



COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OF BILLINGS HEIGHTS

Board of Directors Emergency Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM

County Water District of Billings Heights 1540 Popelka Dr., Board room

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Doug Kary called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call of Board Members present: Doug Kary, Frank Ewalt, Tom Zurbuchen, Jeff Essmann, and Greg Erpenbach

Staff Members present: Bo Andersson and Josh Simpson

Also present: Evelyn Pyburn (YCN), Pam Ellis, Walter O'Fallon, Vickie O'Fallon, Dave Graves, Jennifer Duray, Andrew Reehm, Kristy Savaria

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Read by Doug Kary

During the course of the meeting, the Public may be heard before a vote is cast by the Board. The President will acknowledge the Public once the motion is made and discussed by the Board for their input. The President will recognize speakers who raise their hand. Once recognized, the speaker should move to the side of the board table so comments may be heard, identify themselves by name, and limit their comments to three minutes. Each speaker will have one opportunity to speak on any agenda item. Once the public comment period is over, there will be no additional comments unless specifically requested by the President, or presiding officer, of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items: Read by Doug Kary

Any member of the public may be heard on any subject that is not on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes. You may speak once. The board will not take any action on items at this time but may choose to add the item to the agenda for the next scheduled board meeting.

Approval of Agenda; Moved by Doug, 2nd by Tom Unanimous Vote

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. **Background and current water leak situation**
2. **EchoLogics Proposal**
3. **EchoShore-DX information**

4. LeakFinder-ST information
5. Software as a service agreement

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1: CWDBH Board fund request for additional Leak detection equipment (Resolution 023-25)

Moved by Frank, 2nd by Greg. Discussion and Public Comments, Vote by Board, 4,voted for and 1 (Tom Zurbuchen) voted against.

2.) motion by Frank, 2nd by Jeff to spend up to \$50,000 under the discretion of the GM to immediately start calling in resources available to the District. Discussion and Public Comment were listened to Vote 4 yes and 1 no (Tom)

Item 2: New rate proposal by the City of Billings

Andrew Reehm, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. presented a summary for the City of Billings proposed rates to the Water District. No action was taken on this information this evening.

Meeting adjourned **at 8:30 pm**

Next Board meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.



Doug Kary

Board President, Doug Kary