

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Hill County Water District was held on January 7, 2026, at the District's office at Hingham, Montana.

Board members present: Lowell Strissel, Dan Hybner, Kevin Springer, Jason Myers, Shane Borlaug, Rob Moog, via phone Larry Fossen. Absent Tina Wood.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Lowell Strissel and the chairman declared a quorum present. Also present was Manager Chad Hedges, and Secretary Genevieve Hanson.

Public Comment: No Members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Chairman asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 3, 2025, regular board meeting previously received by all board members. On motion by Shane Borlaug, seconded by Rob Moog, the Board approved the minutes on the minutes of December 3, 2025, regular board meeting as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Hedges gave an update on the implementation of billing and accounting software. The go-live date for billing is January 12, 2026, and go-live date for accounting is in April, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Hedges informed the Board of a potential request from Liberty Colony to hook on to the HCWD water line.
2. Water leaks were discovered and discussed; they were in North Rudyard, and in Joplin.

EMPLOYEE REPORT:

1. Mr. Hedges discussed the plan for training of the new hire, Genevieve Hanson as Office Associate. She will be working with Ashley Wickum and Diana LaBuda to obtain appropriate training.

Financial Report:

The Transaction detail by Account report was reviewed by the board.

One CD is coming to term on February 12, 2026, the renewal process will begin in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DELINQUENCES: The Board was informed that current delinquencies are not fully up to date with the exception that once account remains overdue by over 91 days. This customer will be getting a water shut off notice if not paid in the following week.

BILLS: The Board reviewed the list of monthly bills; a copy of the list of current bills is appended to these minutes. On motion by Jason, seconded by Shane, the Board approved all such bills for payment.

Adjournment: Kevin motioned and Rob seconded for meeting adjournment.

Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday February 4th, 2026, at 7:30p.m. at the District's office at 104 Second Street, Hingham, Montana.