

Meeting Minutes:

September 16, 2026

September 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, Brent Kober, Bob Riehl and Manager Carl Peters. Brian Richardson, Sara Richardson, Sindi Smith, Steve Smith, Dick Hoke, Tyler Browning, Rodney Stoddard, Tiffany Oedekoven, and Melinda Odekoven were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Terry Seiffert. August 19, 2026, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the September 19th minutes was made by Brent Kober and 2nd by Bob Riehl, to approve September minutes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Melinda Odekoven: During July's meeting brought up how unhappy she was about the construction that Lockwood Irrigation performed on the ditch at 425 Johnson Ln. The Board of Directors agreed to fix the bank and seed it.

Tyler Browning: Would like to have the Manager check into changing the meter read dates with Northwestern Energy to the 7th so that we can start the season on 5/7/27 next season and shut down 9/7/27. This will help get the fields saturated for the hot dry summer months and will take less water to irrigate our fields during the summer months. Bob Riehl said that it may help your situation but there are other taxpayers that may not be pleased with this change, so we would need to let them have their input as well. This is an early discussion for next year.

Sara Richardson: It is very important to get water on the grass that we grow early because most of the growth happens in May and the first cutting is where we get the most out of our fields.

Brian Richardson: Is the demand charge basically a percentage or half of what the District usually uses? Bob Riehl says there are two charges one of them is a peak amount that you use in a month because power companies are concerned with making capacity.

Steve Smith: When the District burns next year, are you going to start where you left off or are you going back to the river? I would like to see the ditches burned where you left off, you start from there and start burning. That way you get to look at the ditch and remove some of the trees before they are so big that you must hire a contractor to remove them.

Rod Stoddard: We didn't have good water (upper 60') at the end of the season. Bob Riehl said that was because of the crossover valve issue at the end of the season.

New Business

1. **Petition to Replace LID Manager with Full-Time Ditch Rider:** Terry Seiffert acknowledges that we have received the petition and the commissioners will meet in a special executive session (late fall early winter) to discuss the petition.
2. **\$1,739,00.00 Bond:** nothing new to report.
3. **New Pump Station Project:** Local Watertronics service representative Jay Glen of Granite Peak pump service performed a vibration test, and it was within factory specifications. Watertronics agrees that we can pay the \$49,886.50 retainage owed to them as soon as the 60' actuator cross over valve is fixed. Performance Engineering has recommended holding the Watertronics retainage payment until the 60' actuator valve is operational. Terry Seiffert would like to know how much the Granite Peak Pump Service invoice for repair to the wet well sensor was attributable to the vibration test. The Manager said that he would be meeting with Granite Peak tomorrow and would ask the question. The last PS operating program update was on 8-10-26 and ever since then we have had issues with the level sensor on the 100' and that was fixed when the radios were

replaced by Granite Peak Pump Service. The punch list for construction of the new pump station has been completed by Askin Construction except for one item and that is to reinforce the inner screens. Approval of pay app 7 for \$11,250.00, which includes the \$112.51 1% Montana Contractors tax and release of the retainage to Askin for \$40,000.00. Performance Engineering recommended that this be in two separate motions to approve each item. The Board did not approve the retainage release until the punch list is completed. A motion to approve pay app 7 was made by Bob Riehl and 2nd by Brent Kober. MW Welding has had trouble with its designer completing the design for the enclosure of the pumps. Mason Webster said that he was going to give the designer one more day and then he was going to change designers, but he wants to get it covered before winter.

4. **DNRC Planning Grant:** nothing new.
5. **Phase 3 LWSD Sewer Project:** nothing new on that.
6. **MDT I-90 Interchange Projects:** nothing new.
7. **Clayton ST Project: 60' Greenwood Culvert extension:** nothing new to report.
8. **PERS Questionnaire:** Haven't heard anything back.

Old Business

1. **LID-LWSD Water Rights:** October 21st meeting.
2. **2014 LID Rate Update 2019:** On Hold.

Manager's Report:

The Manager got an estimate to remove some trees from Melle's Tree Service for 341 Juniper where the Chinese Elm went down for \$1,000.00 and there is a large willow tree stump at 1727 Canary Ave that needs to be removed \$750.00. The Manager points out that we have \$5,000.00 budgeted for tree removal this year out of our O&M account. Terry Seiffert would like to get some other estimates for these tree removals. The Manager received a call about the Cenex Shop on Reynolds getting flooded from a lateral between Naylor and Reynolds Street. The Manager met with a Cenex representative with a copy of a letter from August 2024 asking landowners to clean their lateral and the statutes that apply. The Manager hasn't heard anything back from them. We are going to watch the property in the Garrett Subdivision off of Becraft owned by Helen Bell. The other lateral issues are 49 Lauretta Dr owned by Shannon Huck, 233 Wanda Ln owned by Drew Hanson, and the lateral between Enfield and Twilight in the alley, the Manager referenced letters sent to several homeowners on Enfield St in 2024. The assessment lists have been received and are ready for the Manager to review, which is due October 1, 2026. Winterization of the Watertronics pump station by Jay Glen of Granite Peak Pump Service will be September 17, 2026. The Manager drained the lift pipe at the pump station and opened the discharge gate at the river; to wash out the intake and later, will go up and close the three intake head gates. The 60' and 100' Box Elder Creek siphons will be pumped on 9-18-26. The Manager pointed out that the siphon on Hillner has been leaking for years. We need to excavate and repair the pipe. The Manager says he has been spraying with RM-43 vegetation killer on small trees on both canals and in the pumps station area. The work done on the 100' canal at 215 Greenwood seepage has been successful again this year.

Secretary's Report:

The August financial reports will be presented at the October 21st meeting. 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 October 21st, at 7:00 PM, located at the Lockwood Water and Sewer Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Watson, Secretary/Treasurer