WEST MONTROSE SANITATION DISTRICT
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

The Board of Directors of the West Montrose Sanitation District met at the WMSD office located at 239 Chipeta Road. Kristi Harvey, President called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Members of the Board present were Michael Monell, Kristi Harvey, William Merrel, and William Green. Also in attendance were Aaron Brooks, Hyrum Webb, Nathan Waldvogle, Cheryl Schmalz, and Jeff Brady.

VISITORS: None
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Michael Monell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. William Merrel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: William Merrel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. William Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1) **Financial & Office – Cheryl Schmalz**
   a. Cheryl Schmalz reviewed the bills to be paid for the current month and the petty cash report. Ms. Schmalz informed the Board that last month instead of no petty cash reimbursement, there should have been a $135.01 reimbursement, so that was added to this month's reimbursement calculations. Ms. Schmalz also pointed out three (3) transfers had been done from Bank of Colorado operating account to the petty cash account due to Summit County Mountain Retreats auto payment for the 2nd half of the SDA conference rentals and to cover Hyrum Webb's Rocky Mountain Water Conference registration and rental reservation. Ms. Schmalz noted that all other expenditures for petty cash are normal and routine. Jeff Brady answered Michael Monell's question on the $19,680.73 payment to Haynes Excavation. Mr. Brady explained that a sewer main on Lakeshore Drive had been hit by a boring company and an emergency call was made to Haynes Excavation. A Haynes Excavation crew responded quickly and repaired the sewer line and the following day repaired the road where the excavation had taken place. Ms. Schmalz then highlighted the Special District Association Conference registration payment for Hyrum Webb, Kristi Harvey, Aaron Brooks, and herself. Nathan Waldvogle has been registered to attend remotely.
   b. Ms. Schmalz presented the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet through July 2026, or 7 months of the year. Ms. Schmalz then presented the Budget Comparison report for the first 7 months of the year. Ms. Schmalz noted that total revenues were at 74%, total Administration expenses are at 54%, Treatment Plant expenses are at 74% and Collections expenses are at 40%, for an average of 41% for total expenses, well under budget for this point of the year.
      i) Michael Monell made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. William Merrel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2) **Facility Report – Nathan Waldvogle**
   a. Nathan Waldvogle presented the treatment plant section of the Facility report for the month of July, 2026. Mr. Waldvogle reported that the monthly average influent flow for July was 0.32 MGD, or approximately 46% of the facility's hydraulic capacity of 0.7 MGD. Mr. Waldvogle noted that the yearly accumulation of flow is nearly identical to 2021 which was also a low flow year. Mr. Waldvogle also reported that all in-house lab analysis results for July were within compliance and well below the District's discharge permit limits and that the metals testing done by Colorado Analytical Laboratory were also within permitted limits. Mr. Waldvogle then reported on the supernatant pump replacement. Mr. Waldvogle informed the Board the Water Technology Group (a Cogent company) determined that our old pump is beyond economic repair and are currently working out details for a replacement pump. Once a new pump is in place, the pump that is temporarily operating in the supernatant lift station will be returned to the septage lift station. Mr. Waldvogle then reported that on August 6th a Denali Water representative stopped by to discuss lagoon solids relocation options. The relocation of solids needs to be done so that lagoon 1 can be

re-lined. Another driving force for solids relocation is the rising costs of doing so. Mr. Waldvogle then presented the July septage totals to the Board. Loads – 2; Gallons – 1,443; Revenue - $360.75. Loads came from Montrose and Ouray Counties.

3) **Collection System Report – Jeff Brady**

a. Jeff Brady reported to the Board the Lakeshore Drive sewer main damage – see under Financials. Mr. Brady also explained to the Board the delay in cleaning lines this year due to wildfire smoke in the air most of the summer and the extreme heat. Mr. Brady assured the Board that there were no concerns of any issues with any of the lines if the cleaning did not resume until next year.

4) **Manager's Report – Hyrum Webb**

a. Hyrum Webb presented the 2027 Budget Calendar and reported to the Board that the budget process has begun. The Certification of Valuation from the county assessor is due August 25, 2026. As soon as staff receives that valuation sheet, work can begin on the mill levy assessment. Mr. Webb noted that he had been working on updating the budget spreadsheets and worksheets for the upcoming budget workshops that will be scheduled for October.

b. Hyrum Webb reported to the Board that he had been in contact with several companies that offer elections process support to see how it could be beneficial to the District. Mr. Webb discussed with different companies on how they can help with being the Designated Election Official (DEO), providing supplies, consulting, support, and avoiding conflicts. Mr. Webb noted that a resolution appointing a DEO doesn't take place until the December 2026 meeting, but he wanted the Board to be informed of all options. Mr. Webb also informed the Board that mail-in ballots were also discussed with the elections consultants and how it could be beneficial to the election process. Mail-in ballots were strongly encouraged.

c. Mr. Webb reported to the Board the need to re-line lagoon #1., similar to the re-lining of lagoon #3 that was done earlier this year. Mr. Webb informed the Board that he and staff have been researching all options and related costs. Mr. Webb and staff believe that transferring the solids and liquid out of lagoon #1 and into lagoons #2 and #3 and taking lagoon #1 off-line for a year to dry will be the most cost-effective approach. Mr. Webb noted that the next lagoon cleaning cycle should take place between 2030 and 2032. With significant cost increases in having a company like Denali Water remove solids, has the District looking into options for liquid hauling to compost facility in Delta, on-site contract dewatering, or capital improvements to build our own de-waterer and digester.

5) **Legal Counsel Report – Aaron Brooks**

No Updates

6) **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

a.	Board Meeting	September 16, 2026	7:00 p.m.
b.	SDA Annual Conference	September 15-17, 2026	Keystone

OTHER: The Board discussed progress on the search for a new Board member to replace Kent Kinsey, who resigned April 17, 2026. Kristi Harvey reported that she had approached a couple that lived in her neighborhood, but had not heard back from them yet on their decision. Ms. Harvey also commented that she had another person in mind that she would attempt to contact. Cheryl Schmalz offered to reach out to a former Board member one more time to see if his interest had changed.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business to come before the Board, Kristi Harvey asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting for Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

At 7:55 p.m., William Merrel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Monell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Y. Schmalz