

MINUTES
ACADEMY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
March 18, 2026

All participation in this public meeting, including public participation, is in conformance with state orders. This meeting is being held via Microsoft Teams. For sign on please go to AWSD website.

ATTENDEES VIA SKYPE:

- (X) Steve Callicott President
- (X) Linnea Knoerzer Vice President
- (X) Brian Houghtaling Treasurer
- (X) Loring Wirbel Secretary
- (X) Ronald Curry Director/Webmaster
- (X) John Lamb Operations Manager
- (x) Michael (guest did not further identify themselves)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Ron found a misspelling, everything else OK. Ron moves to approve, Linnea seconds, approved **unanimously**.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: No reports except receiving property documents.

TREASURER: Brian shared Budget Tracker (which does not include any expenses for Tari Drive repair). So far, appear to be on track, lower usage due to less water in Jan-Feb. Under budget for expenses so far, bills have not come in for major repairs. Have made some capital improvements and have spent around \$45,000 in the calendar year. Ron said replacement of booster station pump #3 was about \$16.5k, we are supposed to start automation upgrade this week. Steve said Pump 1 at shallow well also was replaced.

In re: to audit, the company that has been doing our audit did not inform ~~me~~ our treasurer until last week that they could not do audit (couple employees left). We have identified an auditor, with reference from our attorney, who agreed they could do this work. Company cannot get it done in time for July 31 deadline of state auditor. They wanted us to file 90-day extension, to end of October. Not sure state will accept our request, though - went through requirements. Brian will make application at end of week. Brian has engagement letter for Ray & Co., the new auditors.

Mowing estimate for Lavish Lawns – Jack came out and put together map, gave us a quote that is slightly less than previous company. I told Jack we would reward him that contract. Means of payment, schedule are TBD.

BANK ACCOUNTS:

	<u>January 2026</u>		<u>February 2026</u>
Checking: US Bank	\$ 92,895.31	\$	129,178.98
Colotrust: Water	\$ 287,163.28	\$	287,999.50
Colotrust: Wastewater	\$ 528,055.46	\$	529,593.14

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:

- . Operations Report (attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Booster Station Pumps Update – Pump 3 was one that was replaced. Will from Semocor said it was online. Pump 2, which has been doing all work, will be looked at. Pump 1 is next to be serviced, may be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Disclosure of Board Member Conflict of Interest **No conflicts.**
- Served a notice of Due Diligence from US District Court – end of April deadline. We have to demonstrate that we are taking care of water systems.
- Discussion of Valve Breakdowns on Tari Drive – cost, impact on financial reserves, planning for upgrades on other sections of the line – We do not have final cost to work with, but anticipated \$25k to \$30k would fall within our budget envelopes. We do not have the budget for the calendar year to look at other sections of line. John walked the street and delivered water for the people who had water shutoffs. We had tap that went out on one home, replaced that tap and the section of pipe that was compromised. The new pipe burst on a lengthy 24” burst in middle of night. New truck showed up at 6 a.m., piece of pipe replaced, pipe was re-bedded, tamped down, hole filled, appeared to be holding. By noon, another pipe had burst. The next saddle and tap up the line broke, so we had to replace all of it. John said the corrosion of the second tap saddle was very concerning, led John to ask Brian about grant opportunities.
- Petition for inclusion will await discussion until paperwork comes in. Ron said AWSD has to provide notice in Gazette 14 days prior to holding a public hearing. The petition must be modified before a notice can be published. Topic will be **TABLED** until next meeting, based on receiving a petition in time. Ron said he wants an absolute cutoff date, a week from now, in which customer sends modified petition. Steve sets March 24 as a deadline for completed petition in order to consider April public meeting; otherwise, it will be tabled until following month.
- John is owner of business, All About Backflow, since 2021. He noticed an uncontrolled cross-connect—While this may appear to be a conflict of interest, John is offering a discount on equipment. He noted CDPHE violations of the reduced pressure assembly in basement of water treatment plant. Has not been tested since 2023. Sanitary survey would identify non-residential water taps in the district?? We have none. Water sales from a hydrant are another issue, may need backflow double-check assembly, costs may be \$1k-\$2k, Ron wonders what happens if contractor contacts us for drawing water. Brian said in most cases, purchasers of water certify that they will provide backflow preventer.
- And any other issues pertaining to district operations

ADJOURNMENT: 6:59 adjourned.