



Hungry Horse County Water & Sewer District

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2026 | 6:00PM

A. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM President Wagner called the meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL 6:00PM

PRESENT: President Doug Wagner, Vice President Tom Blakney, Director Dan Stahlberg, Director Jamie Foster, Director Brent Schmidt
STAFF: GMO Ben Shafer, Bookkeeper Mallory Mumma, Secretary Raye Lynn Goodson
GUESTS: Vivian Allen

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA 6:01PM

6:01PM Wagner **MOVED** to adopt the agenda. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT 6:01PM

Allen submitted her written public comment: "20, November 2025 Minutes". Allen stated that it should be Blakney's name in the signature section of the minutes. Allen stated a member of the community reached out to her about a Flathead Electric post speaking on a water leak in Evergreen and she read the post aloud.

E. DECEMBER 2025 & EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES TO APPROVE/CORRECT 6:03PM

6:03PM Wagner **MOVED** to accept the December 2025 minutes. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

6:04PM Wagner **MOVED** to accept the October Executive Session 2025 minutes.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

F. REPORTS 6:05PM

1. BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT (DIRECTOR'S REPORT) 6:05PM

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 6:05PM

Mumma went over all the items included in the Bookkeeper's report including Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, Past Due List with the board of directors. Mumma stated some things in the Profit & Loss may look different now that Tangie has audited the books. Wagner said it would be nice to see the changes in next month's report to compare. The board and employees went over who has been shut-off on the Past Due List.

b. BILLS 6:17PM

6:17PM Schmidt **MOVED** to sign the checks and pay the bills. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

The board and Mumma went over the bills.

c. CORRESPONDENCE 6:18PM

Mumma stated they received a check from Flathead Electric because of their capital credit. Mumma stated that Tangie can be contacted by any member of the board if they have any questions about her audit. Wagner asked if there are any big changes and Mumma stated no, it is the same information just presented differently in some categories.

2. MANAGER'S WRITTEN REPORT, DAILY LOG & TO-DO LIST UPDATE 6:21PM

Shafer went over his Manager's report of what he has done and his correspondence throughout the month. He covered a quote he received from a contractor about extending the porch above a pump-house that is necessary for safety reasons. As it stands right now an operator could get trapped in there due to snow. Stahlberg offered his time instead of hiring. He would just need payment for materials and Shafer offered help. He stated he is covered by his own insurance when it comes to liability.

6:24PM Blakney **MOVED** to let Stahlberg and Shafer install the new extended roofing on a pump-house.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

Shafer continued his report and covered that he did not receive alerts when a well went offline during storms last month. He contacted ECI to find out why. He stated he did not receive any calls from costumers in regards to having no water, but did receive one call about low pressure. **6:27PM** Shafer stated that the EPA is requiring the district to notify any costumers that have an unknown or "galvanized and in-need of replacement" service line. They supplied a form to use and send out. Shafer stated there is about 200 costumers with unknown service lines according to his files but he will double check before sending the form.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT 6:32PM

Goodson went over the Secretary's Report.

The board asked Goodson to add the word "Plant Investment Fee" to the rate schedule.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS 6:37PM

1. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DISCUSSION 6:37PM

The board discussed what the amount would be for this year's Employee Appreciation Bonus.

6:38PM Wagner **MOVED** to give 1% for Employee Appreciation Bonus this year with a minimum of \$50.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

2. SICK LEAVE & VACATION PAY LOOK BACK 6:39PM

The board and Mumma discussed how far back they have to go to be compliant with the law when it comes to employee sick leave and vacation pay.

3. FURTHER FILE ROOM DISCUSSION Moved to be potentially discussed as H3.

H. NEW BUSINESS 7:46PM

1. ADOPT BOARD ELECTION RESOLUTION 7:46PM

Schmidt went over the new election process as provided by the county.

6:53PM Foster **MOVED** that The Hungry Horse County Water & Sewer District call for a Special Purpose District election conducted by mail for the May 5th, 2026 election. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

The board continued to discuss dates related to the election and the process.

2. DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF BOTTLING WATER 6:55PM

The board discussed creating a water bottling plant in Hungry Horse. Based on their meeting with legal council they were urged to show they are using an certain amount of water on their permit before CSKT can "take it back". They discussed a location for the bottling plant, where the water supply would be coming from and what this could mean for the customer. Wagner brought up revisiting using Sand Creek. They discussed using Sand Creek could reduce their carbon footprint by the water being gravity fed.

6:58PM Wagner **MOVED** to keep going with the feasibility of Water Plant in Hungry Horse.

AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED

2. TASK REVIEW 7:00PM

Mumma will come with an accurate Past Due List next month and work on the Sick Leave & Vacation Pay.

Blakney will contact the County Attorney to see what they think about them becoming a for-profit operation.

Stahlberg will correspond with Shafer to work on the roof extension.

Schmidt will work on the Election.

Goodson will continue to work on the file room.

I. ADJOURNMENT (7:00PM OR SOONER) 7:02PM

7:02PM Wagner **MOVED** to adjourn. **AYE UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED; SO RESOLVED**

Signed _____ Date _____
Douglas T. Wagner, President

Attested _____ Date _____
Raye Lynn Goodson, Secretary