

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 15, 2026 at 6 pm

Present:

Andrew Williamson, Board President
Nikki Penniman, Vice President
Rich McLane, Board Member
Bob Ingram, Board Member
Perry Hofferber, Board Member

Ken Ridway, Manager
Val Nolan, Secretary
James Connolly, Hyalite Engineers
Kevin Cook, Developer
Torri Cook, Developer Assistant

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Andrew Williamson. The meeting was held in the main office at RAE Water District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kevin Cook gave an update on Woodland Park Phase 6. He stated they are in the process of constructing the roads. They hope to have a final plat in the middle of June 2026 and possibly sell lots after July 4th. Start date on home building will depend upon the completion of the water expansion project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 2026 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the February 2026 minutes was made by Nikki Penniman and seconded by Perry Hofferber. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The treasurer's report for February and March 2026 was reviewed. Val highlighted a payment in February to Ferguson for radio reads of \$5,100, other payments were typical. The March payments included DEQ outfall charge of \$4,300, Allied Engineering for well rehab at \$11,679, Xtreme Restoration for water leak repair at \$11,679 and Red Tiger Drilling for well rehab at \$27,360. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Nikki Penniman and seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.
- Stifel Nicolaus investment discussion. Paul Anthony Holt presented some investment options and handouts for the Board to review. He suggests investing in a Fidelity Money Market and/or Certificates of Deposit (CDs). The Board will review and discuss it again at the May meeting. A report on past interest earnings/gains was requested.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Status of RAE wastewater system update. Ken created a wastewater system update report for the Board to review. He stated RAE will start leak detection with the cameras in the next

month or so. He also stated that the UV will need to be replaced soon with an estimated cost of \$400,000.

- Ressler lift station ozone generator plans have been approved by DEQ. He is currently in discussions with Morrison-Maierle on whether to buy the equipment and then hire a company to install it or possibly bid out the project.
- James from Hyalite Engineering will provide an update on the water expansion project. James distributed an updated schedule/timeline for the water tower installation. DLM has the water tower site ready. The project is estimated to be fully completed by September 28, 2026. There are concerns about painting the tower and if we have an early winter it would need to be painted possibly the next spring. This project is currently within budget.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Ken

- King Arthur Laundry well rehab is complete. A new pump, motor, and riser pipes have been installed. It was discovered that a pipe was leaking inside the well vault. All issues have been repaired and the wells are back online and producing what they did originally.
- Ken, John, and Shannon have begun digging up the compound infiltration galleries. These repairs will be ongoing until completion. Gravel will need to be purchased.
- Montana Department of Labor and Industry performed their 2-year workplace safety inspection. The District passed the inspection. It was suggested to put up bollard posts around the water tank on the property for safety. The cost for this is approximately \$8,000.
- We are still awaiting a quote from Security Solutions about the security camera installations.
- Ken and Shannon attended the 2026 Montana Rural Water conference on 03/23/26 – 03/25/26. Due to the conference ending at 7pm following the dinner that was provided, Shannon’s hotel was extended by one night.
- King Arthur has completed repairs on all the identified water line leaks. RAE Water will again be performing a leak detection survey of King Arthur and RAE Subdivision in summer of 2026 to find further leaks to be repaired.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Searle will be retiring in June of 2026. We will be having a retirement get together for him. The date will be determined soon and will likely be held at the maintenance shop.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for May 20th, 2026, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURN: Nikki Penniman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and this was seconded by Bob Ingram. The motion passed unanimously.

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