

**WEST DIVIDE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
818 Taughenbaugh Blvd., Suite 101
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 17, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at the District office at 9:00 a.m. by President Samuel B. Potter.

ROLL CALL

The following directors were present: President Samuel B. Potter, Vice President Brad Mollman (arrived ten minutes late), Treasurer Tom Jankovsky, Secretary Christopher Treese. Director Kelly Couey was absent. Also in attendance were Tammy Keenan, Office Manager; Wendy Ryan, BBA Water, Inc.; and Edward B. Olszewski, Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

MINUTES

Tom Jankovsky moved the minutes of the June 19, 2025 meeting be approved with corrections; Christopher Treese seconded; motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Bills to be Paid: Tom Jankovsky moved the attached list of bills be paid; Christopher Treese seconded; motion carried.

WATER CONTRACTS

Assignments

Tom Jankovsky moved approval of the following assignments; seconded by Christopher Treese; motion carried; assignments approved.

Cindy Arely Rivas De Vergara and Joaquin and Teresa Bianco assignment from **Mathew and Susan Jurmu and Joaquin and Teresa Bianco**, 1.00 a.f domestic, General Stored Water.

Miriam Araiza assignment from **Jose Mendoza**, 1.00 a.f domestic, Silt Interconnect.

Contracts

Christopher Treese moved to accept and execute an additional 100-acre feet of the Ruedi Reservoir option; Tom Jankovsky seconded; option executed for 100 A.F.

RIVER DISTRICT REPORT

There was no report this month.

ROUNDTABLE REPORT

The roundtable meets later this month.

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

There was no report this month.

HYDROLOGISTS' REPORT

Wendy Ryan provided Water Watch and Augmentation reports and an oral report on ongoing projects.

CRYSTAL RIVER

A draft Crystal River Augmentation Plan Preliminary Technical Report was sent to the West Divide Water Conservancy District Board of Directors and Division 5 for review.

FOURMILE

Counsel is reviewing a draft Zilm measurement requirement memo.

- Diversion records should be maintained with details of the measuring device
- Discrepancy with Zilm and GWS power readings for power production need clarity
- Reinstatement of payments after a full year of operation with no more than 10 days of non-operation per month when water right is fully in-priority

WDWCD contractee depletions in the winter are 0.1 cfs and should not prevent operation of the plant. The issue is winter icing and physical baseflow in Fourmile Creek.

MARTIN RESERVOIRS

Chris Hays conducted the first release for Oak Meadows July 11-12, all went smoothly.

Division 5 will be implementing "measurement rules" in the near future. Martin Reservoir #3 still needs to have a staff gage installed. It is unclear at this time if the existing stage-area capacity tables we have are sufficient or not. Heather Ramsey will provide guidance as the new rules are released.

Martin Reservoir #1 is very low. The flow into the reservoirs is being reduced due to siltation at the headgate and a crack in the concrete that sends water under the diversion structure instead of preventing flow into the tributary. The board needs to discuss and decide how to move forward with measuring devices, repairing the seep of #1 and diversion structure. It may be best to wait until the issues are enforced.

There were no signs on beaver activity!

HILL RANCH WATER RIGHTS

Wendy Ryan provided some information on water rights for sale per Brad Mollman's request. Hill Ranch Water Rights are historically irrigated lands under Wolford Mountain

Reservoir and were quantified in Case No. 96CW0126. Many of the rights are pre-compact and have remained as irrigation use only.

FOURMILE PARK RESTORATION

The National Forest Foundation has awarded a NEPA contractor with an introductory meeting scheduled for Friday July 18. A timeline of their NEPA process should be available after that meeting.

Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the letter to participate as a cooperating agency; Christopher Treese seconded; letter approved.

SILT INTERCONNECT

The pump canal and Miller pump station operation were completed July 14, 2025 when the Cameo call became active, pump canal was still in priority at that time. There will be discussion with SWCD about doing these operations earlier in the season.

ACTIVE CALLS

Rifle Creek 11/1/24 call at Rifle Creek Canon Ditch
Fourmile Creek – 5/16/25
Threemile creek – Flannery Ditch 5/22-current
East Divide/Divide – 4/9 – current
Mainstem – Shoshone 7/1 and Cameo 7/14
Elk Creek – Ware and Hinds 7/10 - current

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Received written and oral report from counsel.

Water rights w/in three mile

Tom Jankovsky moved to give counsel authority to negotiate, including abandoning, the use of the Reynolds Ditch as a conveyance structure; seconded by Christopher Treese; motion carried. ✚

Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the letters of support for the Shoshone water rights permanency; seconded by Christopher Treese; motion carried; letters were signed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike and Lara Fergen have 5 shares of farmers irrigation that they would consider offers on. They are currently under lease but would be available for sale next year.

The next meeting will be Thursday August 21, 2025. The September meeting has been moved to Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Christopher Treese reported that the Quagga muscle larvae were found in the Colorado River and a colony was found in a private pond in Eagle, Colorado.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session this month.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

SIGNED:



Brad Mollman, Vice President

ATTEST:



Samuel B. Potter, President

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
DD117C	Keenan, Tamara S	Direct Deposit	5221 · Salary	2,720.34
eft	CEBT	TSK Health Ins	5222 · Medical Insurance--Employ	1,105.53
5787	Couey, W. Kelly		5020 · Director Fees	289.65
DD117J	Jankovsky, Tom	Direct Deposit	5020 · Director Fees	319.05
DD117K	Mollman, Brad	Direct Deposit	5020 · Director Fees	398.17
5788	Potter, Samuel		5020 · Director Fees	910.35
DD117L	Treese, Christopher J	Direct Deposit	5020 · Director Fees	395.75
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Comcast	5390 · Telephone & Internet	292.08
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Zoom	5390 · Telephone & Internet	18.37
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Postage	5300 · Postage/Box Rent/Etc.	40.91
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Water	5100 · Office Supplies	41.30
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Backblaze backup	5100 · Office Supplies	99.00
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Shredding	5100 · Office Supplies	80.00
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Office Supplies	5100 · Office Supplies	9.28
5781	Bookcliff Professional Building, LLC		5395 · Rent--Office unit	1,132.18
5781	Bookcliff Professional Building, LLC		5394 · Rent-Prop.Taxes/Ins/Utilitie	200.00
5782	Barnes, Pearson & Rudow, PC	Financials - May	5150 · Accounting	825.00
5783	Rifle Lock and Safe, LLC	Master Key replacements	5100 · Office Supplies	97.12
5784	Align Multimedia, LLC	13695	5397 · Website	75.00
5785	Emma Keenan	4 boxes	5100 · Office Supplies	700.00
eft	Edward Jones		2227 · Simple IRA Payable	119.24
eft	Edward Jones		2227 · Simple IRA Payable	278.22
eft	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	84-0976632	2205-FICA/MED/FWT Payable	1,524.10
5786	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	General	5280 · Legal	653.25
				<u>12,323.89</u>

GENERAL STORED WATER

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
2806	Bureau of Reclamation	O&M 100AF	1500 · Prepaid Water Lease	113.00
2807	Colorado River Water Conservation Distric	Ruedi 100 A.F. - Amend # 1 CW08009-WSC	7074 · CRWCD--Ruedi II	25,535.00
2808	W.W. Wheeler	Task 4 - Geotechnical	Martin Grant	13,828.75
2809	Garfield County Clerk and Recorder	Memorandums	7070 · Memorandum Recording Fe	86.00
2810	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	CRWCD	7047 · Legal--General	253.50
2810	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	Contracts	7047 · Legal--General	731.25
2810	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	Area A	7047 · Legal--General	448.50
2810	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	Martin Diligence	Legal -- Martin Diligence	78.00
2811	BBA Water Consultants, Inc.	General	7032 · Hydrology--General	1,231.25
2812	W.W. Wheeler	Flannery Outlet Replacement	7085 · Capital Outlay	13,030.00
2813	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	Flannery	Flannery	224.25
				<u>55,559.50</u>

CRYSTAL RIVER

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
1010	BBA Water Consultants, Inc	56747	Hydrology	7,306.25
1011	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	CR Aug Source Investigation	Legal	1,160.25
1011	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	Beaver Lake	Legal	175.50
				<u>8,642.00</u>

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FOURMILE CREEK

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
2087	BBA Water Consultants, Inc	Aug Plan	8036 · Hydrology - Flannery	569.39
2087	BBA Water Consultants, Inc	General	8030 · Hydrology	4,287.50
2088	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	General	8050 · Legal--General	2,252.25
2088	Olszewski & Massih, P.C.	Zilm	8050 · Legal--General	526.50
2089	Garfield County Clerk & Recorder	Memorandum recording	8070 · Memorandum Recording F	43.00
				<u>7,678.64</u>

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SILT INTERCONNECT

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
587	Garfield County Clerk & Recorder	Memorandum	8000 · Memorandum Recording F	258.00
588	BBA Water Consultants, Inc.	general	7802 · Hydrology	43.75
589	Olszewski & Massih P.C.	Silt Mesa Service Area	7801 · Legal	39.00
				<u>340.75</u>

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GRAND TOTAL 84,544.78

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