**CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY**
**Harlowton, MT 59036**
**May 13, 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
- MMCWD:
- 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
- *Sign in sheet attached*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 8, 2026.

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

| Invoices | | | | | |
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| Vendor | Invoice | Category | Amount | Bank | Funding Source |
| Great West Engineering | 39348 | PH III & IIIA - Engineering (Aquatic Resource & Cultural) | $3,806.80 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Great West Engineering | 39349 | PH IV & Well 5 - Engineering (Connecting Infra) | $90,774.56 | Stock | BOR - PH IV |
| Great West Engineering | 39350 | PH III - Engineering | $19,857.82 | Stock | BOR - PH III |
| Great West Engineering | 39351 | PH IIIA - Engineering | $60,656.92 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| COP Construction | Pay App 9 | PH IV & Well 5 - Construction (Connecting Infrastructure) | $252,858.05 | 1st Sec | WRF-26601 |
| MT Gross Receipts | 1% Tax 9 | PH IV & Well 5 - Construction (Connecting Infrastructure) | $2,554.12 | 1st Sec | WRF-26601 |
| C&C Excavation | Pay App 4 | PH III - Construction | $144,358.80 | Stock | BOR - PH III |
| MT Gross Receipts | 1% Tax 4 | PH III - Construction | $1,458.17 | Stock | BOR - PH III |
| C&C Excavation | Pay App 19 | PH IV - Construction (Pipeline) | $638,603.11 | 1st Sec | WRF-26601 |
| MT Gross Receipts | 1% Tax 19 | PH IV - Construction (Pipeline) | $6,450.54 | 1st Sec | WRF-26601 |
| Innova | 1555 | Accounting | $355.50 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| Michael D. Baker | ST-W-801 | Easement Insurance | $200.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Michael D. Baker | | Easement | $3,000.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Careless Creek Ranch, LLC | ST-W-802 | Easement Insurance | $200.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Careless Creek Ranch, LLC | | Easement | $3,000.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Daniel G. DeBuff | ST-W-798 | Easement Insurance | $200.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Daniel G. DeBuff | | Easement | $10,000.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Arville J. Lammers | ST-W-800 | Easement Insurance | $200.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Arville J. Lammers | | Easement | $3,940.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Wilks Ranch Montana | ST-W-799 | Easement Insurance | $440.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Wilks Ranch Montana | | Easement | $62,610.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Richard Frank Roma | ST-W-803 | Easement Insurance | $200.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |

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| Richard Frank Roma | | Easement | $15,340.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Ajax Taurean, LLC | | Easement | $5,000.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA |
| Mid Rivers | 8740500 | Water Monitoring | $32.75 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| Project & Management Services | RW02604 | Project Admin & Coordination | $5,850.00 | Stock | BOR - PH IIIA and III |
| Project & Management Services | RW026004-A | Project Administration | $2,489.29 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| Townsend Electric | 0022254-IN | IO Cards | $1,248.65 | 1st Sec | O&M |
| Westwind Web | 2635 | Web Support | $495.00 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| Dorsey & Whitney LLP | 4173929 | Bond Counsel (PH II Loan) | $20,000.00 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| CMRWA | P430B | O&M Payment for Overtime | $13,827.84 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| Cody McDonald | | Wells 2 & 3 Annual Well Payment | $10,710.00 | 1st Sec | General Admin |
| Cody McDonald | | Wells 4 & 5 Annual Well Payment | $10,710.00 | Stock | BOR |
| DNRC | | Ph3A Geotech MDT Permit Sage Grouse Stewardship | $547.10 | Stock | BOR – PH IIIA |
| | | **Total Invoices** | **$1,391,975.02** | | |

**O & M REPORT**

- Monty Report on O&M Account
  - Beginning balance on April 1st of $247,342.96
  - Expenditures with payroll and FICA claims total expenditures of $52,769.80
  - April water payments $81,660.26
  - Checking Account ending bank balance was $276,233.42
  - Reserve account for RD balance was $95,978.50
  - Reserve account for SRF balance was $187,963
  - Bank balances total $540,174.92
  - Outstanding claims $19,967.30 water bills expected for the current month $82,255.85
- **Motion** to approve the O&M report by Allen, motion seconded by Paul, motion carried.
- Sam – report on operations
  - Well Power and Peak Demands
    - Power demands charged from 6 am to 9am and then 6 pm to 9pm – until the end of May. In June, the morning demand period is removed for the summer months.
    - Start turning on the water at 9:30 pm and running through the night to fill tanks. The pumps will be able to run until 6:00 pm, if needed.
    - Plan to start using the generators during those hours. During this use, will monitor the fuel usage to determine the cost of running the generators.
  - Wellfield Start up
    - Both wells are online and pumping.
    - There was no damage to the wells due to the overpressure event.
    - Discussion of the Contractor for connecting infrastructure and work not being adequate.
    - Bob reported that we have $200,000 in retainage and they still have remaining work. The meters still need to be installed. The pride of workmanship is not present.
    - Piping between the vault(s) and well(s) was exposed to address issues. C&C Excavation completed the work and issues present were remedied.
  - Strainer has been put on the chlorine system and is working well. The chlorine pump was replaced and the old one will be rebuilt. Once it is rebuilt, it will be put on the shelf for a spare.
- Regulations Update
  - Next month – please provide any comments so the update can be comprehensive.
- Annual EDU letter
  - All connecting systems should update their EDUs and provide them to the Authority with the Black Mountain software printouts by July 1st.

**PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS**

- Schedule update
  - Water main, vaults, valves, and fiber are all complete.
  - Tommy from Pipestone will be here on May 18th and water will start being delivered to Melstone.
- Ribbon cutting?
  - Wait and see if they want to have one.

**PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS**

- Schedule Update
  - Started exposing the connection point this week.
  - Bores have started
  - Digging pipeline next week
  - Notice to Proceed on May 18th.
- Eagle Survey/Sage grouse permit
  - Next round of eagle survey will take place on May 14th

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

- Environmental and Cultural Work
  - Will have to get a permit for the sage grouse.
- Design and Easement Updates
  - All private easements have been received
  - Land use license for Jim's signature.
  - State Water Project Bureau has been working on the easements.
  - Working on MDT right-of-way permit and County encroachment permit.

**WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS**

- Schedule update
  - Covered mostly in the O&M update. All wells are operational.
  - Fencing around the building is supposed to start on Monday
- Change Order Approval
- **Motion** to approve the change order by Lon, motion seconded by Allen, motion carried.

**PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS**

- Design update (Stahly)
  - Working with Dorsey and Whitney on the easement document
  - Connection point was sent to Matt

**MIDDLE MUSSELSHELL DISTRICT**

- Design update (Stahly)
  - Realigned the pipeline route to avoid a property by going through the airport property
  - Looking to build late summer/early fall
- Contract status
  - Bob has a draft contract completed, but is waiting to resolve the peak water question. There is a meeting planned tomorrow to discuss it in further detail.

**PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS**

- Monty and Bob will be attending a meeting in Hobson on May 20th.

**BOR**

- Received information from Kasia, so the indexing is complete. It is in the process of being signed off, and the reports will be sent soon.
- No additional updates.

**DNRC**

- No update.

**RD**

- No update.

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES UPDATE**

- No update.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

- June 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- No other business was discussed.

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| Name | Representing |
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| Bob Chunch | Great West Eng |
| GREG KRUZICH | BOR |
| Amy Deitchler | Great West Eng. |
| Jack R Runner | Harlowton |
| Paul Often | Harlowton |
| Allen Dans | RYEGATE |
| Lon Sibley | Roundup |
| Zach Tomlinson | CMRWA |
| SAM KLEPZIG | CMRWA |
| JIM KALITOWSKI | HARLO |

Online

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| Anna Miller | DNRC |
| Scott Keller | Shawmut-Deadmans Basin |
| Matt Smith | Stanely |
| Denver Fraser | SRF |
| Shawna Swanz | DNRC |
| Susan Hayes | Great West Engineering |
| Steve Sorenson | Broadview |