

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDDLE PARK WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Kremmling Town Hall

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Meeting ID: 258 124 672 694 1 Passcode: y8Zq9kM2

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October 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Directors:

Jack Buchheister – President
Jim Lenzotti – Secretary
Mike Eytel – Treasurer
Gary Bumgarner
Tom Long (present virtually)

Others Present:

MPWCD Water Resources Consultant & Hydrologist Kristina Wynne
MPWCD Attorney Kent Whitmer
MPWCD Attorney Katie Randall
Dillon Willson, Public Works Director, Town of Kremmling

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. September 10, 2025 Minutes *
- B. Proposed 2026 Meeting Dates and Locations*
- C. Financial/Banking Reports*

- **A motion was made by Gary Bumgarner and seconded by Jim Lenzotti to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carries unanimously.**

3. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

- Kent Whitmer noted that the process is ongoing to fill the two currently vacant seats. In addition, Gary Bumgarner and Jim Lenzotti's terms are ending in January 2026. The Board discussed qualifications for Board members and potential candidates. Direction was given

to Kent and Katie to follow up with potential candidates to gauge their interest in serving on the Board and to help with the application process.

4. REPORTS

A. Budget

i. Approve Proposed Budget for 2026*

- The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for 2026. Katie Randall noted that notice of the budget has been published and a copy of the proposed budget has been available for public inspection at the Kremmling Town Hall; no public comments have been received. **Following discussion, a motion was made by Tom Long and seconded by Mike Eytel to approve the 2026 budget as proposed. Motion carries unanimously.**

ii. Resolution to Adopt Budget; Resolution (Designating Excess to General Reserve); Resolution to Set Mill Levies; Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money*

- The budget resolutions were reviewed and discussed. **A motion was made by Gary Bumgarner and seconded by Jim Lenzotti to approve the Resolution to Adopt Budget, the Resolution Designating Excess to General Reserve, the Resolution to Set Mill Levies, and the Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Motion carries unanimously.**

B. Attorney (Attorney Report/Action Items Status List)

- Kent Whitmer noted that many of the items in the attorney's report will be discussed under various agenda items later in the meeting and invited questions from the Board. The Board discussed updates in the Shoshone Permanency effort by the River District and PSCo before the CWCB Board. Kent Whitmer provided an update about the most recent draft of the agreement with Ron Jones for potential improvements to his ponds in Tabernash; the Board provided direction for additional edits and requested that the finalized agreement be presented for review and approval at a future meeting.

C. Hydrologist (BBA Report)

- A report from BBA was included in the meeting materials. Kristina Wynne provided the following updates since the report was provided:
 - Grand County Water & Sanitation District: Kristina has contacted GCWSD and they are interested in entering into a water lease agreement for another year. The Board discussed the terms of the proposed lease renewal and potential partnerships for long-term options for storage on the Fraser.
 - Annual Meeting with Division Engineer: Since James Heath is leaving his position soon, it likely makes more sense to schedule the annual meeting between MPWCD

and Division Staff after the new Division Engineer has begun work. The Board approved this plan.

- Measurement Rules: Draft measurement rules have been issued for Division 5, following similar efforts in other basins.
- Wild & Scenic: dues are increasing slightly. Kristina provided an update of recent conversations in the stakeholder group.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ron Jones: Agreement for Funding, Construction & Operation of the Jones Ponds

- This item was previously discussed.

B. Voter Outreach & Education Campaign*

- Outreach/education proposals were included in the meeting materials and were discussed. The Board considered strategic options for getting the word out about Middle Park's work and mission, and decided to do its own internal legwork at this point and strategize for now. Outside services may be needed in the future. The Board directed Staff to follow up with the consultants, provide an update of this decision and thank them for submitting these materials.

C. Grand County Water & Sanitation District Lease Renewal Authorization*

- This item was previously discussed. **A motion was made by Gary Bumgarner and seconded by Mike Eytel to authorize entering into another one-year lease for water from Grand County Water & Sanitation District on the same terms and conditions as last year. Motion carries unanimously.**

D. Open Discussion and Direction to Staff

- The Board decided to hold the January meeting as virtual only.
- The Troublesome Project stipulation with Save the World's Rivers was discussed.

6. WATER RIGHTS

A. Troublesome Project: Deed of Water Rights to East Fork Mutual Irrigation Ditch Company

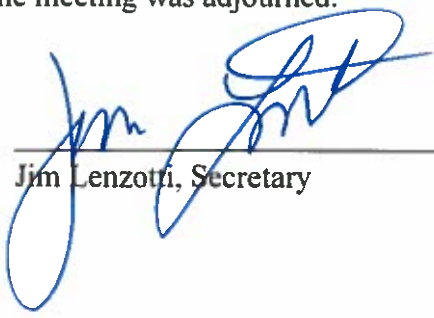
- In keeping with the Board's direction, Kristina reached out to Alan Curtis and Dave Bower to serve as independent counsel for this scope of work. Cost estimates and scopes of work were circulated to the Board and were discussed. **Following discussion, a motion was made by Mike Eytel to select Alan Curtis for the proposed scope of work to transfer Troublesome Project Water Rights to the East Fork Mutual Irrigation Ditch Company. Motion was seconded by Jim Lenzotti, Gary Bumgarner abstained. Motion carries.** The Board will consider an engagement agreement from Alan Curtis at the January meeting.

7. OPEN FORUM

- Dillon Willson, Public Works Director for the Town of Kremmling, introduced himself. He's just here to listen in and learn today. The Board thanked him for attending.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Jim Lenzotti, Secretary