

ROARING FORK WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2026

Call to Order

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Ian Exelbert, President
Brendan Matthias, Vice-President
Paul Goldstein, Secretary
Tom Sherman, Board Member
Carter Barger, Board Member (via phone)

Staff Present

Tonya Uren, District Administrator
Alan Leslie, Plant Operator
Brandyn Bair, District Engineer

Administrator's Report

January Minutes

M/S/C Tom moved to approve the January 20, 2026 minutes. Paul second, all in favor.

Accounts Payable

M/S/C Paul moved to approve the February accounts payable list as presented, Tom second, all in favor.

2025 Net Operating Income

The District received \$199,018 more in net operating income than projected for 2025. This is due to higher than anticipated water use, and lower repair and maintenance costs. Tonya provided reserve fund projections through 2035. Reserve funds are used to replace aging water and sewer infrastructure as well as new water and sewer projects determined by regulation or upgrades. The 2024 Budget increased sewer tap fees to set aside funds in a Sewer System Investment Account for new sewer capital projects, and specifically in response to EPA wastewater discharge regulations expected to impact the District. Brandyn stated the deadline for nutrient discharge regulations may be extended beyond 2030 as CDPHE determines the extent of compliance issues in response to the mandate. During the 2024 budget preparation, staff estimated filtration systems required to comply with anticipated regulations could cost \$5 million or more. Tonya recommended spending the net operating income to the Sewer System Investment Fund to respond to the nutrient regulations. The fund isn't projected to reach \$5 million by 2030, however each reserve account has a target, none are restricted by any one capital project.

The board reviewed reserve fund projections and discussed fiscal responsibility to maintain reserves at appropriate levels and not overreaching and retaining reserves beyond need. Tom asked Brandyn for his guidance relating to industry standards. Board and staff continued discussion as Brandyn commented that based on the size and age of the District, the reserve funds are targeted and appropriately in the median range. Tom thanked Tonya for stewardship of the reserves. Tonya offered the 2027 budget process is another opportunity to consider the District's fee collection and retained reserves. **M/S/C** Brendan made a motion to spend the net operating income of \$199,018 for 2025 into the Sewer System Investment Fund. Tom second, all in favor.

Operator's Report

Coryell Ranch Well Line Valve

The water line leading from District Well #11 to the Coryell Ranch Wellhouse has a faulty valve preventing shut-off. Staff discovered the issue while trying to shut off water to diagnose an issue with Well #11. Customers in Coryell Ranch complained about air in water, which led to discovery of an issue with the well pump in Well #11. The pump is functioning, but sucking air. Samuelson Pump was on sight to diagnose the issue but couldn't because of the valve problem. The valve repair is completed today, and Samuelson Pump will come back to pull the pump on the well to determine if it needs to be lowered in the well casing or if there is a problem with well production. Alan is concerned for work to be completed before customers begin to irrigate and before the ditches are turned on in the spring. This well tested at 1,000 GPM when drilled. Complaints about air in the system occurred during the last two winter seasons.

Ditch Repair

Aspen Glen informed Alan about a capital project to line portions of ditches in Aspen Glen. The District has percentage shares in both the Kaiser-Sievers and Crane and Peebles Ditches that run through Aspen Glen. Alan will attend the upcoming Ditch meeting and collect more information about the projects.

Water Loss

The District has ongoing issues with metered water loss. American Leak Detection worked in the District and listed two areas of concern. Roaring Fork Mesa on Brookie was identified. While attempting to narrow the issue by listening to curb valves, Mike and Alan couldn't find the valve for 221 Brookie and couldn't turn the valve for the neighboring vacant lot at 84 Golden Stone Drive. There are multiple utilities running through the location of the connection, so they will use a Hydrovac Excavator to locate and repair the valves and inspect for water leaks. The other area of concern is the cul-de-sac on River's Bend. There was a significant leak at a curb stop in that area in 2018. The water lines may be in ground water and if there is a leak, it is likely under the asphalt in the cul-de-sac.

WWTP Blower

Alan is waiting for the manufacturer representative to complete start-up of the Aerzen Blower.

Engineer’s Report

Development Updates

- Sages has preliminary plan approval from Garfield County and are ready to move towards final plan submission. Brandyn will speak with them about water line looping and the lift station plans. The plan is for seven duplexes for a total of fourteen units.
- The Reserves at Aspen Glen is moving forward and is ready to submit their package to Garfield County. Brandyn believes they are planning now for the original twenty-one lots without ADU’s. Paul asked if individual lot owners would be able to add an ADU, but that would be unlikely given the water rights restrictions for EQR’s dedicated to this parcel in Aspen Glen’s original PUD.
- SGM is completing proposals for their design and permit work for the lift station and water treatment facility in the Harvest Roaring Fork development. The Garfield Planning Commission meeting and public hearing for the PUD Application is scheduled for February 25, 2026 and may likely extend to additional meetings.

Infrastructure Updates

- Staff will inspect the water line valve at the Coryell Ranch water tank to determine if it is operational to bypass the water tank to push Coryell Well water through the system.
- There are issues with the effluent flow meter recently installed at the wastewater plant. It does not match the influent flow meter. Alan is scheduling Timber Line Electric to inspect both meters and correlate with the SCADA system during that work.
- Brandyn continues work on water master planning for the District. Harvest Roaring Fork has questions about phasing and District water service that can be better answered when there is clarity about the development and after the District progresses through evaluation of current sources.

Attorney’s Report

No items to report

Open Items

No further items to report

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2026, 3pm

Adjournment

3:50 Meeting adjourned

Read and approved this 17th day of March 2026.

Signed: _____

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Attest: _____