Draft minutes for regular board meeting on July 14, 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), 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:, Roy Boschee (Area 2), 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), Lori Brown (BH Watershed Collaborative), Hans Stephanson (BH Watershed Collaborative), Chris Stover (BH Watershed Collaborative), Frank Henderson (Green Valley Sanitation), Kaleb Hedman (HDR), Cory Foreman (HDR), Bryan Meister, Eric Zimmer (BHACF)

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

Motion 1 by Young seconded by Driscoll to approve agenda (with the following addition): Changes: reorder items 10 and 8. Mulally noted that director Young be listed as sponsor for Item 11.

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

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

2 conflicts stated: Director Young expressed personal ties to people submitting proposal under Item 11. Director Kline expressed kinship with Frank Hendersdon, Item 8.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Approval of minutes from May 12, 2026 meeting. (chair)

Motion 2 by Driscoll second by McGregor to approve minutes from March 10, 2026 meeting with the following change(s):

Motion 2 carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:05 PM

AGENDA ITEM 6. Treasurers Report (Stetler)

Motion 3 by McGregor seconded by Kline to accept the treasurers report (with alterations listed below).

Motion 3 carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:10 PM

AGENDA ITEM 7. Executive Committee approval to transfer $125,000 from BHCB PennCo Levy Money Market to Raymod James Saving Account.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Information Update: Frank Henderson President Green Valley Sanitation District on member poll results of sewer project support. (Mulally) Possible motion to rescind $125,000 allocation.

Mr. Henderson stated that a Geen Valley Sanitation District poll on member interest to continue forward progress on the building of a sewer system failed. 42% of members responded to the poll. He noted cost estimates for the sewer system have risen to ~$20 million. Current expenditures by the District are ~$800,000. A District meeting will be held on July 15 where the board mof directors will vote, Henderson will vote no. He will return to the August 11, 2026 regular meeting to report on the outcome of that meeting. No motion to rescind current funding allocation was made.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Approval: Insurance expenditures for Chubb ($301) and SDPAA ($1712) (Admin). Report from the Admin stated that a 'Loss Control' survey was conducted by Safety Benefits Inc. (SBI) on behalf of South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (SDPAA). Completion of this meeting resulted in a document of Improvement Recommendation to WDWDD. Contents of the recommendation were read to the Directors which focused on our availability to 1 hour of legal advice on governmental processes, public meetings, etc. These documents are now posted in the WDWDD office. Chairman Mack signed the document which has been submitted to SVBI whom will in turn, submit them to SDPAA. SDPAA will be submitting an invoice for the period August 24, 2026-August 23, 2027.

Motion 4 by Young seconded by Mulally to approve insurance expenditures to Chubb and SDPAA for the next year.

Motion 4 carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:36 PM

AGENDA ITEM 10. 2027 draft budget (Stetler). The 2027 draft budget was presented by the Treasurer. Director Koth noted 4 current projects listed on page 9 (Star Village, LaCroix Golf Course, SDSMT, and Cornerstone Mission) that end on Dec. 31, 2026. Those 2027 carry-over values shown on the draft budget will be zeroed out, remaining funds to be expended during the remainder of 2026. Mulally noted a typo error on page 8 where the bottom yellow line should be corrected to '2027', not '2026'.

Motion 5 by McGregor seconded by Young to approve the 2027 draft budget and submit to official newspaper for publication for final approval during the Aug 11, 2026 meeting.

Substitute Motion 5A by Mulally seconded by Driscoll to not request 2027 value of $283,277 and stay with 2026 allocation.

Substitute Motion 5A fails 4-3 on a roll-call vote. For: Driscoll, Mullay, Kline. Against: Koth, McGregor, Young, Mack.

Motion 5 carries, 1 No-Mulally 4:07 PM

AGENDA ITEM 11. Funding request: Resilient Headwaters and Holistic Riverscape Restoration Planning. $35,000. Black Hills Watershed Collaborative. (Young) Presentation by Lori Brown. Discussion on the scope of the project and expected outcomes that will indicate potential areas to receive further study/remediation. Eric Zimmer from Black Hills Area Community Foundation specified their management of the funds and their financial support for the project. A final proposal will be prepared that corrects the budget amount and has a completed signature page with names for the signers to be voted on at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

Motion 6 by Mulally seconded by Koth to approve the 1st vote for approval of requested funding ($35,000) to Black Hills Watershed Collaborative, with the funds to be managed by Black Hills Area Community Foundation, a representative of whom will sign the final proposal.

Motion 6 carries unanimously on a voice vote. 4:21 PM

AGENDA ITEM 12. Review and approve scope-of-work for contracting HDR to initiate work on protection plans for Rapid Creek 319 project (Chair). Cory Foreman and Kaleb Hedman of HDR talked through the scope of work, reasons for the organization of the plan, and where changes could be made by WDWDD if needed.

Motion 7 by Young seconded by McGregor to approve the draft scope of work and initiation of the watershed protection plans by HDR in the amount of $231,440. Motion was withdrawn after discussion of how to proceed.

The 319 committee will meet w/HDR for finalization of the draft proposal to be voted on during the August 11, 2026 meeting. Potential date of the meeting will be July 23, 2026.

Motion 8 by Koth seconded by Young to request HDR to submit an additional water quality evaluation proposal for Rapid Creek above Pactola Reservoir at the Aug 11, 2026 meeting. This new proposal will focus on Segment 1 and will be additional funds to the current proposal.

Motion 8 carries, Driscoll voted No 5:20 PM

AGENDA ITEM 13: Chair's comments. Have not heard from the AGs office regarding the submitted letter of inquiry regarding duties of Water Development Districts. He will contact the AGs office to lean of any updates.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Items from directors. Young noted that a creek cleanup day will be held on the last Saturday of August immediately after the Central States Fair and focus on the creek at the fairgrounds.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Items from admin. Loss Control report (discussed during Agenda Item 9. Chair signed the document. An updated 'Proposal Guidelines' and 'Example Proposal' documents were included in the packet for director consideration. The guidelines document was streamlined, some of the numerical list were combined, and they were arranged in a more logical order for proposal writers. The 'example' is shown as a more detailed guide of content expected under major headings. Admin will circulate the word documents to directors for modifications.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Items from public. None

AGENDA ITEM 17: Adjournment by Chairman Mack 5:42 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D Stetler, Program Administrator

Craig Kjar, Secretary