RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

October 7, 2026

Acting Chairperson Baumgart called to order the Board Meeting. The regular meeting of the Meeker Sanitation District Board of Directors was held Wednesday October 7, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Meeker Sanitation District Board Room at 265 8th Street. Notices were posted prior to the meeting at the Clerk and Recorder Office, Town Hall, Post Office, Office of the Meeker Sanitation District and published in the Rio Blanco Herald Times and on our website. The following people were present:

Director Baumgart	Attorney Borchard	Office Manager Willey
Director Balloga	Plant Manger Nielsen	Office Assistant May
Director Olson	Plant Operator McGruder	

Excused was Director Hoke and Director Day

Also, present was Caitlin Walker with the Herald Times.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN OR WITH CHANGES WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR OLSON, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR BALLOGA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 BOARD MEETING WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR BALLOGA, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR OLSON.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2027 Budget:

Updated budget figures were presented for the board to review, including individual and average employee wage increases of 3%, 3.5%, and 4%. The Water Activity Enterprise budget included a $5.00 service charge increase. Property and Liability Insurance figures are still pending.

MOTION TO INCREASE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE HOURLY WAGE BY 3.5% WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR OLSON, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR BALLOGA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The District will need to hold a public hearing on the 2027 Budget on December 9, 2026 per Colorado Statute.

MOTION TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2027 BUDGET AT THE DECEMBER 9, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND POST NOTICE OF THE HEARING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE, TOWN OF MEEKER, POST OFFICE, DISTRICT OFFICE, AND WEBSITE WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR BAUMGART, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR OLSON.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Last month the board agreed to raise the vault water rate in January 2027. This would require a public hearing and resolution. The board was asked to change the vault water increase from January 2027 to April 2027 to align with the service charge increase.

MOTION TO RESCIND THE JANUARY 2027 VAULT WATER RATE INCREASE AND RESCHEDULE IT FOR APRIL 2027 WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR BALLOGA, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR OLSON.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board requested a report comparing overage rate increases for $5.00, $6.00, and $7.00 per 1,000 gallons above the 8,000- gallon base. The board discussed going to a $10.00 service charge increase and requested that be put in the budget numbers for next month's meeting. The board tabled the rate increase discussion to next month's board meeting.

Health Insurance Renewal:

The Board reviewed a comparison of health insurance options that included a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) card. The report outlined potential District savings from switching to a higher-deductible plan and providing each employee with an HRA card funded to match the deductible. The Board reviewed the reports and agreed to retain the current low-deductible PP02 plan for employees.

MOTION TO ACCEPT HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH A 16% INCREASE FOR MEDICAL AND 5% INCREASE FOR DENTAL INSURANCE WITHOUT CHANGES WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR BAUMGART, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR BALLOGA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Plant Report:

Lab results were within permit limits.

Repaired AB pump was delivered.

Plant Manager Nielsen presented a Capital Improvement Plan prioritizing projects for the plant building and collection system. Director Balloga asked about rerating the plant, Nielsen said he would contact Cooper Best with JVA for a cost estimate. The Board also reviewed an RCAC report

prepared as part of the District's capital asset planning. Office Assistant May entered one-quarter of the CIP costs into the five-year model. The results showed that the District would need to save more than $500,000 annually to complete only one-quarter of the projects. The report estimated the service charge needed to build those reserves while covering operating expenses and found that even a $10.00 increase, followed by additional $2.00 annual increase for five years, would be insufficient. Director Baumgart said the report would help explain to the public why the District needs a service charge increase. The Board requested that the report be provided for review again at next month's meeting.

Plant Manager Nielsen is working on getting costs on some sewer main repairs that keep causing problems for homeowners on 5th and Cleveland, 12th and Clevland, School Street, and Garfield Street. He will need to get the lines videoed and costs to do the patches. This information will be provided to the board when he receives the estimates.

Office Report:

The SRF Loan payment is due on November 1st in the amount of $7,058.51.

MOTION TO PAY SRF LOAN PAYMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,058.51 WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR BAUMGART, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR OLSON.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board discussed having a Christmas dinner this year. Decision was made to make a reservation at an available restaurant and present the dates and times and food options at next month's board meeting.

Board:

The Board reviewed the Delinquent Accounts, Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, and Bank Statements.

The Board reviewed the current bills and QuickBooks Accounts Payable Report.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND PAY THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $127,816.13 WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR BAUMGART, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR BALLOGA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board was made aware of a transfer from Colotrust to the Bank of the San Juans in the amount of $100,000.00 to cover bills.

Director Balloga gave permission to use their signature stamps.

The meeting was adjourned; the next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 4, 2026.

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ATTEST Chairperson

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