

**RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**January 21st, 2026 at 6 pm**

Present:

Andrew Williamson, Board President  
Nikki Penniman, Vice President (by phone)  
Rich McLane, Board Member  
Bob Ingram, Board Member  
Perry Hofferber, Board Member

Ken Ridway, Manager  
Val Nolan, Secretary  
James Connolly, Hyalite Engineers  
Karl Cook, Developer

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Andrew Williamson. The meeting was held in the main office at RAE Water District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the November 2025 board meeting were reviewed. There was no meeting in December 2025. A motion to approve the November 2025 minutes made by Rich McLane and seconded by Perry Hofferber. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- The treasurer's report for November and December 2025 was reviewed. Val highlighted payments made in November to Amatics for FY2024/2025 audit of \$18,000, a payment to InControl for cybersecurity for \$4,571. We also transferred the \$175,000 from First Security Bank revenue account to STIP (investment pool) per previous discussion. Payments highlighted in December were to Energy Labs of \$4,780 for labs required every few years, etc., payment to Morrison Maierle of \$6,930 for ozone generator work, meetings, and demand study and payment for radio reads of \$10,230. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Rich McLane and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussion on vote and 3 top color choices for the new water tower. Paint samples were available for viewing. The Board discussed the options. A vote was taken and all Board members agreed upon the "Snowdrop" paint color.
- RAE Water's lawyer mailed a response to the customer complaint previously discussed. It was noted that RAE Water started the shut off process again on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The lawyer's letter asked the customer to pay by January 12<sup>th</sup>. No payment was received at that point.

- Local and state wage data discussion. Wage data for Montana and local area was sent via Board packet in January. This will be discussed further and Ken will make recommendations prior to the end of the fiscal year in June; prior to FY2027 budget.
- Water tower cathodic protection discussion. James Connolly from Hyalite Engineers presented information to the Board. There is galvanic protection in the primer they use for the tank. James felt there is enough corrosion protection. Our water is not corrosive. He does not recommend cathodic protection. The water will be flowing and there will be a mixer in the tank.
- Wastewater infiltration plan discussion. Ken and Colbie identified points of interest last spring/summer to check on this spring. King Arthur Park will begin to fix water leaks next week.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- Sale of the John Deere Tractor excavator attachment. Bucket was sold for \$8,000 and deposited to operating account. Weights were purchased for the tractor to make up for the weight
- Ken, John, and Shannon mucked out the reed bed sludge with the new excavator.
- King Arthur Park sale finalization is now approximately May 2026.
- Ken has reached out to Security Solutions; we are awaiting a quote for installing security cameras throughout the district. It was mentioned they have been a reliable company for others in the valley. They are working on how to integrate the outlying buildings and will provide a bid.
- Laundry and clubhouse well rehab have begun with Allied Engineers and Red Tiger Drilling. There was a ¼” hole in the riser pipe. The rehab process is monitored by Allied Engineers.

**New Business:**

- Resolution R-260121, Board of Directors Election. A motion was made by Bob Ingram to approve R-260121 as required by the County and seconded by Perry Hofferber. The motion passed unanimously.
- Sensus SR II brass water meter discontinuation discussion. The brass meters in King Arthur Park are becoming obsolete. Ken would like to purchase as many parts as possible. The Board stated that he can make that decision based upon need and availability.
- Service Agreement for Sierra Vista phase 2, discussion and request for a vote. Sierra Vista Phase 2 has been annexed into the district previously and 2026 SIF pricing was included. A motion was made by Perry Hofferber to approve the service agreement and seconded by Rich McLane. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 2026, at 6 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Nikki Penniman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and this was seconded by Rich McLane. The motion passed unanimously.

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