

**Western Area Water Supply Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
WAWSA Office June 18, 2026**

**Attendees**

Members Present: Doug Anderson, also voting for Gary Rust, Kent Bickler, Raoul Brandt, Ellis Haake, Robert Harms, Ward Koeser, Larry Novak, and Chris Brostuen

Members Present via Vido: Matt Beard

Members Absent: Gary Rust

Others Present: Chris Barke (WAWSA), Char Imsland (WAWSA), Dave Bell (WAWSA), Weston McGruder (AE2S), Cory Chorne (AE2S), Grant Meyer (AE2S), Curt Clarys (City of Williston), Kenny Bergstrom (City of Williston), Taylor Galeazzo (MCWRD), Ben Lokken (R&T), Dawn Viall (R&T), Jarrett Hillius (HDR), Jaron Smith (HDR), Cheryl McNeil (WAWSA) via video, Mark Von Wald (Accelerated Consulting) via video, Dustin Schultz (AE2S) via video.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Brostuen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Brostuen presented the agenda for approval. He added item 2b. Williston/Trenton Connection under the Executive Director's report. **Anderson moved to approve the agenda as amended, Haake seconded.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The May 21, 2026, board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Novak pointed out a spelling error under the SWC update. **Koeser moved to approve the minutes as amended, Harms seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

**Financial Reports**

The Domestic and Industrial financial reports were presented to the board for their consideration and discussion.

The May capital accounting report was also presented to the board for their consideration and discussion.

### **Public Comment Period**

No public comments were presented.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Barke provided the board with an update on WAWSA's water usage and system updates.

Barke reported that the State Water Commission is hosting the Upper Missouri River Basin meeting at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City on July 15, 2026.

### **Williston/Trenton Connection**

Barke reported that the City of Williston and NWRWD reached an agreement on the Williston/Trenton connection. It was agreed that a connection would be made adjacent to the current TWUC infrastructure and the WAWSA 36" transmission line. **Anderson moved to approve the City of Williston's connection request to the 36" WAWSA transmission line, contingent upon approval of the NWRWD and the City of Williston agreement.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

### **State Water Commission Update**

Barke reported that the State Water Commission approved two of WAWSA's projects at their June 9, 2026, meeting. Approved were the WAWSA cellular telemetry SCADA project with a total project cost of \$137,500 and a 75% cost share of \$74,250, and the WTP Intake Phase II for additional funding of \$515,000 and a 75% cost share of \$386,250.

### **HDR Pre-Sedimentation and Sampling Tech Memo**

HDR presented to the board on sediment sampling completed in the last year and the overall analysis of the existing pre-treatment superstructure. They presented the following recommendations to help alleviate the sediment issues at the Williston WTP:

1. Lime pond reuse - \$33,949,000
2. Modify the existing basins - \$2,989,000
3. A forced vortex system - \$13,120,000
4. A combination of alternatives 2 and 3 - \$14,446,000

## **AE2S Reports**

McGruder provided the board with the construction project updates.

### **WAWSA Cellular Telemetry Upgrades – TO 93**

McGruder presented a task order agreement for \$137,500 for the WAWSA Cellular Telemetry Upgrades – TO 93 project. The task order includes professional services to perform site cellular surveys, installation and programming of cellular modem on private cellular networks, installation of antenna, polyhaser, and cabling, setup and programming of NetCloud user interface, and procurement of cellular modems, cabling, and hardware. **Novak moved to approve the task order agreement for \$137,500 for the WAWSA Cellular Telemetry Upgrades – TO 93 project, Bickler seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

### **R&T Stanley Part II & Little Knife Bay Project**

McGruder presented the board with a SWC cost share request letter for the R&T Stanley Part II & Little Knife Bay project. The total project cost is \$11,103,395, and WAWSA would be requesting 75% cost share equal to \$933,000. **Harms moved to approve the SWC funding request letter for the R&T Stanley Part II & Little Knife Bay project, Haake seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

## **Invoices for Payment**

The MCWRD Phase II Transmission Main – TO 88, System II Expansion – TO 90, and the NWRWD Trenton Rural Distribution – TO 85 invoices for engineering and construction for the month have a combined total of \$275,879.11.

## **SWC Grant Requests**

SWC \$13.5M grant request 31-061826, SWC \$9.7M grant request 15-061826, SWC \$8M grant request 26-061826, SWC \$2M grant request 09-061826, SWC \$14M grant request 12-061826, and SWC \$1M grant request 07-061826 were presented to the board for their approval. **Koeser moved to approve the SWC monthly grant requests as presented, Novak seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Brostuen

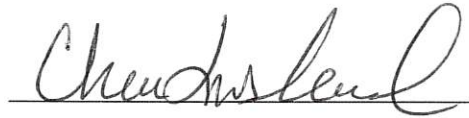
Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

Brostuen adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am.



Chris Brostuen, Chairman



Char Imstrand, Secretary