CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Harlowton, MT 59036
June 10, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- CMRWA: Monty Sealey, Sam Klepzig, Zach Tomlinson
- Great West Engineering: Bob Church, Amy Deitchler, Cheri Anderson, Susan Hayes
- Shawmut-Deadman's Basin Water District:
- Funding Agencies: Anna Miller, Rebecca Beam, Shawna Swanz
- MMCWD:
- Harlowton Board Members: Jim Kalitowski, 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 May 13, 2026.

- **Motion** to approve the May minutes by Allen, motion seconded by Lon, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT AND CURRENT BILLS

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

Invoices					
Vendor	Invoice	Category	Amount	Bank	Funding Source
Great West Engineering	39626	PH IIIA - Aquatic Inventory	$9,209.72	Stock	BOR PH IIIA
Great West Engineering	39627	PH IV & Well 5 - Connecting Infrastructure Const. Mngmt.	$133,313.17	Stock	BOR PH IV
Great West Engineering	39628	PH III - Const. Management	$16,146.07	Stock	BOR PH III
Great West Engineering	39629	PH IIIA - Engineering Design	$55,564.03	Stock	BOR PH IIIA
C&C Excavation	Pay App 5	PH III - Construction	$261,578.94	Stock	BOR PH III
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 5	PH III - Construction	$2,642.21	Stock	BOR PH III
COP Construction	Pay App 10	PH IV & Well 5 - Construction	$11,939.31	1st Sec	WRF-26601
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 10	PH IV & Well 5 - Construction	$120.60	1st Sec	WRF-26601
C&C Excavation	Pay App 20	PH IV - Construction Pipeline	$679,194.94	1st Sec & Stock	WRF-26601 ($447,222.86) & WRF-26637 ($200,000) & BOR PH IV ($31,972.08)
MT Gross Receipts	1% Tax 20	PH IV - Construction Pipeline	$6,860.55	1st Sec	WRF-26601 (6,860.55)
Innova, LLC	1579	Accounting	$330.50	1st Sec	General Admin
C&C Excavation	21501	PH IV - Construction Wellfield Repairs	$46,054.79	1st Sec	WRF-26601
Commercial Yard Service		PH IV & Well 5 - Construction	$8,895.00	Stock	BOR PH IV
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Statement	PH IV & Well 5 - Construction	$3,576.45	Stock	BOR PH IV
Taber Ranch LLC	Agreement	Land Acquisition - Damages to Grazing Land	$3,000.00	Stock	BOR PH IIIA
Basin Cabin Owners Assoc.	Easement	Joint Easement	$1.00	Stock	BOR PH IIIA
Key Insurance	Invoice 2026-30	Commercial & Professional Liability Insurance	$4,986.02	1st Sec	General Admin
Project & Mgmt Services	RW 02605	Project Admin & Coordination	$5,175.00	Stock	BOR PH III
Project & Mgmt Services	RW 026054-A	Project Administration	$3,213.08	1st Sec	General Admin
Sweetgrass Title Co	Title Insurance	Taurean & Berg	$400.00	Stock	BOR PH IIIA

Townsend Electric	0022320-IN	PH IV & Well 5 - Generator and ATS	$19,981.50	Stock	BOR PH IV
Mid Rivers Communications	Acct, 5740500	Wtr Monitoring	$32.75	1st Sec	General Admin
		Total Invoices	$1,272,215.63		

O & M REPORT

- Monty Report on O&M Account
  - Beginning bank balance $276,233.42
  - Rural Development bond payment, which is $10,597 per month, and transferred to the RD reserve, which we're putting $5,844.50 per month into that reserve.
  - Claims for O&M is $19,967.30.
  - Total expenditures $48,022.91.
  - Revenues made payments $82,387.17.
  - Total bank balance is $574,598.92.
  - Water bills expected this current period, $96,435.04. June, O&M check so far, $23,949.97.
  - **Motion** to approve the O&M report by Allen, motion seconded by Paul, motion carried.

- Sam – report on operations
  - Bac-Ts came back good
  - Pressure at golf course is good now
  - Found 2 valves that should have been closed, were open, some of them closed, and an air valve was letting some air in the line, so air was starting to block the water. We went down to 69 pounds of pressure, we are usually at the mid 150s. Now we're back up to 150. I know there's still some air in the line. We're going to address that tomorrow.
  - Margaret Lekse tried to put in her water line, and she was going to go with the local guy, but her brother came up from Texas and decided to not be a very nice person. I can deal with difficult people for so long. But when he threatens us and tells us he's going to shut us down all the way to the wells, I said, okay, you're not getting any water. So here's the issue. He has nothing to do with us. That was last Wednesday he hasn't tried to contact us again.
    - Discussion on whether or not to give her water or not.
    - If she calls and wants water, they will turn it on, but not if the brother calls.
  - Fence is up on 4 and 5
  - Weed spraying will be scheduled
  - Exercising all the valves, moving a lot of water

- Regulations Update – address at July meeting
  - Next month

- Annual EDU letter
  - Roundup has supplied their updated EDU count
  - Got information back from Roundup
    - The EDUs in Roundup have gone up quite a bit
  - Nothing from Harlowton yet, deadline is June 15
    - If this is not received keep billing as it is
  - Delinquent bill – Developer who has 4 parcels north of Lavina and sold 3 or the 4. He's 3 months behind on one and refuses to pay it. All 3 lots he sold are not paying their bills.
    - Monty thinks he should keep getting bills with interest. He will not get water until it's paid for.
    - Will put a lien on it so when it's sold the bill will have to be paid.
    - **Motion** to lien the property by Lon, motion seconded by Steve, motion carried.

PHASE IV TO MELSTONE-STATUS

- Schedule update
  - Last change order and pay app
  - Done other than that
- $200,000 loan closing
  - **Motion** to sign $200,000 loan by Allen, motion seconded by Lon, motion carried.

PH III TO BROADVIEW-STATUS

- Schedule Update
  - 5 miles of pipe installed
  - Will continue installing pipe
- Eagle Survey/Sage grouse permit
  - Eagle nest was active and there is a 0.6 mile buffer where no construction can occur until August 15 or until eaglets fledge.
    - Awaiting contractor details regarding schedule/cost implications
    - Complete follow up surveys per the biologist's recommendations
  - Sage grouse permit application for main project final letter has been received. Payment will be made after contract award, before construction begins.

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

- Environmental and Cultural Work
  - All field work is complete
  - Amendments have been submitted to BOR, addressing comments.
  - Addendums are under review
- Design and Easement Updates
  - No title insurance yet
  - All easements are done
  - State lands application is under review
  - Need MDT permit, will work on that next week
  - County Road permit
  - BNSF permit
  - Geotechnical investigation this week and next week
  - DEQ submittal early July
  - Bidding late August or early September

WELLS 4 & 5 SYSTEM CONNECTION-STATUS

- Meters have been installed
- Need pressure tests, will do Friday
  - Sam: On well 4, when you turn the well on, the initial pressure is like 250 pounds. And it's supposed to be 1 1/2 or 2 1/2 times the pressure. So when COP was fixing those leaks, what was the pressure test completed at? (Looking at testing plan to identify.)
  - We're still withholding their $200,000. So we have some leverage. We actually have a conference call with Baker Hughes next Tuesday, we have heard directly from them that they weren't worried. We've heard from a driller that he won't warranty anything down the hole. We've heard from Northwest Pipe that they wouldn't warranty anything down the hole. But we have Baker Hughes' pumps and from the information we have, there's no technical reason those pumps should not be warrantied.
- Punch list items
- Warranty items
- $4K paint credit won't cover the fee, will be more like $12K

PHASE III B-TO RYEGATE-STATUS

- Design update (Stahly)
  - Updated plans to adjust point of connection
  - Designing a building to house the control center to feed water to the water tank
  - Waiting on cultural report

MIDDLE MUSSELSHELL DISTRICT

- Design update (Stahly)
  - DEQ has approved peak hour for both locations
  - Site title report should be done soon
- Contract status
  - 95% complete
  - Need to add peak hour and max day

PHASE V TO HOBSON-STATUS

- Monty and Bob attended the council meeting
- They have an engineer and they are trying to get the price lowered it's at $115 a month
- Need an answer by September 1
- They will need to attend the next legislative session to get some grant money

BOR

- No update

DNRC

- Fiscal year end, need to turn anything in the next couple weeks or you won't get money until August

RD

- No update

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

- No update
- Maybe Hobson

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- July 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business was discussed.