



## **Draft minutes for regular board meeting on Jan 13, 2026, 3 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The West Dakota Water Development District (WDWDD) convened at 3:00 PM (Mountain Time).

**AGENDA ITEM 1. Pledge of Allegiance. (Chair)** 3:00 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 2. Roll Call of Members. (Admin)** 3:01 PM

Directors present: Ron Koth (Area 1), Roy Boschee (Area 2), Dan Driscoll (Area 3), Scott McGregor (Area 4), Dan Mulally (Area 5), William Young (Area 6), Thomas Mack (Area 7), , Mark Kline, (Area 8)

Directors absent:, Craig Kjar (Area 9)

A quorum was declared.

Administration present: Larry Stetler (Program Administrator)

**Others in attendance** (as per sign-in sheet): Barry Muxen (CWA, BHEC, Sierra Club), Robin Witkop (Black Gap HOA)

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

**Sub-Motion** by McGregor seconded by Kline to move item 5, Election of Officers, to immediately prior to item 16.

**Sub-Motion:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:04 PM

Note: Item 7, Designate official newspapers, Wall Courant closed in 2025.

**Motion 1** by McGregor seconded by Driscoll to approve agenda (with the following addition):

**Motion 1:** carries unanimously on a voice vote 3:05 PM

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

1 conflicts stated: McGregor recuses himself from Item 12, Black Gap funding request.

**AGENDA ITEM 5. Approval of minutes** from December 09, 2025 meeting. (chair)

**Motion 2** by Driscoll second by Young to approve minutes from October 14, 2025 meeting with the following change(s): none

**Motion 2** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:07 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 6. Designate official newspapers** (SDCL 46A-3D-11) (Chair)

- Hill City Prevailer (current)
- ~~Wall Courant (current)~~ See Agenda Item 3

**Motion 3** by Young seconded by Mulally to designate the Hill City Prevailer as the legal newspaper for the West Dakota Water Development District.

**Motion 3:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:09 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 7. Treasurers Report (Koth)**

**Motion 4** by Boschee seconded by Mulally to accept the treasurers report (with alterations listed below).

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

**AGENDA ITEM 8. Information:** 319 project update (Mack)

**Motion 5** by McGregor seconded by Young to approve Chairman Mack to sign the 319 grant award

**Motion 5:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:20 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 9. Information:** BOR WaterSmart grant 1-yr no cost extension (Mack)

**Motion 6** by Young seconded by Koth to approve the 1-yr extension application.

**Motion 6:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:23 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 10. Information:** Pennington Conservation District obligation removal from ledger (Mack)

Pennington Conservation District was open for application from 2020-2024. Remaining funds have been removed from the ledger.

**AGENDA ITEM 11. Discussion** of meeting recording equipment (Mulally)

Mulally and Kjar went to a Rapid City Sustainability meeting to see the Owl. Owl 4 cost is \$2000, 1 extension mic is \$200, carry case. Total for the new system would be ~\$2500.

Koth has a Bluetooth device for phone call amplification that he will bring to test with phone-ins. 3:39 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 12. Request:** funding for The Ranch at Black Gap pond reclamation project (Witkop)

Discussion by directors expressed views regarding the project, both for and against funding the request.

**Motion 7** by Driscoll seconded by Mulally to provide \$67,980 (30%) contingent on HOA confirming commitment of \$158,620 (70%) funding for Black Gap pond reclamation.

**Motion 7:** motion fails on roll-call vote 3 yeah (Boschee, Driscoll, Mulally), 4 nay (Koth, Young, Mack, Kline) 4:11 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 13. Information:** Update from erosion control committee (Driscoll and erosion control committee)

**AGENDA ITEM 14. Request:** a) funding of up to \$25,000 for continuation of Star Village erosion control project with the City of Rapid City (\$15k) and Tzadik Property Management (\$10k) for calendar year 2026. (Driscoll and erosion control committee).

**Motion 8** by McGregor seconded by Young to provide funding up to \$15,000 for continuation of Rapid City portion of Star Village erosion control project.

**Substitute motion** by Driscoll seconded by Mulally to fund at the original request of \$25,000 and include the city and private property.

**Substitute motion:** fails on voice vote

**Motion 8:** carries on voice vote 5:05 PM

b) **Request:** funding of up to \$5,000 for collaborative erosion control project at the LaCroix Golf Course (Driscoll and erosion control committee)

**Motion 9** by Driscoll seconded by Kline to provide funding up to \$5,000 for collaborative erosion control project at the LaCroix Golf Course through Dec 31, 2027

**Substitute motion** by McGregor seconded by Young to postpone this item to the March 2026 meeting in compliance with SDCL 1-27-1.18.

**Substitute motion:** carries on voice vote. 5:11 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 15: Election of officers:** (SD codified law 46A-3B-11) (Admin)

- Chairperson (must be director; 1 year term) no nominee
- Vice Chairperson (must be director; 1 year term) no nominee

**Motion 10** by Young seconded by Kline to re-elect Mack (chair) and McGregor (vice-chair) to their current positions.

**Motion 10:** carries unanimously on voice vote

- Secretary (must be director; 1 year term)

**Motion 11** to nominate Kjar by Driscoll seconded by Mulally to re-elect Kjar to current position (secretary).

**Motion 11:** carries unanimously on a voice.

- Treasurer (may or may not be director; serves at pleasure of the board)

**Motion 12** to nominate Stetler by Kline seconded by McGregor

**Motion 12:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 5:23 PM

**AGENDA ITEM 16:** Motion to enter Executive Session (SDCL 1-25-2): Discussion of attorney opinion (Chair-Mack)

**Motion 13** by McGregor seconded by Driscoll to enter executive session.

**Motion 13:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 5:24 PM

**Motion 14** by McGregor seconded by Young to exit Executive Session.

**Motion 14:** carries unanimously on a voice vote. 6:04 PM

**Motion 15** by Young seconded by Kline to authorize McGregor to continue negotiations to resolve the attorney debt and to secure payment upon completion of negotiations.

**Motion 15:** carries on a voice vote. Driscoll nay, McGregor abstains.

**Agenda Item 17: Chair's comments.**

**Agenda Item 18: Items from directors.**

Young reported that the next creek cleanup is Feb. 14. There will be a film at the Journey Museum on January 14, 2026.

**Agenda Item 19: Items from admin.** US Geological Survey grant request for sponsorship of the western South Dakota Hydrology Conference will be on the March agenda.

**Agenda Item 20: Items from public.**

**Agenda Item 21: Adjournment** by Chairman Mack

6:16 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D Stetler, Program Administrator

Craig Kjar, Secretary

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