

Meeting Minutes:

January 21, 2026

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 and Manager Carl Peters.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Terry Seiffert. December 17, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Bob Riehl, seconded by Brent Kober to approve the December 17th minutes, motion carried.

Public Comment: (None)

New Business

1. **OHR Sidewalk Project:** The Manager took pictures of this area for his records, and it still looks like we are taking a little drainage. It's seeded already but it should get better as the grass grows. The new HG needs to be locked.
2. **\$1,739,00.00 Bond:** 2nd Phase: \$1.3 million to fund 7285, payments managed by Yellowstone County Finance to Watertronics, Performance, and Askin Construction.
3. **New Pump Station Project:** The 60' power pole has not been relocated. Northwestern Energy has assured the manager that it will be relocated sometime this month. The two stairways are not installed yet. The Security fencing has been installed. There will be an area that is unprotected to the open intake, without a railing on the existing deck. The Manager has asked for an estimate from Mason Webster (MW Welding) to have the railing and a canopy over the pump station. The electrical work has been wired to pumps but not the breaker. The Electrician is going to wait to connect to the breaker until Watertronics is on site. Taylor Kasperick emailed an updated Budget Tracking Sheet for the Pump Station Replacement Project. The accrued Bond Account interest as of November 2025 is \$34,930.08 minus the approved change orders and adding \$18,024.86 for the unspent railroad insurance, the available bond funds balance is \$30,024.86. Including the December bond account interest of \$1,899.85 the available bond funds balance is \$31,924.71. Mr. Seiffert recommended that the Manager get an estimate on the shed or pole barn over the top as well. The board expressed a need for enclosure rather than a canopy.

Board Approval of Askin Pay App #6 for \$ 67,950.00:A motion to approve Pay App #6 for \$67,950.00 to Askin Construction was made by Bob Riehl and 2nd by Brent Kober.

4. **Phase 3 LWSD Sewer Project:** 15 LID Canal Crossings-encroachment permit & fee. A motion to confirm agreement per email received 12-19-25 and 1-6-26 specific & limited to this project at \$280.00 per crossing was made by Bob Riehl and 2nd by Brent Kober, motion carried to approve the \$280.00 encroachment fees for 15 crossings on the phase 3 sewer project.
5. **MDT I-90 Interchange Projects: Johnson Lane:** Greg Gable PE with DOWL is working on getting all the easements completed for the project. April is the deadline for MDT to have final design completed and go to bid in the Fall of 2026. **Lockwood Interchange:** Leif Sandy with HDR was able to call up our 2010 WWC infrastructure report that went into detail about our design flow in this area. The siphon by the 60' that goes under the interstate is 48" RCP which is much larger than what was needed. The only area that will be impacted is the last 30' at the end that they will add onto it. The timeline on this project is 2 years. Mr. Sandy said that they are 60 percent completion of the design. They don't have this project funded yet.
6. **Clayton ST Project: 60' Greenwood Culvert extension:** The original plan calls for the water and sewer to run down Clayton as it comes in off Greenwood at our crossing but Mr. Story maybe getting cold feet on the project. Chris Valahos has been trying to negotiate something with him to purchase the property himself but that fell through. The owner of Emerald View Trailer court is now interested in the property so they can extend their trailer village. The sewer for this extension may not impact the canal because they may be installing it up the

alley. The entrance may be off Johnson Lane. The Manager thinks that the project is going to be on hold at this point.

7. **Required Audit:** The Manager has not heard back from Strom & Associates regarding the email that he sent on Monday regarding the extension. Terry Seiffert received an email this afternoon from the State granting the extension. Tom with Strom and Associates hinted that the state doesn't hold a lot of power to hold Districts to the deadline if you already have an audit contract in place.

Old Business

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

Manager's Report:

The Manager received a call from a potential land purchaser of some land off Cerise Rd., and he was wondering about the canal that is going through the property. The Manager gave him all the information that he knows about the Coulson ditch being closed shut. This Coulson ditch was owned by the landowners. Terry Seiffert says that they had shares in it and that those shares went back to the original landowners when it was dissolved. The Manager also explained that this area will flood from high water of the Yellowstone River because the highway 87-Coulson Ditch MDT structure is designed as a drainage and we cannot prevent it. Patrick Cary from 2540 Old Hardin Rd called the Manager regarding flooding that has occurred in his backyard from the 60' canal. There is an old, rusted head gate to a pipe on edge of his backyard. The Manager is going to go in and seal it off because the customer does not want water or to replace the head gate. The Manager would like to contact Dale Hanson to remove the old headgate and compact soil. The board would like to get an estimate first before asking Patrick to cover half of the cost. The Manager still has not seen an invoice for PCO#5 for exploratory work done by Askin Construction. The Manager says that he contacted Askin and they said that they need to contact Robbie with Performance on a couple of items. The \$100.00 DEQ check for the SMES Certification, because of house bill 69 attached fees for SMES certification. Current board members election dates are as follows, Terry Seiffert 2026, Brent Kober 2027, and Bob Riehl 2028. Mr. Seiffert must renew by May 4, 2026. Tyler Parker with Morrison Maierle emailed the Manager regarding three 60' headgate culvert crossings on Lark Ave. The original buy sell agreement from the developer to supply Opportunity Sub with irrigation water. The seven property owners mentioned at the time did not want to pay for an enclosed system to receive irrigation water. The Manager informed Tyler that they are part of our distribution system so they must remain in place. This information was not in our plans so the Manager sent the minutes over relating to this concern. The 2025 December Trial Balance sheet is about \$28,000.00 higher than the 2024 December Trial Balance sheet. Received by mail from Judge Donald L. Harris: The Permanent Order of Protection issued June 9, 2000, to protect the commissioners and employees of Lockwood Irrigation District from Cleve, Virginia and David Lehman has been dismissed as of December 4, 2025, since the court has been notified that the applicants are now deceased.

Secretary's Report:

The December financial reports were presented, a motion was made by Brent Kober to approve the financials for December, seconded by Bob Riehl, motion carried. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Bob Riehl, 2nd by Brent Kober, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM. The next board meeting will be on February 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM, located at the Lockwood Water and Sewer Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Watson, Secretary/Treasurer