

ROARING FORK WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2026

Call to Order

Call to Order – The regular meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Ian Exelbert, President

Paul Goldstein, Secretary

Tom Sherman, Board Member

Carter Barger, Board Member

Brendan Matthias, Vice President (by phone)

Staff Present

Tonya Uren, District Administrator

Scott Grosscup, District Attorney

Alan Leslie, Plant Operator

Administrator's Report

May Minutes

M/S/C Tom moved to approve the May 19, 2026 minutes. Carter second, all in favor.

Accounts Payable

M/S/C Paul moved to approve the June accounts payable as presented. Carter second, all in favor.

2025 Audit

Tonya included the 2025 Draft Audit in the June meeting packet for the Board's review. Paul D. Miller of Blair and Associates, P.C. prepared the audit. Tonya and Scott reviewed the report and aside from some formatting reference corrections, found it to be consistent with past years and found no material changes or irregularities. The audit is due to be filed by July 31, 2026. **M/S/C** Carter moved to approve the 2025 Audit as presented. Paul second, all in favor.

District Billing Clerk

Ruth Sante passed away May 23rd. The Board expressed their appreciation for her work and condolences to her family. Tonya hired and is training Alyssa Kessel as the new Billing Clerk. The Board suggested she attend a meeting.

Operator's Report

Ironbridge #1 - River Bank Lift Station Odors

Tonya received complaints from Ironbridge HOA President and neighboring property owners of the Ironbridge Lift Station on River Bank Lane. This station is the most active station, receiving flows from Eastbank Lift Station and Ironbridge #2 on River Bend Way. Ian acknowledged that he also noticed strong odors when walking past the station last evening. There were odor complaints regarding the new station when it was first completed. Tonya, Alan, Mike and Brandyn met on site with neighbors last fall. Staff inspected the station and Mike increased his schedule of carbon absorption filter replacement. The new station was designed with an odor control system. The vent piping goes up the back side of the building. Last fall, when inspecting the station, it seemed that directing the odors through the venting up could be making it worse by concentrating the odors, so Mike turned off the odor control and allowed odors to dissipate rather than direct through the venting. Tonya hadn't received any complaints, and no odors were detected during site visits, so staff believed that the issue was resolved.

To provide an odor control alternative, Phoenix Industries buried an additional vent pipe that directs odors underground and vents towards the river. There is a valve to direct flow to either pipe. In response to the recent odor complaints, the odor control system was turned back on and directed through the buried pipe. Alan is extending the pipe further away from the building and adding more carbon absorption. Additionally, Voskuil Operations performed a smoke test to determine if odors are releasing from undetected gaps. Adjustments were made to some hatches to improve the seals. Tonya is encouraging homeowners to contact her with information as to timing of the odors. Indications are the odors are worse in the evening. Staff discussed adjusting the cycling of the Eastbank and Ironbridge #2 stations and flushing stations to reduce stagnant time before the flows are pumped to Ironbridge #1 station. The Board asked if the odors are resulting from issues with the station itself or the impact of the location. The Board also discussed the continued operational maintenance to mitigate odors at the station. River Bank Lane has more homes now and there is foot traffic to the river on a path adjacent to the station. The Board directed Tonya to continue communication with Ironbridge HOA and the property management company for Ironbridge.

Ironbridge #1 – River Bank Lift Station Landscaping

Staff is working with Ironbridge management as Ironbridge HOA plans to landscape the property around the new lift station. Neighbors complained about the appearance of the property. The District hydro seeded the location upon completion of the new lift station. Ironbridge has irrigation lines that run through the property and is planning to extend the irrigation and plant trees and bushes to improve the appearance around the station. Thistles and weeds have grown after the seeding, and Alan will have Greenwing Turf review for possible removal before the HOA begins its work.

Ironbridge Sewer Line Inspection

Ironbridge management is repairing areas of street settling on River Bend Way. Alan televised the sewer line to confirm no issues with the District's sewer line. Alan explained the District sewer lines are a locked joint pipe and are very robust. The sewer line backed up near 958 River Bend Way in fall of 2022. The Ironbridge storm sewer line leaked and caused a bend in the District's sewer line below the leak. With the pressure on the sewer line, it didn't break, the line dipped. The dip in the line accumulated grit, which led to the back-up. Ironbridge has leaks in the storm sewer line on River Bend Way, so Alan inspects and cleans the District's sewer line on

River Bend Way to protect from backups. When Alan was onsite inspecting the District's sewer line, he documented that surface water was running through a crack in the street curb likely causing settling in the street.

Coryell Well #11

Alan adjusted the hertz (Hz) on the variable frequency drive for the well pump to match the static well level. During the draw down test the well produced 420 gallons/minute, but ground water conditions couldn't sustain that production. Alan reduced the hertz to a pumping speed of 240 gallons/minute so that the well levels remain stable. Mike is closing water line valves to send Coryell Ranch well water to Aspen Glen to ease pumping frequency at the Aspen Glen wellhouse. Water loss in the system is still an issue and challenging to detect during irrigation season.

Engineer's Report

No items to report

Attorney's Report

Drought Conditions Response

River levels are dropping and concern is high regarding impact to the Crystal River and the Kaiser-Sievers Ditch which provide the legal supply of water from the wells for irrigation of the west half of Aspen Glen. The District holds water rights in the Kaiser-Sievers Ditch, and these rights were moved from the ditch to the wells. A separate augmentation plan from Ruedi Reservoir supplies domestic water, but does not cover irrigation depletions. Under a strict application of the District's water rights, if the ditch goes dry, there is no right to irrigate. Potable water is still available. There is a mechanism for emergency substitute supply plan for purchase by acre foot through Basalt Water Conservancy District, which may provide a supply for outside watering a day or two per week. The Board asked how the situation is being monitored and how we are communicating. Well levels are being monitored as well as river conditions. Scott will reach out to the water commissioner to open a dialogue as to what they are expecting. The Board may need to hold an emergency meeting as the drought conditions persist. Alan expressed concern about water quality and backflow issues if customers use the District's potable supply as the raw water system through the ditch goes dry.

Carter asked about the customer's response to the door hangers. Contractor's inquired about new plantings, which can be considered through a special use permit. A handful of raw water irrigation customers were wondering why they received notice. In general, the door hangers and emails created an opportunity to open discussion with customers.

Open Items

No further items

Next Meeting
3 pm, July 21, 2026.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Read and approved July 21, 2026.

Signed: _____

SEAL

Attest: _____