

Minutes


LAKESIDE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING March 17, 2026



Present: Directors Marc Liechti, Kathy Martin, Landon Boggs, and Tim Kluesner and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager and Rebecca Good, Secretary.


Absent: Directors Roxanne Wadman

Also present: One visitor as recorded on the [sign-in sheet](#) .





Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.


Agenda: A motion was made by Director Boggs to accept the [agenda](#) . Director Martin seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Public comment  There was a written public comment received via e-mail March, 9, 2026 ([Exhibit WPC1](#)) .



Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Director Boggs to approve the [consent agenda](#)  as presented. Director Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:



Consideration for Approval of [Lakeside Scoring Committee's Recommendation](#)     for Award of RFP (Request For Proposal) Contractor Selection. General Manager Olson presented the Board with the Lakeside Scoring Committee's RFP scoring sheets. He reviewed the evaluation criteria and outlined the key considerations the committee used in scoring and ranking the proposals.

Public comment  There was no public comment.

Directors Boggs, Kluesner, Martin and Liechti voted in favor of awarding Swank Enterprises with the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) contract for Phase II of the LCWSD Wastewater Facility Improvements. Director Wadman was absent. No Directors voted in opposition.

[Water Quality Compliance Closure \(CVID #25803\)](#)  & [DEQ WWTP Site Tour November 20, 2025](#)  General Manager Olson presented the Board with documentation confirming closure of the complaint findings issued by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). He also reviewed photos and notes from the November 20, 2025, wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) site tour, which were included with the closure letter.

New Business:

[Resolution 26-1 – A Resolution of Intent to Increase Rates for Bulk Potable Water Sales](#)  [Bulk Water Sales - Water Right Authorization and System Capacity Summary](#)  General Manager Olson presented Resolution 26-1, a resolution of intent to increase rates for bulk potable water sales. He explained that, if the Board elects to proceed with the proposed rate increase, the District Secretary will prepare Resolution 26-2 to replace Ordinance 10-1. The updated resolution will reflect current operational costs, including personnel time, equipment use, administrative expenses, and system wear.

He further explained that the process will include a public rate hearing, which will be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if Resolution 26-1 is approved.

Public comment There was no public comment.

Directors Martin, Boggs, Kluesner and Liechti voted in favor of adopting Resolution 26-1, a Resolution of Intent to Increase Rates for Bulk Potable Water Sales. Director Wadman was absent. No Directors voted in opposition.

Phase 1 Change Order - Headworks #3 General Manager Olson presented Phase 1 Change Order #3 for the Headworks building. He explained that the electrical service to the SGR room must be upgraded to meet service requirements.

Public comment There was no public comment.

Directors Martin, Boggs, Kluesner, and Liechti voted in favor of accepting Phase 1 Change Order #3 for the Headworks building. Director Wadman was absent. No Directors voted in opposition.

Task Order #10 Consideration for Approval of Engineering Services Agreement for Additional Treated Water Storage and Land Application Design. General Manager Olson presented Task Order #10 to the Board. He explained that the task order authorizes the District's engineering firm, Robert Peccia & Associates, to proceed with design of an additional treatment pond to provide temporary capacity due to the delayed completion timeline of Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Facility project.

He further explained that the engineering services will be fully funded by a developer, and the District will retain ownership of the study upon completion. Based on the findings of the study, additional actions may be considered.

The Board discussed the potential benefits and considerations associated with approving the task order.

Public comment included remarks from Jennifer Tipton with North Shore Water Alliance.

Directors Boggs, Kluesner and Liechti voted in favor of approving Task Order #10. Director Wadman was absent. No Directors voted in opposition.

Manager's Report:

Grant Funding

General Manager Olson informed the Board that the District has applied for additional grant funding through available Congressional funding opportunities. He stated that the District has received favorable feedback and is optimistic about being a strong candidate for funding, particularly as the District evaluates a membrane treatment option for the removal of PFAS and pharmaceutical residuals prior to discharge.

He noted that letters of support were required as part of the application process. The District obtained letters from the Lakeside-Somers Chamber of Commerce, the Flathead County Commissioners, Larson Engineering, Mission Builders, Youth With A Mission, Tanner Smith Excavating, and APEC Engineering.

General Manager Olson reported that, during the Flathead County Commissioners meeting at which the District's request for a letter of support was considered, members of Citizens for a

Better Flathead and the North Shore Water Alliance were present and expressed opposition to the request.

He further noted that the District had anticipated that the proposed improvements, if funded, would address water quality concerns previously raised by community stakeholders. General Manager Olson also reported that a request for a letter of support from Citizens for a Better Flathead was declined.

Flathead County Landfill Biosolid Dewatering Limit Changes

General Manager Olson informed the Board of recent changes to biosolid dewatering limits accepted at the Flathead County Landfill. The Board discussed the implications of these updated restrictions, including the need to consider compliance strategies during construction of the new wastewater treatment facility. Discussion included ensuring that interim and long-term operations align with the updated standards.

Lift Station #10 Upgrade Project

General Manager Olson informed the Board that construction of the Lift Station #10 upgrade project has begun. He stated that the estimated completion date is June 2026.

Montana Rural Water Conference

Director Liechti informed the Board that he will be attending the Montana Rural Water Conference from March 23 through March 25 in Billings, Montana, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center on behalf of the District.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026


Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good
District Secretary

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LAKESIDE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING February 17, 2026

Present: Directors Marc Liechti, Landon Boggs, and Tim Kluesner and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager and Rebecca Good, Secretary.


Absent: Directors Roxanne Wadman and Kathy Martin

Also present: One visitor as recorded on the [sign-in sheet](#) .

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.


Agenda: A motion was made by Director Boggs to accept the [agenda](#) . Director Kluesner seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Public comment  There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Director Kluesner to approve the [consent agenda](#)  as presented. Director Boggs seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.


Old Business:
None

New Business:

New Easement- Lift Station #3  General Manager Olson presented a proposed easement for Lift Station #3, developed in coordination with the District engineers and a local landowner. He reviewed the planned improvements to the existing lift station and explained that the easement is necessary to accommodate a slight relocation of the facility. The Board discussed the advantages and considerations of obtaining the easement.

Public comment  There was no public comment.

Director Boggs made a motion to proceed with obtaining the easement. Director Kluesner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Directors Wadman and Martin were absent.

Phase 1 Change Orders Septage #3 & Headworks #2  General Manager Olson presented proposed Change Order #3 for the Septage Facility and Change Order #2 for the Headworks Building, as recommended by the District's engineers. He explained the details of each change order, the rationale for the recommendations, and his professional assessment. The Board discussed each change order.

Public comment  There was no public comment.

Directors Boggs, Kluesner and Liechti voted in favor of approving Change Order #3 (Septage) and Change Order #2 (Headworks). Directors Wadman and Martin were absent. No Directors voted in opposition.

Manager's Report:

229 & 237 Bierney Creek Lots

General Manager Olson provided an update on the bulk water filling station recently installed on the lots and discussed current progress.

Staffing Update

General Manager Olson informed the Board that the Operator hired on February 2, 2026, is no longer employed with the District. The position will be re-advertised.

He also reported that a new Billing Clerk has been hired. Vickie Alderman joined the District on February 11, 2026.

Public Relations Firm

General Manager Olson provided an update on the District's website, and the ongoing campaign encouraging ratepayers and customers to sign up for District alerts and project notifications.

Grant Funding

General Manager Olson reported that he continues to pursue additional grant funding opportunities on behalf of the District

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026


Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good
District Secretary

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LAKESIDE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING January 20, 2026


Present: Directors Marc Liechti, Kathy Martin, Landon Boggs, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.


Absent: Directors Roxanne Wadman and Tim Kleusner

Also present: One visitor as recorded on the [sign-in sheet](#) .

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: A motion was made by Director Martin to accept the [agenda](#) . Director Boggs seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Public comment  There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Director Boggs to approve the [consent agenda](#)  as presented. Director Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Phase 1 Change Orders #1 & #2      General Manager Olson presented the Board with proposed Change Orders #1 & #2 from District's engineers. He explained the details of each change order, the reason for the recommendations, and his professional opinion. The Board discussed each change order accordingly.

Public comment  There was no public comment.

Directors Boggs, Martin and Liechti voted in favor of approving both Change Orders #1 & #2. Directors Wadman and Kleusner were absent. No Directors voted in opposition.

Managers Report:

Cooper Farms Agreement

General Manager Olson informed the Board that the agreement between the District and Cooper Farms has expired and that an extension will not be granted. As a result, the capacity previously reserved for Cooper Farms has been released. The deposit held in the liability account has been transferred to the plant investment fee account. Cooper Farms may approach the District in the future if desired.

Supreme Court Litigation

General Manager Olson provided an update on the pending Supreme Court litigation, noting that the opposing party has requested a 30-day extension, extending the deadline to February 6, 2026.

Staffing Update

General Manager Olson informed the Board that the Operator 1 position (without certifications) has been filled. Cody Dehart will begin employment on February 1, 2026. He also noted that the Billing Clerk position remains open.

Phase 1 Project Update

General Manager Olson reported that Phase 1 of the project is approximately 60% complete. Phase 1 includes the septage building, headworks building, and Lift Station #10 located off Lakeside Boulevard. The Lift Station #10 upgrade is anticipated to begin around March 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good
District Secretary