**Draft minutes for regular board meeting on August 11, 2026, 3:01 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The West Dakota Water Development District (WDWDD) convened at 3:01 PM (Mountain Time).

**AGENDA ITEM 1. Pledge of Allegiance. (Chair)** 3:01 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 2. Roll Call of Members. (Admin)** 3:02 PM

Directors present: Dan Driscoll (Area 3), Scott McGregor (Area 4), Dan Mulally (Area 5), William Young (Area 6), Thomas Mack (Area 7), Mark Kline, (Area 8), Craig Kjar (Area 9)

Directors absent: Ron Koth (Area 1), Roy Boschee (Area 2)

A quorum was declared. Administration present: Larry Stetler (Program Administrator)

**Others in attendance** (as per sign-in sheet): Barry Muxen (CWA, BHEC, Sierra Club), Kaleb Hedman (HDR), Cory Foreman (HDR), Jim Hayward, Frank Henderson (GVSD)

**AGENDA ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda** (The board cannot take official action on any item not on the agenda) (Chair)

**Motion** 1 by McGregor seconded by Kline to approve agenda.

**Motion 1**: carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:03 PM

**Amendment to Item 3:** Amendment to Motion 1 by McGregor seconded by Kjar to place item 8 (Green Valley Sanitary District vote to rescind current allocation of $125,000 as item 7 and renumber item 7 (approve 2027 budget) as item 8.

**Motion to amend Motion 1:** carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:10 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 4. Conflict of interest disclosure.** (chair)

0 conflicts stated:

**AGENDA ITEM 5. Approval of minutes** from July 14, 2026 meeting. (chair)

**Motion 2** by Driscoll second by Young to approve minutes from July 14, 2026 meeting.

**Motion 2** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:03 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 6. Treasurers Report** (Stetler)

**Motion 3** by Mulally seconded by Kline to accept the treasurers report.

**Motion 3** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:07 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 7.** Information Update: Mr. Frank Henderson President Green Valley Sanitation District on GVSD meeting of July 15, 2026. Possible motion to rescind $125,000 allocation. (Mulally)

Mr. Henderson stated that GVSD has terminated the sewar system project.

**Motion 4** by McGregor seconded by Young to rescind $125,000 allocation to Green Valley Sanitation w/o prejudice.

**Motion 4** carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:16 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 8A.** 2027 Pennington County Tax Levy approval.

**Motion 5** by McGregor seconded by Mulally to reduce the 2027 Levy ask from the available $283,277 to the 2025 level of $264,775.

**Motion 5:** carries on voice voter. Driscoll—No 3:29 PM

Substitute motion by Driscoll seconded by Young to reduce the 2027 Levy ask to the 2026 level of $274,359. Sub-motion: fails by roll-call vote: 3 yes, 4 no. McGregor, Mulally, Kline, Kjar—No

**Agenda Item 8B.** Approval: 2027 draft budget (Treasurer—Stetler)

**Motion 6** by Mulally seconded by Driscoll to approve the 2027 draft budget with the following corrections:

1) remove the GVSD rescind approved in Item 7

2) adjusting the 2027 budget to reflect the reduction in the Levy request to $264,775..

**Motion 6** carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:31 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 9.** Funding Request: 2nd vote on Resilient Headwaters and Holistic Riverscape Restoration Planning. $35,000. Black Hills Watershed Collaborative. Lori Brown. (Young)

**Motion 7** by Young seconded by Mulally to approve 2nd vote of requested funding ($35,000) to Black Hills Watershed Collaborative, funds to be managed by Black Hills Area Community Foundation.

**Motion 7** carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:33 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 10.** Information: Proposed scope-of-work for HDR to prepare protection plans for Rapid Creek 319 project, segments 2 and 3. $231,440. (Chair)

HDR Met with the 319 committee July 23, 2026. This resulted in text addition to section 3, subtask 3.2: to prepare and submit an annual report to DANR. Final scope-of-work proposal to be voted on in the October 13, 2026 regular meeting. 3:47 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 11.** Approval: WDWDD Board request from HDR to submit a protection plan project for Rapid Creek 319 project segment 1, $18,500. (Chair)

**Motion 8** by Driscoll seconded by McGregor to postpone the vote on the HDR protection plan for segment 1 of Rapid Creek 319 project in the amount of $18,500 to the WDWDD Oct. 2026 meeting.

**Motion 8** carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:52 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 12.** Discussion: Vacant Director positions with intent to fill by January 12, 2027. (Chair)

Positions held by Mack (Area 7) and Kjar (Area 9) cannot be filled until Jan. 1, 2027. Notification (declaration) of vacancies will be made prior to Jan. 2027 and posted on the WDWDD webpage. These positions cannot be filled until January 1, 2027 (or the January 12, 2027 meeting). Chair will work with the Administrator to craft text and post online. 4:08 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 13:** Discussion: SDAG opinion letter. (Chair)

McGregor reviewed the opinion issued by South Dakota AG and his interpretation of the opinion. The intent of the Board to is include a statement of “assessment of benefits to private and/or public use” for future projects. 4:34 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 14: Chair's comments.** Chairman Mack will prepare a document of 'tips' from his experience s to pass on to the new chair in January 2027.

**AGENDA ITEM 15: Items from directors.** Young noted that a creek cleanup day will be held August 29th, meeting at the Cherry St. bridge.

**AGENDA ITEM 16: Items from admin.** Received 1 Director comment on the proposed updated 'Proposal Guidelines' and 'Example Proposal'. Administrator will send out a Word file for review and comment for inclusion in the October 13, 2027 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 17: Items from public.** None

**AGENDA ITEM 18:** Adjournment by Chairman Mack 4:43 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D Stetler, Program Administrator

Craig Kjar, Secretary