

**MINUTES  
ACADEMY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
May 20, 2026**

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**ATTENDEES VIA SKYPE:**

- (x) Steve Callicott        President
- ( ) Linnea Knoerzer      Vice President (excused)
- (x) Brian Houghtaling    Treasurer
- (x) Loring Wirbel        Secretary
- (x) Ronald Curry         Director/Webmaster
- (x) Nick Bastianon        Operations Manager
- (x) Carolyn Stetson      Guest
- (x) Michael taken out

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. convened by Steve**

**MINUTES:** April 2026 meeting minutes – Ron moves approved as written. Steve seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.

Carolyn Stetson – came to address Buc-ee’s, just received two permits for wells on their property. One well will go into Denver Aquifer. Steve said the aquifer is being drawn down, and we will have to talk to our hydrologist to determine how much. The deep aquifer well is tapped into both Denver and Dawson aquifers. Steve said he will let Carolyn know what we find out. AWSD can’t initiate a study, but we can see what we can learn.

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** New inquiry on FOIA sent to Ginger, she said she is familiar with it now.  
Comments from Will at Semocor inserted into appropriate Old Business items.

**TREASURER:** Brian shares BudgetTracker and spreadsheet.

**BANK ACCOUNTS**

	<u>March 2026</u>		<u>April 2026</u>
Checking: US Bank	\$ 140,132.19	\$	73,843.73
Colotrust: Water	\$ 288,920.73	\$	222,379.76
Colotrust: Wastewater	\$ 531,289.16	\$	532, 934.18

Brian shares BudgetTracker and spreadsheet. If the type of repairs we experienced on Tari were duplicated, we would exceed our repairs. So far this year, \$74,000 spent. Water use continues to be lower, perhaps that will rise as summer arrives. Capital expenditures of \$71,000 so far for three primary items – Mountain Peaks control panel, Barnhart, Excel pump services. Brian got question from Ron on purchasing more meters. All we have to do is stay below total capital budget of \$323,000. Steve said OK, so Ron said he would work with Nick on ordering meters.

## **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:**

- . Operations Report – Sent out by Nick to board.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Booster Station Pumps Update - From Will - We will have someone out mid-June ( the 8th) to pull the second pump and move on from there. Repairman suggested order the parts (last time it took two months), then when parts come in, he will come down, take out pump and replace. This allows pump to be utilized when necessary. After second pump is redone, we need to get skylight re-sealed. Steve said roof also needs to be repaired.
- Plant Control Upgrade – From Will - Tosi boxes are in and should have Tosi in next week and then com's next week. Booster station completion and viewing it will be in about 3 weeks. As far as costs, not sure. Brian said we have paid MPC \$25,500 in February and \$15,000 in April.
- Neptune Meter for Second Shallow Well – From Will - We are going to look at this again . We do have it on the schedule for Thursday if all parts are available. Ron said Core & Main and Ferguson both supply parts.
- Getting more meters – already addressed. Ron said this gives Nick the go-ahead to purchase up to 8. May need to order up to 24 more, with an install cost of up to \$90 each. Begin with inoperable meters? Nick will continue to push customers for meter replacements.
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- Approve/Ratify Due Diligence Application (Discuss and ratify filing Application to Make Absolute and/or in the Alternative for a Finding of Reasonable Diligence in District Court, Water Division 2, Case No. 2026CW3020, concerning the District's water rights and augmentation plan for Well No. 1 and Well No. 2. )  
Ron moves that we ratify filing to make absolute and/or in the Alternative for a Finding of Reasonable Diligence in District Court, Water Division 2, Case No. 2026CW3020, concerning the District's water rights and augmentation plan for Well No. 1 and Well No. 2. Seconded by Loring, passes unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Disclosure of Board Member Conflict of Interest
- Consumer Confidence Report – must be filed to the court in June – send the report to constituents. Steve said we don't want to do mailing. We will be posting on web site, and also put on back of billing postcard a QR code to go directly to link.
- Nick's Research on Mapping – Have digital map you can zoom in and out as we find items in the field like curbstops, to ease locates, etc. Ron said look at monthly vs. yearly costs, decide whether to use just in summer, or use year-round. Nick said software is only for capture, once we have the map, don't have to pay any more. Ron pointed out that subscriptions should be paid by AWSD account rather than to Nick or Ron's credit card.
- Toxic chemical disposal – Nick has been cleaning up storage shed and treatment plant, but old chemicals have been around for decades. Had a bill from a company for \$5,000. Will from Semocor may be able to reduce this amount.

- Low flow issue related to a Tari Drive valve which is spinning without activation. The Tari Drive line is a loop. Valve may have been turned to low flow, leading to low pressure. Steve asked Will to plan to excavate main valve and repair if necessary. Service line up Tari Drive into Richfield Lane has a potential for being clogged – can Fisher blow the line back to check on clogs. If valve doesn't solve problem, may have to replace line.
- Proactive Establishment of Emergency Credit Line – Brian developed a proposal for emergency reserve line of credit, then if we had bad problem and cash flow couldn't handle it, we could borrow funds. I got concerns and queries from our attorney, and it is not as easy as I thought it would be. We would have to pass resolution, but Joan has provided feedback. Will need to analyze this. TABOR limits need to be understood, but it deserves to be pushed.
- Brian said that the TEAMS app is on his personal account, and if I'm not available, no one could start. Would have to get 365 account. Steve said there could be advantages for common file storage through Microsoft. Steve and Ron will explore migrating from GoDaddy.
- And any other issues pertaining to district operations

**ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**