	Water Monitoring Internet	$32.35	1st Sec	General Admin
MT Rural Water	903	Annual Dues	$150.00	1st Sec	General Admin
Anvil Land Montana LLC	Lease	Rothimay Tank Lease	$2,653.02	1st Sec	General Admin
Mauws Trust	Lease	Mauws Tank Lease	$2,760.20	1st Sec	General Admin
Project & Mgmt Services	RW026002-A	Administration	$1,640.02	1st Sec	General Admin
Project & Mgmt Services	RW026002	Project Admin/Coordination	$5,925.00	Stock	BOR - PH III
		Total Invoices	$1,656,210.08		

O & M REPORT

- Monty Report on O&M Account
  - Beginning balance on February 1st of $242,921.95
  - Expenditures with payroll and FICA claims total expenditures of $31,901.99.
  - February water payments $81,539.20.
  - Ending bank balance was $292,559.18.
  - Outstanding claims $38,745 water bills expected for the current month $81,375.21
  - 18 checks written for March that will come out of the total balance here of $88,652.18.
- EDU count – annual update process
  - What we would like the board to set as kind of the baseline is a print out of the report from each system from there. Almost everybody uses the Black Mountain software of how many meters of each size there is
  - Would like this by middle of May each year
  - Reset that EDU count starting July 1 of each year
- Sam – report on operations
  - Flood sensors for Disinfection Building - $5,162.86
  - Remote vault generators/transfer switches
    - Looking through the proposals and it would be best if we went with the proposal where they provide the generator in it, that $16,000 for each one of them with a total of $48,833.78.
    - **Bob** - If the board wants to go ahead with the generators and the flood sensors, that would be like $54,000. You'd be using about half that contingency we have on phase four and I think it's a good idea.
  - Well #3 is still having issues. Joel from Baker Hughes will be onsite tomorrow and hopefully be able to resolve all of the issues.
  - **Motion** to approve the addition of generators/transfer switches by Allen Davis; motion seconded by Steve Sorenson motion carried.

- Task Order 50 – Basin monitoring
  - Semi-annual monitoring and report $11,200
  - **Motion** to approve the Task Order 50 by Lon Sibley; motion seconded by Paul Otten motion carried.

PHASE II-TO ROUNDUP-STATUS

- Closing on the loan for all of Phase II on April 16
  - 2062R Resolution reading and vote
- **Motion** to accept the Resolution by Allen, motion seconded by Paul, motion carried.

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS

- Schedule update
  - Working on bore right before Melstone, about 1.5 miles from Melstone
  - Schedule a meeting with Melstone to discuss flushing and disconnecting their source and DEQ testing
  - May 1st start up
  - Need to connect vault and tank
  - Working to schedule a meeting with Melstone operator to go over startup as well as sampling requirements as they move to being a subsequent system.
- Propose decrease to loan amount increase after Bob's additional financial analysis – increase loan amount by $200,000 instead of the $300,000 discussed in February.

PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS

- Schedule Update
  - Digging pipe to Melstone then will move to Phase 2 connection and start digging towards Highway 12
  - Pre-con next Wednesday
  - Stringing pipe and fusing
  - There is a culvert on middle road that failed recently and will need repaired.
- Eagle Survey/Sage grouse permit
  - Saw 2 occupied eagle nests not on the project site
  - 2 nests near the north end but were not occupied during the flight. This requires a ground survey which is anticipated in the middle of April.
  - Will need a buffer area if those nests are occupied during construction

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

- Environmental and Cultural Work
  - Will need to be updated with the new route

- Design and Easement Updates
    - Working on preliminary design
    - Reroute to be further from the dam and have an alternate route and getting a figure ready
    - The reroute goes through private land
    - Will need to resurvey the new route

WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS

- Schedule update
    - Start up begins Monday
    - Grading today around each of the wells
    - Panel supplier is there and getting well 3 hooked up to the fiber
    - Central drilling will be there Monday
    - Bac-T samples will be taken
    - Wednesday morning will connect wells to the surge tanks
    - Electrical engineer will be there on Monday as well

PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS

- Design update (Stahly)
    - Sending legal description for easement that is needed
    - Sage grouse concerns along the route
    - CMRWA would like to get the water users agreement done soon but need the information from Matt.

MIDDLE MUSSELSHELL DISTRICT

- Design update (Stahly)
    - Southwest corner is designed
    - Applied for permit to cross the road
    - Can do a possible reroute through the airport
    - 85% design is about ready to send to GWE and Sandy
    - CMRWA would like to get the water users agreement done soon but need the information from Matt.

PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS

- Letter to Hobson with deadline for commitment
    - Was sent out and they have until September 1 to confirm
    - Bob and Monty plan to visit Hobson in May pending confirmation with the Hobson mayor.

BOR

- Nothing to report

DNRC

- 3 grants, 3 open grants right now with Central Montana. We have 90 grant that is with the 93 that's our Lavina to Broadview section for $2.6 million. It has a deadline of 12/31/2026. We do have our admin grant in place for $360,000, which term dates 6/30 of 2027.
- Grant number 98 for $2.3 million for Shawmut to Dead Man's Basin with the term date of 12/31/2027. And I know Monty that you are really anxious for that 86 to close and that final money, I'm hoping that you see it today.

RD

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- April 8, 2026 at 1:00 pm

OTHER BUSINESS

- 4 delinquent accounts
    - After 60 days you have to pay a $500 reconnect fee
- No new information on the data center

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Warren Hansen		MMCWD	
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Amy Deitchler		GWE	
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Paul Otten		Narb	
Cheri Anderson		GWE	
Greg Kruzich		BOR	
Rebecca Beam		SRF	
Scott Keller		Shawmut-Deadman's	
Shawna Swanz		DNRC	
Matt Smith		Stanely	
Dan Semmens		Dorsey	

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