CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
April 8, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 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 Kruzich, Anna Miller, Shawna Swanz, Shelby Welch
- MMCWD:
- Harlowton Board Members: Jim Kalitowski, Jack Runner, Paul Otten
- Ryegate Board Member: Allen Davis
- Roundup Board Members: Lon Sibley, Dave Picchioni
- Broadview Board Members: Steve Sorensen
- Melstone Board Members: Connie Rousson
- Stahly: Matt Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 11, 2026.

- **Motion** to approve the March minutes by Allen Davis motion seconded by Paul Otten motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS

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

Invoices					
Vendor	Invoice	Category	Amount	Bank	Funding Source
Great West Engineering	38781	Judith Basin Monitoring	$5,712.00	1st Sec	General Admin
Great West Engineering	39064	PH II - Engineering	$1,700.50	1st Sec & Stock	$640.74 (SRF PH II) & $1,059.76 (BOR PH II)
Great West Engineering	39065	PH III & IIIA Engineering	$876.25	Stock	BOR PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	39066	PH IV & Well 5 - Engineering	$69,910.74	Stock	BOR PH IV
Great West Engineering	39067	PH III - Engineering	$15,396.05	Stock	BOR PH III
Great West Engineering	39068	PH IIIA - Engineering	$49,166.59	Stock	BOR PH IIIA
COP Construction	Pay App 8	PH IV - Construction - Connecting Infrastructure	$312,250.40	Stock	BOR PH IV
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 8	PH IV - Construction - Connecting Infrastructure	$3,154.04	Stock	BOR PH IV
C&C Excavation	Pay App 3	PH III - Construction	$175,348.33	Stock	BOR PH III
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 3	PH III - Construction	$1,771.20	Stock	BOR PH III
C&C Excavation	Pay App 18	PH IV - Construction - Pipeline	$204,536.54	Stock	BOR PH IV
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 18	PH IV - Construction - Pipeline	$2,066.03	Stock	BOR PH IV
Project & Mgmt Serv	RW02603	Project Coordination/Admin	$6,375.00	Stock	BOR PH III
Project & Mgmt Serv	RW026003-A	Project Administration	$2,802.42	1st Sec	General Admin
Mid Rivers Communications	8740500	Water Monitoring	$32.55	1st Sec	General Admin
Innova LLC	1532	Accounting	$980.50	1st Sec	General Admin
Local Government Services	5325	Printing	$75.00	1st Sec	General Admin
		Total Invoices	$852,154.14		

O & M REPORT

- Monty Report on O&M Account
  - Beginning balance on March 1st of $242,559.16
  - Expenditures with payroll and FICA claims total expenditures of $88,802
  - March water payments $81,215
  - Ending bank balance was $247,342.96
  - Reserve account for RD balance was $70,134
  - Outstanding claims $21,426.62 water bills expected for the current month $81,841.64
  - Add monthly to the RD reserve account for $5,854.50
  - Add balance to SRF reserve account for $187,962.50
- **Motion** to approve money to reserve accounts by Allen, motion seconded by Dave P, motion carried.
  - Handed out regulations to distribute so the Board has the information. It is online but Monty mailed them to 169 of the users. He put the shutoff notice in the cover letter. Non-payment for 60 days will require shutoff and then a $500 reconnection fee. Monty has additional copies if the Board has anyone that needs a copy. Board reviewing the regulations and looking for additional modifications, then we will prepare changes for the regulations including the shut-off times frame and fees. Once the review is complete and proposed changes are made, prepare an amendment for approval to be adopted at a future meeting.

- Sam – report on operations
  - Davis has a leaking service, and Sam is working with them to try and get it fixed. They use about 400,000 gallons a month. They are working to get it fixed.
  - Bac'ts are looking good. Sam is working on the consumer confidence report and will provide the concurrent systems for distribution.
  - Got the spare parts for the VFDs. Zach is working on an inventory system.
  - Discussed the overpressure event and working to get it resolved. It doesn't appear to the damage to the pumps or wells. We met onsite this morning to discuss and look at the system. We are going to change out some bolts and gaskets and repressure.

PHASE II-TO ROUNDUP-STATUS

- Closing on the loan for all of Phase II on April 16
- $187,962.50 Debt Service Reserve Deposit

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS

- Schedule update
  - All the pipes are in the ground and being pressure tested. The bac'ts are being pulled and look good.
  - Connection to the tank will happen in the next few weeks.
  - Hoping to be started up by the middle of May.
  - Rates in Melstone have already been updated and should start billing around the 1st of the month.
  - Melstone will not get charged for the flushing of the system.
- Phase IV BAN Resolution
  - **Motion to approve the Resolution 2603R by Paul, motion seconded by Dave L., motion carried.**

PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS

- Schedule Update
  - Started moving equipment to Phase 3A
  - Pipe fused to the Highway
  - Start digging by the next Board meeting.
- Preconstruction meeting was held March 18, 2026
- Eagle Survey/Sage grouse permit
  - April 15th the ground eagle survey to see if there are active Eagle nests

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

- Environmental and Cultural Work
- Design and Easement Updates
  - Easements are dribbling in
  - Wilkes Brothers easement was confirmed today that they will be signing
  - Route around State Water Projects has been finalized and have forms to sign today
  - Working on geotechnical investigation scheduled now that the route is finalized

- Start on sage grouse permit and MDT permit
- Plan to send to DEQ then bid in late summer.

WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS

- Schedule update
  - COP is substantially complete
  - COP is working on their punchlist
  - Working with COP on overpressure event.

PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS

- Design update (Stahly)
  - Working on easement document for the North side of the property, waiting on title report.
  - Great West will send the final connection point. It is really close to the original planned connection point.
  - Working on memo for average day demand and max day demand so the Ryegate contract can be written.
  - SCADA should match the other systems for monitoring at the Ryegate tank. Middle Musselshell should be the same but a bit different as there is no tank. All systems need to measure flow and pressure.

MIDDLE MUSSELSHELL DISTRICT

- Design update (Stahly)
  - Meter pits have double check valves for backflow but the connection to the system does not need backflow valves.
  - Matt send memo for the flows of the District during the meeting. Great West will review and work on the contract.
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PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS

- Letter to Hobson with deadline for commitment of September 1st

BOR

- No updates

DNRC

- We have a grant agreement $2.6 million grant agreement for Phase 3 and $2.3 for Phase 3A
- Great West will send executed contract documents for Phase 3.

RD

- No updates

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

- Nothing happening. Will have to go to the legislature for Hobson funds and support the Regional Water Program.
- Will have a future discussion on whether to hire a lobbyist.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- May 13, 2026 at 1:00pm

OTHER BUSINESS