



Draft minutes for regular board meeting on October 13, 2026

An audio recording for this meeting is available at www.westdakotawater.com

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) 3:02 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), Craig Kjar (Area 9)

Directors absent: Roy Boschee (Area 2)

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

Others in attendance (as per sign-in sheet): Kaleb Hedman (HDR), Cory Foreman (HDR), Justin Herreman (RCRC), Justin Huntley (CORC), Nathan Anderson (SDDANR), 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)

Motion 1 by Driscoll seconded by Young to approve agenda with the following changes: change the order of items 11 and 12.

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

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

1 conflicts stated: McGregor to abstain from item 10.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Approval of minutes from August 11, 2026 meeting. (chair)

Motion 2 by Driscoll second by Kline to approve minutes from August 11, 2026 meeting with the following changes: move the sub-motion in Item 5 to before the vote.

Motion 2 carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:08 PM

AGENDA ITEM 6. Treasurers Report (Stetler)

Motion 3 by McGregor seconded by Kjar to accept the treasurers report.

Motion 3 carries unanimously on a voice vote. 3:15 PM

AGENDA ITEM 7. Approval: scope-of-work for HDR to prepare protection plans for Rapid Creek 319 project segments 2 and 3. \$231,440. (Chair)

Motion 4 by Young seconded by Koth to approve the funding of HDR to prepare protection plans for Rapid Creek 319 project segments 2 and 3 for \$231,440.

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. Approval: WDWDD Board request from HDR to submit a protection plan project for Rapid Creek 319 project segment 1, \$18,500. (Chair)

Motion 5 by Young seconded by McGregor to approve the funding of HDR to prepare a protection plan for Rapid Creek 319 project segment 1 for \$18,500.

Motion 5: carries unanimously on a voice vote

3:17 PM

AGENDA ITEM 9. Funding Request: Rapid Creek Recreation Corridor Inc. (RCRC) for Phase 1 (60%) design development of the Rapid Creek in-stream recreation corridor. \$19,568. (Driscoll)

Motion 6 by Driscoll seconded by Mulally to approve RCRC for Phase 1 (60%) design development of the Rapid Creek in-stream recreation corridor. \$19,568.

Mr. Herreman noted the project is approximately 2 years from construction. Three permits are required to obtain.

McGregor stated WDWDD policy of not funding planning grants.

Driscoll referred to pg 24 line 12, of the proposal stating the conceptual design has been completed. He noted this is similar to the Missouri River pipeline feasibility project that was funded by WDWDD.

More discussion began at the 40-minute mark on the audio recording (posted to YouTube--
<https://youtu.be/ZUHW-gn7KpQ>).

Koth stated this segment of the creek is currently impaired for E.coli. This is a recreation project and does not see it meeting water protection.

Mr. Herreman stated there will be restoration included within the project that should reduce sediment deposition and maintain velocity to alter the E.coli profile.

Driscoll noted the WDWDD Mission statement from the website does include recreation.

Motion 6: passes on roll call Yes (Driscoll, Mulally, Young, Mack, Kline, Kjar) No (Koth) Abstain (McGregor)

4:08 PM

AGENDA ITEM 10. Funding Request: Ranch at Black Gap Pond Reclamation Grant Proposal. \$59,040. (Driscoll)

Motion 7 by Driscoll seconded by Mulally to approve 1st vote for Black Gap Pond Reclamation for \$59,040.

Robin Witkop outlined the project and request.

Discussion started at approximately the 74 minute mark on the audio recording (posted to YouTube
<https://youtu.be/ZUHW-gn7KpQ>).

Substitute Motion 7 by Koth seconded by Young to fund \$20,000 for the public benefit to be gained by this project.

Substitute Motion 7 passes on roll-call vote: Yes (Koth, Young, Mack, Kline, Kjar) No (Driscoll, Mulally) Abstain (McGregor)

4:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM 11. Discussion/Action: Board course of action for past landscaping/erosion projects where landowner financial participation does not meet statutory guidelines. (See AG opinion # 26-04 item IV SDCL 46A-3E-7.) (Koth)

Discussion on this item is located on the audio recording beginning approximately at the 90 minute mark (posted to YouTube <https://youtu.be/ZUHW-gn7KpQ>).

AGENDA ITEM 12. Information: Recommendation for continuation of five erosion control projects that include Star Village, LaCroix Links, Raider Park, South Dakota Mines, and Cornerstone Mission.

(Erosion Control Committee)

Driscoll noted that these proposals will be separate voting items at the December 2026 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Discussion: Tzadik past billing for work at Star Village. (Koth)

Driscoll noted that a bill was submitted several months ago for the 10% cost-share. Nothing was received.

Program Administrator stated that the Tzadik property will be auctioned on October 27-28 2026 as part of the bankruptcy procedure. 5:05 PM

AGENDA ITEM 14: Information: Notice of Director vacancies, Districts 7 and 9, beginning January 01, 2027. (Chair)

The Chair will work with Admin to post the notice on the website and post to the official newspaper.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Information: Status update on future of Barr Engineering work on the Deerfield/Pactola modeling project. (Chair, Koth)

Koth suggested that Barr Engineering submit a small grant request under the current contract to fund Barr assistance in answering questions that arise as WDWDD engages Bureau of Reclamation to evaluate the project results to potentially change the current dam operation protocol.

Chair and Koth will work with Admin to formulate a request to be submitted to Barr.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Chair's comments. Continuing to prepare a transition document.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Items from directors. Kline discussed the project evaluation rubric. It was noted that WDWDD currently has a review document.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Items from admin. Will be attending a Water District administrator meeting in Chamberlain, SD on Oct. 27, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 19: Items from public. None

AGENDA ITEM 20: Adjournment by Chairman Mack

5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D Stetler, Program Administrator

Craig Kjar, Secretary