

Meeting Minutes:

December 17, 2025

December 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, Bob Riehl, Brent Kober by phone and Manager Carl Peters. Dick Hoke was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Terry Seiffert. November 19, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Bob Riehl to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Brent Kober to approve the October 15th minutes, motion carried.

Public Comment: (None)

New Business

1. **OHR Sidewalk Project:** The project has been completed with the changes that were agreed to at the last meeting.
2. **\$1,739,00.00 Bond:** We made our first DNRC loan payment of \$ 44,159.17 on 12-2-25 but was due 1-1-26. The principal amount was \$18,074.17 and the interest was \$26,085.00.
3. **New Pump Station Project:** Northwestern Energy has agreed to move the power pole approximately 16 feet from the present location, which is about 7 feet from the center of our lift pipe. The Manager received new easements from Kam Tankam with Northwestern Energy. Metra RV owner Doug Becker would not sign his easement because of the language regarding structures, because he may want to build. Kam agreed to take the language out regarding structures and Mr. Becker signed the revised easement. The 60' power pole will be moved in January. The Lift Pipe is only five feet deep and the board agreed that the information obtained in the exploration work completed by Askin Construction should be recorded with Yellowstone County Clerk of Court so that future generations know the depth of the lift pipe in this area and that the ground over the pipe is marked with steel stakes.
4. **Phase 3 LWSD Sewer Project:** 15 canal crossings encroachment fee is currently \$500.00 per crossing. There are 7 crossings on the 60 foot and 8 crossing on the 100 foot. The crossing must be bored 10 feet below our canal. The Manager says that after talking to Robbie with Performance and BBWA, the amount we have set looks to be pretty accurate and recommends that we stay at the \$500-dollar amount. Bob Riehl made a motion to approve the \$500 per crossing to LWSD for encroachment permits needed to cross our canal 15 times, and Brent Kober seconded the motion, motion carried. Terry Seiffert suggests getting copies of encroachment fees from other Districts to show how much they are charging.
5. **New Pump Station Project (Continued):** The board approved Askin Construction PAY APP # 5 in the amount of \$137, 500.00. A motion was made by Bob Riehl to approve Pay App #5 and seconded by Brent Kober, motion carried. The update from Robbie Neihart with Performance Engineering:
 - Outlet pipe has been connected to the existing discharge pipe
 - All electrical components have been installed at both canals and the pump station.
 - All concrete work has been completed.
 - The walkway is 75% installed. The engineers are just waiting for MWK to finish the stair sections.
 - The hand railing is approximately 75% installed around pump station
 - MT fencing will be onsite this week to install the security fence around the pump station

Mr. Neihart anticipates that everything is going great and the project is on schedule for Watertronics. The project electrical contractor-Millennium Electric said if we purchased wall pack LED lights from Home Depot he would install them on the south side, east side, and the north side of the pump house because there is a light pole on the west side. Askin Construction re-poured the footings for the stairs on the walkway which were at the wrong elevation. The steel fabricators-MWK made the two sets of stairs the wrong size and will

make corrections. Bob Riehl asked if we are still going to meet our substantial completion with all the changes. Rob spoke with bond counsel and explained that we may be a couple of days past 11-30-25 deadline. Bond Counsel said this will be fine because the District is shut down in fall and doesn't start up until Spring.

4. **MDT I-90 Interchange Projects:** The Manager will ask our Engineers about Lockwood Interchange HDR engineer Leif Sande's request for "design flow" for the MDT RCP 48-inch 60' I-90 siphon. The Manager says MDT should have information. This project is 60% design. The Johnson Lane Interchange may start in 2026.
6. **Clayton ST Project: 60' Greenwood Culvert extension:** Lance Story the developer on the project had two sections of the CMP in a 10-foot section and a 20-foot section for access while construction is in progress, but the Developer still plans on about 80 feet when completed. The connection at Greenwood only had two bolts out of three and didn't have a gasket. Rob Neihart from Performance Engineering says that it can go without a gasket because it is at grade. The Developer has agreed to make these changes after the Manager's inspection of the connection. The Manager also informed the developer of the two steel 8 inch pipes that drain the Gardiner-Sterling 100' lateral into the 60' must be connected to the culvert, the 12" CMP drain culvert from Consani's hay field must remain and to provide irrigation water access to each lot from the Stirling alley lateral. The Manager has informed the County, and they have been in contact with the developer about their requirements for Greenwood. Dick Hoke asked how Lockwood Water and Sewer are going to connect into this development because they must cross the ditch in either direction to get to this property. The Manager said he will ask Mr. Ariztia from the Lockwood Water and Sewer District their plans for this area.
7. **Required Audit:** Strom & Associates, PC contract and engagement letter, appendix A through E, and audit extension were sent to the board and Strom and Associates via email approved and signed 12-5-25, state approved 12-8-25, but for the record we need a motion to approve \$13,650.00 estimated fees and \$150.00 per hour for non-audit fees. A motion was made by Bob Riehl and seconded by Brent Kober to approve the contract with Strom & Associates for our required audit, Motion carried. The Manager has not heard from the Local Government Services Bureau Local State Financial Services about approval of the extension till October of 2026. The Manager received an email from Anna Miller on 12-8-25, and she is not aware of any funding to help with the audit costs.

Old Business

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

Manager's Report:

The accumulated interest on our bond account is \$34,930.08. The ending trial balance is about \$13,000.00 higher this year than last year at this time. The Manager reported that we have not received an invoice for PCO #5 from Askin Construction for Exploratory Excavation of the 100' Lift Pipe and asked about payment of the invoice from our O&M account instead of the bond account. Bob Riehl requested a balance sheet at the January meeting for the Pump Station Replacement Project. Any remaining funds could be used toward the cost of a canopy to protect the new pump station.

Secretary's Report:

The November financial reports were presented, a motion was made by Bob Riehl to approve the financials for November, seconded by Brent Kober, motion carried. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Bob Riehl, 2nd by Brent Kober, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM. The next board meeting will be on January 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM, located at the Lockwood Water and Sewer Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Watson, Secretary/Treasurer