

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 19th, 2025 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

Brad Lewis, DLM
Ken Ridgway, Manager
Val Nolan, Secretary
Brad Hammerquest, Morrison-Maierle
Mike Stenberg, Hyalite Engineers
James Connolly, Hyalite Engineers
Kurik Mattics, DLM
Carl 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 October 2025 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the October 2025 minutes made by Rich McLane and seconded by Perry Hofferber. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The treasurer's report for October 2025 was reviewed. Several large payments were noted for leak repairs to DLM of \$134,093, excavator for \$83,500 and lift station cleaning of \$2,475. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Nikki Penniman and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.
- Request for money transfer to State Investment Pool. Discussion was held on moving money out of First Security Bank because of very low interest on the revenue account. A motion was made by Rich McLane to transfer \$175,000 from First Security Bank to First Interstate Bank, then to purchase shares at STIP. This was seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audit is in process and we will have a draft within the next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Draft Demand Memo for DEQ. RAE Water design criteria further discussion. Discussion was held concerning the Demand Memo request to use 160 gpd per EDU. Several options to increase water overflow were discussed and can be incorporated into the design for peak

flows. A motion was made to accept the Demand Memo by Rich McLane and seconded by Nikki Penniman. The motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion and vote on top 3 color choices for water tank. Per Hyalite Engineers we do not need to make a decision now for the tank color due to timing of the water tank construction. A motion was made by Nikki Penniman to table the discussion of water tower color to the next appropriate meeting time and seconded by Rich McLane. The motion passed unanimously.
- RAE Water's lawyer is still working on the complaint response. She emailed Ken stating she is in court and will be working on it this week.
- Wage study will be conducted and findings presented to the Board by January 2026 meeting.
- Review and discuss updated water expansion costs. Continued discussion was held concerning the increase in original estimated cost of the water expansion. Hyalite Engineers recalculated the budget and it has been reduced by \$259,106. The contingency has been brought down due to having contracts in place on most of the work along with several other items. Concern was mentioned for it still being higher than anticipated and the Board is hopeful that it does not come in higher than current budget. Kurik from DLM updated the Board on concrete work for the water tank happening prior to Christmas and further construction this winter is dependent on the weather.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RAE Water District's Holiday party will be at the Ponderosa Social Club December 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- Discuss the possibility of RAE Water connecting the sewer system to the City of Bozeman. Ken stated it would just be conversations on the possibility at this point and some engineering consultation. This will be further discussed in January.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Ken has hired a new operator who will begin on December 1st, 2025.
- RAE Water District's new excavator, a CAT, has been delivered..
- Ken had a meeting with the company that is in negotiations to purchase King Arthur Park with some discussion on the infrastructure.
- Ken has reached out to a couple of security camera companies for quotes on installing cameras throughout the District. It was suggested to check with our insurance company for a discount if they are installed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st, 2026, at 6 p.m. There will be no meeting in December.

ADJOURN: Perry Hofferber motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and this was seconded by Nikki Penniman. The motion passed unanimously.

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