

Meeting Minutes:

November 19, 2025

November 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 phone, Bob Riehl, Brent Kober and Manager Carl Peters. Logan McIsaac with Yellowstone County Public Works, Drew Vance with DOWL Engineering, Robbie Neihart with Performance Engineering, and Doug Enderson with Dowl Engineering were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bob Riehl. October 15, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Terry Seiffert, seconded by Brent Kober to approve the October 15th minutes, motion carried.

Public Comment: The Manager had something he wanted to add to the minutes from last month. When Taylor said that he gave Kam with Northwestern Energy the Manager's number, the manager never spoke to Kam it was Carson with Millennium Electric that called the Manager about the date & time for Northwestern Energy's installation of the 60' power pole and underground electrical service.

New Business

1. **OHR Sidewalk Project:** Logan McIsaac gave the floor to Dowl's engineers to explain the solution they came up with for the drainage issues at Rykken Court. Doug Enderson goes over the beginning of the project and construction. Mr. Enderson refers to the letter that the Manager sent to Dowl regarding the drainage into the 60' ditch from the project. Doug refers to the memo sent in response to the Manager regarding the conclusion they have reached to remedy this issue. Everything west of the western most part of Rykken Circle drains into the diagonal part of the ditch, DOWL recommends removing the west end manhole drainage. The middle part of Rykken Circle finds its way to ditch through the grass at this point but it is being filtered to some degree before it ever makes it to the ditch. The Eastern part of the park also drains into the ditch, DOWL is recommending adding a 60 degree elbow to the inlet of the eastern manhole drainage to act as a riser pipe. This will allow the water to pond and soak into the ground before going into the pipe. Bob Riehl said that the board does not want to set a precedence here for the record. A motion to approve Dowl's revised drainage recommendations was made by Brent Kober Seconded by Terry Seiffert. Motion carried.
2. **\$1,739,00.00 Bond:** The County Treasurer overcharged 1,311 out of the total 1,474 parcels assessed for the new pump station bond. Corrected tax statements were sent out by November 5th. The Manager received one call on the assessments, and it was Doug Becker at Metra RV but hadn't heard from anyone else.
3. **New Pump Station Project:** Robbie Neihart from Performance Engineering, reported that Askin has the pipe connected to the new pump station. The only thing left is to connect the electrical components at the pump station and some at the 60 and 100 foot canals for the flow sensors. The last of the concrete was poured today and the miscellaneous metal items are going to be installed as well. Mr. Neihart called Bond Counsel Dan Semmens because the electrical guys are concerned that they may not have the electrical completed by the 30th to meet the substantial completion of the project because Northwestern won't be on site to disconnect the control box in the existing pump station building until Friday. Mr. Neihart is going to call Dan Semmens and see if they can give us a few extra days to have the electrical and pipe installed. We have \$16,000.00 dollars in accrued interest in the bond account, and we still have some money left in the general conditions of the contract. Mr. Neihart does not foresee any more change orders or additions to the project at this point. PAY APP #4 for \$130,150.00 and PCO #4 for \$3,273.12 needs board approval. Mr. Neihart explains PCO #4 which is to include a flange fitting on that pump station but along the way it got taken out, so the pump station that we got did not include this flange. PCO #4 includes the cost of the flange and the welding to attach it. A motion to approve PAY APP #4 was made by Brent Kober and seconded by Terry Seiffert, motion carried. A motion was made by Brent Kober to approve PCO#4, Terry Seiffert seconded the motion, motion carried. Northwest Energy

wants to meet on-site with the Manager and one of the engineers from Performance Engineering to discuss and evaluate moving the pole they installed right over our pipe. Mr. Seiffert asked if moving the pole could cause more damage to our pipe. Mr. Neihart says that this is a tough question to answer without knowing how close the pole is to the pipe. The Manager is going to schedule this meeting and contact the board with the details via email. Northwestern Energy is requiring a new easement which will parallel the west side of our 100' lift pipe.

4. **MDT Interchange Projects:** The Manager heard back from the engineer on the Lockwood interchange project, and he is asking for the design flow for the section of the 60' canal that goes under I-90. The engineers report that they are 60% done with the drawings for the project.
5. **Clayton ST Project: 60' Greenwood Culvert extension:** The Manager met with developer Lance Story on the 17th of October and discovered that the encroachment permit fees were paid by the previous developer and the plans haven't changed. The Manager says that they will have to monitor the developer's work to ensure that the three 100' lateral pipes remain in place to continue to drain into the 60'.
6. **Required Audit:** The Manager reports that he received an email from the state finally and we are required to do an audit. They have not replied due to staffing changes. Terry Seiffert asked if the Manager could call Huntley Project to see what accounting firm they use and report to the board on what you find.

Old Business

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

Manager's Report:

Phase three of the sewer project has 15 crossings of our two main canals. There was an email from Chad Hassler with Askin Construction asking about this with Morrison-Maierle and they didn't know that there were that many crossings or that the encroachment fee was \$500.00 dollars. Askin is asking for concessions to these fees. The board agreed that we should consider the costs that are associated with each one (Carl's time and the engineer's time) to process each one. Dale Hason did some work on the burn pile which was restacking the burn pile for a couple hundred dollars and some silt removal and leveled the bank on the 100 ft, right at the shotcrete area on Sunrise and Greenwood because at the beginning of the season that area of the canal overflows. Terry Seiffert wrote Melinda Odekoven a letter in 2013 about them taking the bank down and the letter. The Manager has had conversations with Mrs. Odekoven about having the silt removed and having the bank built back up, she seemed ok with it, but the Manager thinks that she should have to pay for the bank to be restored to the way it was before they removed part of the bank. The Manager will get an estimate and have a conversation with Mrs. Odekoven about splitting the cost of the silt removal and the bank repairs. The Manager is going to get an estimate from Dale Hanson on this and then come up with a good number to charge Mrs. Odekoven for the bank repairs. The Proposed closed system for six properties on Wanda LN has only one neighbor supporting it and that is Mr. Buttman who proposed it. Everyone else has called the Manager to vote no because they have never used the irrigation and don't want to have access. The Board said to call Mr. Buttman and let him know that none of his neighbors want access. Montana State funds were received, and the Manager proposes that the \$1,111.15 2024 dividend check be divided evenly between the Manager and the two ditch riders as a safety bonus, less \$200.00 for safety equipment. Brent Kober made a motion to approve the safety bonus, Terry Seiffert 2nd this motion, motion carried. The Manager goes over the items at the O&M that are over budget which would be the electricity, insurance, and silt removal, and shotcrete. We are still \$25,000 ahead of last year. The Manager does have an email out to Anna Miller to see if there is any help with the cost of the audit, but the Manager has not received a response. Montana DES sent \$1,252.50 For FEMA silt removal because we did not spend all the money so the Manager asked County Finance to put this into our reserve account.

Secretary's Report:

The October financial reports were presented, a motion was made by Brent Kober to approve the financials for October, seconded by Bob Riehl. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Brent Kober, 2nd by Terry Seiffert, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27PM. The next board meeting will be on December 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM, located at the Lockwood Water and Sewer Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Watson, Secretary/Treasurer