

Meeting Minutes:

June 18, 2025

The June meeting of the L.I.D. was held at the Lockwood Water and Sewer District office, at 1644 Old Hardin RD. The board members present were Terry Seiffert by telephone, Brent Kober, and Bob Riehl, Manager Carl Peters and Secretary/Treasurer, Angela Watson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bob Riehl. May 21, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Terry Seiffert, seconded by Brent Kober to approve the May 21st minutes, motion carried. Steve and Sindi Smith, Steve Nave, and Dick Hoke were also present.

Public Comment: Steve Nave: What's the penalty for violation of enforcement water regulation's part G (for putting the wrong culverts on the ditch). Terry explained there is no penalty. Then Mr. Nave asked about part H as well (working right of way on both sides of the ditch for cleaning). Who are you training to run the pumps after Carl. Brent Kober said that would be his interest in the future.

Steve Smith: The ditch up in Pine Hills we are having problem with opening and closing. Sindi and Steve would like to have a key to turn the water off in case of flooding their property in the middle of the night. They also asked if their neighbor Bill Grice could get a key in case it happens on his property as well. The board said that this could be a temporary fix but that we may need to look at replacing the headgate, or extension on the twist so that Sindi and Steve can operate it. McCabe has the lateral in his fenced back yard, and he has dogs in the yard, so no one has access to clean it. McCabe wanted the headgate out of his yard and Steve thinks that he should pay for the new headgate because the old one worked just fine.

New Business

1. **\$1,739,00.00 Bond:** Askin Construction was paid \$257,461.87 per board approved pay app # 2 in June.
2. **PH Rehab Project:** Steve Smith had a good question at the last meeting about the pump warranty. Watertronics warrants its pump station products to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 24 months from the date of startup, but no later than 27 months from invoicing. Steve Smith asked if the pumps are installed in November, then why aren't we firing up the pumps, then instead of May next year. The Manager said that he had discussed this with the engineers, and they are positive that there will be no issues but that if we did change fire up date that we would have generated a change order and those cost more money. The engineer pointed out that the change order for moving the walkway over 24" will cost an additional \$850.00. Northwestern Energy installing electrical supply with easement granted by Metra RV is going to cost \$14,367.00, which is up from the original cost estimate of \$13,951.00 and we need board approval for these changes. A motion was made by Terry Seiffert and seconded by Bob Riehl, motion carried. The annual lease invoice from BNSF for \$917.00 is the same amount as it was last year, which would be a continuation of the original 1913 lease as last amended in 1987.
3. **Liability Insurance Proposal:** This year's insurance renewal amount is \$15,997.00 from Glatfelter, we need a motion to approve the renewal. The motion was made by Bob Riehl and seconded by Terry Seiffert.
4. **2025 LID Assessment List:** Deadline is August 18th to report back to the Yellowstone County Finance Office.
5. **MDT Interchange Projects: Lockwood Interchange:** Dowl is looking at 60' siphon that goes under I-90.
6. **OHR Sidewalk Project:** nothing new
7. **2025 Contract Water:** Zelda Fox has agreed to pay for a full acre at \$500.00. We will need to send a new contract stating the new amount.
8. **Required Audit:** The Manager would like to invite the interested accountants that are willing to perform our one-time audit to discuss the engagement. 12/31/25 deadline.

Old Business

1. **LID-LWSD Water Rights:** Nothing new.
2. **2014 LID Rate Update 2019:** On Hold.

Manager's Report:

The Manager started the pumps on June 3rd at 4:27AM and 4:47AM. Pump 2 has always vibrated but it seems like it is a bit more this year. The amperage is at the maximum today 240 + amps. There was an issue with the amount of turns on the cross over and it caused some issues with a bit of over the banks with water, but it seems to be dialed in now. Gary Heacker has 21 acres of hay that he is going to harvest and will need most of the water so that Lehman understand that they won't be getting water on the 60' during this period. The Manager is going to go check on the Lehman 100' headgate. Shotcrete was done at 3631 Spotted Jack Loop S. on 5/30/25 and we have had no reports of seepage in the basement. Dale Hanson did some underwater mud compacting at 215 Greenwood and this has been problem area for years so we will need to do some shotcrete in this area next year. The Manager is going to talk to Dale Hanson about the same procedure (mud compaction) being performed at Lantana Dr and Cedar Canyon Dr. Every year there are issues with headgates being plugged such as Hillner Park and Gary Forrester's 100' headgate on Sherwood. There were some flooding issues between Gardiner and Sterling, Northwestern Energy because they had to cut down some trees and they just left the trunks in the lateral in the alley. The Manager called and had them remove them from the lateral. The Manager asked whose responsibility it would be to have them removed from where Northwestern Energy moved them. Terry Seiffert said that it would be the homeowner's responsibility because it is on private property. The Manager received a call from the old Bradley place. They said that a person on Canary is dumping sewage in the ditch. The Manager went there today to investigate, and they did not smell anything or see anything out of the ordinary, but he will continue to monitor the situation.

Secretary's Report:

The May financial reports will be presented at the July 16th meeting. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Brent Kober, 2nd Bob Riehl, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM. The next board meeting will be on July 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM, located at the Lockwood Water and Sewer Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Watson, Secretary/Treasurer