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# MEMORANDUM

To: Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors  
From: Jen Murray, Manager/CEO, SWA  
Subject: September 2, 2025, SWA Board of Directors Meeting  
Date: August 27, 2025

**The next Southwest Water Authority (SWA) Board of Directors meeting will be on **TUESDAY, September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. MDT at the SWA O&M Center Office in Dickinson, ND.****

This month, we will be joined by Eric Volk, the Executive Director of ND Rural Water Systems Association. He has been selected to present '55 years of Regionalization' at the NRW Water Pro Conference in New Orleans. The SWA Board has the honor of being the first to hear this presentation. Welcome Eric!

There are two policies for the Board to review and monitor this month: Policy III. General Governance Commitment and Policy III.. F. Annual Board Planning Cycle. These policies are included in the Board packet for your review. This policy provides the Board with an opportunity to plan and schedule items to be included in the agendas for the upcoming year. The current schedule of agenda items is included for your review.

Policy II. G. Executive Limitations – Communication and Counsel to the Board is on the agenda under decision-making. The policy and report are included in the Board packet.

Gary Nordstrom is a SWA Distribution Operator based at the Hazen satellite office. Gary has been with SWA for 12 years and will be retiring at the end of September. A Resolution of Appreciation is included on the agenda for Board approval under the decision-making section. Thank you, Gary, for your years of service. We wish you well in your future endeavors!

The SWA Board Retreat will take place on October 6-7, 2025. Jared Huibregtse of Bartlett & West will be the facilitator. The agenda is included in the Board packet. A questionnaire was sent to Board members along with the Board packet. If you have not had a chance to fill this out, please do so at the Board meeting. All answers are completely anonymous and will provide me with guidance on the collective's opinion about SWPP ownership and Capital Repayment.

The Board will determine if the Budget Subcommittee will meet in 2025 to provide guidance and feedback on options for the 2026 budget. This Subcommittee consists of Directors Engelhardt and Director Eaton. The Chairperson was Director Nodland. If the Subcommittee reconvenes, another Director will be appointed to take Director Nodland's vacant seat. The Subcommittee typically meets once in September.

The SWC meeting was held on August 14, 2025. The Commission authorized the Director of the DWR to award the Hydraulic Improvements in the North New England Service Area to the lowest responsible bidder that is in the best interest of the SWC. An update on the Supplementary Intake Contract was provided. The global settlement was approved, and the DWR will provide public information as soon as it is fulfilled. The Regional Water System Governance and Finance Study RFI received five responses, and two vendors were

selected for an interview. The expectation is that a vendor will be chosen by the end of August 2025. I will update the Board as soon as the information becomes available.

Justin Froseth will update the Board on the status of SWPP construction and various projects and contracts. Justin's memo is included for your review. Tyson Decker will provide information for the Hebron Rural Service Area.

Tyson Decker will update the Board on the ongoing SWA construction and REM projects. The SWA Management team will provide an operations and maintenance (O&M) update for August. Items in this report include Distribution, Treatment and Staff activities.

Misti Conzemius will provide an update on the Signup and Easement Department. The waiting list currently has 744 service requests system-wide. In addition to the waiting list, 867 sign-ups have been collected in the Burt, Hebron Service Area. The Signup and Easement department will soon shift focus to obtaining easements for the Hebron Rural Service Area.

The National Rural Water Association's Water Pro Conference will take place in New Orleans, LA, from September 13 to 17, 2025. Director Gaugler, Director Seifert, and I will be in attendance.

The Water Topics Overview Committee will meet in the Roughrider Room at the ND State Capitol on Thursday, September 18, 2025. The meeting notice is included in the Board packet. Representative Steve Swiontek chairs the Committee.

Additional information is included with this memo, including an invitation to the Consolidated Appreciation lunch on September 10, a save-the-date notice for the NDRWSA Expo in February, and a news article on Hwy 85. Thank you letters from ND Water and NDWEF are also included.

**The Board of Directors meeting will be held on **TUESDAY**, September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. MDT at the SWA O&M Center Office in Dickinson, ND.**



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## Cal Klewin on the newly-completed LongX Bridge

### Highway 85 4-Lane Continues to Advance Bids to be Let This Fall from LongX to Hwy 200

Cal Klewin, executive director of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association, provided an update to the McKenzie County Commission this week about progress on the four-lane expansion of Highway 85, a critical corridor for oilfield truck traffic in western North Dakota.

The project, part of a broader effort to enhance safety and connectivity from Texas to North Dakota, is moving forward with significant federal and state funding. Klewin highlighted a \$55 million federal grant and \$100 million in state matching funds for a four-lane highway 19.5 miles from the Long X Bridge to Highway 200. The segment, set to be bid this fall, will require two years of construction due to the challenging Badlands terrain.

"It's one of the most expensive stretches along the entire corridor," Klewin said, emphasizing the project's complexity.

The next phase, from Highway 200 to Interstate 94, is in the planning stage, with construction expected between 2027 and 2029. Klewin said the section will be built in stages, starting from both ends and leaving a central portion for last. Planning for utilities and other logistics is underway, with completion projected by 2030. Beyond that, funding has been provided to the ND Department of Transportation to conduct environmental studies for extending the four-lane highway from I-94 to the South Dakota border.

Klewin also addressed the corridor's potential designation as Interstate 27, clarifying it as a long-term goal requiring federal funding for planning and cost-benefit analysis.

"We're pushing for a four-lane divided highway now, but the interstate designation is about future potential," he said, noting that I-27 would align with the north-south interstate numbering system.

To secure further federal support, the association is seeking [resolutions or letters of support](#) for the Surface Transportation Bill, set for renewal next year. Klewin emphasized the highway's role in connecting Mount Rushmore, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and the upcoming Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, boosting tourism in the state.

Klewin concluded, noting North Dakota's leadership in advancing the project compared to neighboring states. He said he planned to meet with South Dakota's congressional delegation in Belle Fourche to further coordinate efforts.





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August 5, 2025

Jen Murray  
Southwest Water Authority  
4665 2nd St. SW  
Dickinson, ND 58601-9319



Dear Jen:

Thank you for your membership in the North Dakota Water Users Association (NDWUA). Your support has enabled us to achieve significant milestones, including advocating for strong water policy in both Bismarck and Washington DC and working to protect future investment in water projects across the state. These accomplishments are a testament to the collective efforts and commitment of our members.

The 2025 legislative session was especially active when it came to water, especially water funding. There was a serious attempt to reduce the amount of water funding available through the Resources Trust Fund. Thanks to the unified voice of the water community and advocacy through the Water Users Association, this attempt was not successful. We remain vigilant as this issue will likely resurface in coming years.

Additionally, the 2025-2026 legislative interim will be highly focused on water. Two interim committees will focus on water, studying five different study topics passed by the legislature, including several studies examining different aspects of cost share for water projects. Additionally, the interim taxation committee will look at the long term impact of oil extraction tax policy on state funding, including water funding.

Recognizing the increased workload and rising costs over the past few years, the Water Users Association board of directors approved an increase to the dues for 2026 membership in July. Knowing that many members will be working on 2026 budgets in the near future if they haven't already, we wanted to provide you with information on your 2026 membership dues now.

Attached is an invoice for your 2026 membership dues. Please note that payment is not due until the end of the year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this increase, please reach out to Dani Quissell at [dquissell@ndwater.net](mailto:dquissell@ndwater.net) or 701-223-4615.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the North Dakota Water Users Association. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Mary Massad  
President  
North Dakota Water Users Association

# Save the Date

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August 14, 2025



Jen Murray  
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Dear Jen:

On behalf of the North Dakota Water Education Foundation, thank you for sponsoring the 2025 Water Tours. Your support is essential to the success of the entire tour program. We had a record number of attendees for our great summer of informative tours in Fargo, the Devils Lake basin, Oakes, Bowman, and Williston! Participants learned about infrastructure, irrigation, recreation, farming/ranching, new construction, water challenges, and more.

Tour participants included elected local and state officials; staff from city, county, state, and federal agencies; North Dakota water managers, engineers, educators, irrigators, environmentalists, students, and researchers; and the interested public.

We eagerly anticipate the 2026 tours and the opportunity to work with you to arrange visits to important infrastructure projects and to highlight the value of water to all of North Dakota. Thank you for your dedication and support for grassroots education on water issues in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

  
Dani Quissell  
Executive Director

  
Julie Ellingson  
Events Director

**SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. MDT**  
**Southwest Water Authority O&M Center Office, Dickinson, ND**  
**Meeting can be accessed via Teams or by calling: 1-321-558-6608 ID: 190145978#**

	Flip Chart Recorder: Director Eaton	Process Observer: Director Engelhardt	Minutes: Wendy Serhienko
9:00 a.m.	1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions		Chairperson Odermann
9:05 a.m.	2. A. Agenda B. <b><i>Consent Agenda*</i></b> <b><i>Official Minutes of August 4, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting, Accounts Payable &amp; Financial Reports and Return on Investment*</i></b>		Chairperson Odermann Board of Directors
9:10 a.m.	3. Board Policy Review and Monitoring A. Policy III. General Governance Commitment B. Policy III.F. Annual Board Planning Cycle		Board of Directors Board of Directors
9:20 a.m.	4. Decision Making A. <b><i>Policy II.G. Executive Limitations – Communication and Counsel to the Board and Manager/CEO Internal Report*</i></b> B. <b><i>Resolution of Appreciation for Gary Nordstrom*</i></b>		Board of Directors Board of Directors
9:30 a.m.	5. Board Member Reports A. Strategic Plan B. Board Retreat C. Budget Subcommittee D. Summer Water Tours – Up for the Challenge		Jen Murray/Board of Directors Jared Huibregtse/Jen Murray Chairperson Odermann Chairperson Odermann
9:40 a.m.	6. Incidental Information A. SWC Meeting  B. SWPP Update		Justin Froseth/Chairperson Odermann Justin Froseth/Tyson Decker
10:00 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m.	C. Update from Manager/CEO/SWA Staff 1. SWA Construction and O&M Update 2. Easement/Signup Update 3. NRW WaterPro Conference 4. Water Topics Overview Committee		Decker/Murray/Rixen/Erickson Misti Conzemius Jen Murray Jen Murray
10:50 a.m.	D. Perkins County Rural Water System Update		Ledeanna O'Shields
10:55 a.m.	7. Review issues pending/Parking lot/Plan next agenda		
11:00 a.m.	8. Flowing Forward: Innovations in Water System Regionalization		Eric Volk
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn for Lunch		

***\*Items require Board action.***

**Minutes of Meeting  
Southwest Water Authority  
Board of Directors  
August 4, 2025  
Southwest Water Authority O&M Center Office in Dickinson**

**1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance - Introductions**

The Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors met on Monday, August 4, 2025, at Southwest Water Authority O&M Center Office, in Dickinson, ND. Chairperson Odermann called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. MDT, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Present at the meeting were: Directors James Odermann, Mark Begger, Kaylene Berg, Dave Burke, Jonathon Eaton, Bruce Engelhardt, Harold Gaugler, Curtis Glasoe, Bob Ingold, Bob Leingang, Rick Seifert, and Scott Tschetter. Also present were: Justin Froseth, DWR, Tyson Decker, Bartlett & West, Jack Dwyer, Dwyer Law Office, Chelsey Jacobson, Odney, Inc., Jen Murray, SWA Manager/CEO, Andy Erickson, SWA Water Distribution Manager, Misti Conzemius, SWA Marketing Manager, Ledeanne O'Shields, SWA CFO/Office Administrator, Perry Grammond, SWA Assistant Water Treatment Manager, and Wendy Serhienko, SWA Executive Assistant.

Directors Baumgartner, Schaible, and Tietz were excused.

Chairperson Odermann congratulated Murray on her recent graduation from the Dale Carnegie Course.

**2. Agenda**

**2.A. Review Agenda**

Chairperson Odermann asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were none.

**2.B. Consent Agenda\***

O'Shields noted the payment to Southwest Lime that was not included in the statement in the Board packet but will need to be approved with payables.

***Motion by Director Leingang, seconded by Director Seifert, to approve item 2.B. Minutes July 7, 2025, Meeting, Accounts Payable, and Financial Reports and Return on Investment. Motion carried by voice vote without dissent.***

**3. Decision Making**

**3.A. Policy II. Executive Limitations-General Executive Constraint and Manager/CEO Internal Report\***

Director Glasoe reviewed Policy II. Executive Limitations-General Executive Constraint and Manager/CEO Internal Report. Chairperson Odermann asked if there were any comments, questions or changes to Policy II. Executive Limitations-General Executive Constraint and Manager/CEO Internal Report. Director Engelhardt noted the date was incorrect on the Manager/CEO Internal Report.

***Motion by Director Seifert, seconded by Director Glasoe, to approve Policy II. Executive Limitations-General Executive Constraint and Manager/CEO Internal Report with the correct date. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.***

**3.B. Policy II.F. Executive Limitations-Compensation and Benefits and Manager/CEO and Internal Report\***

Director Tschetter reviewed Policy II.F. Executive Limitations-Compensation and Benefits and Manager/CEO Internal Report.



Murray noted SWA has not conducted a salary and compensation survey in more than ten years. SWA plans to budget for a formal salary survey in 2026.

***Motion by Director Leingang, seconded by Director Gaugler, to approve Policy II.F. Executive Limitations-Compensation and Benefits and Manager/CEO Internal Report. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.***

### **3.C. O&M Center Office Phone System Replacement\***

The existing Vertical Phone System was purchased in February 2010 and transferred to the O&M Center Office building in 2013. The current system no longer receives critical updates, patches, or vendor support. Murray stated Consolidated recently replaced the power supply using parts from an older model for the office phone system. Since a new phone system was not budgeted in 2025, and the expenditure is more than \$5,000, board approval is required. The quote from Consolidated was reviewed. Odermann questioned if there would be a licensing renewal fee in five years. Murray stated this would most likely be the case since most vendors are now transitioning to fee-based subscriptions.

***Motion by Director Seifert, seconded by Director Berg, to approve the unbudgeted expense of \$21,290 to replace the existing Vertical Phone System with the Summit Phone System. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.***

### **3.D. SWA Policy on Addressing Hydraulic Anomalies Affecting Service Capacity\***

Murray stated a policy for addressing hydraulic anomalies affecting service capacity was presented to the Board at the July meeting. The policy gives SWA the authority to consider low-cost, temporary solutions that allow for customer connections without compromising the long-term integrity or efficiency of the system. Measures implemented are to be considered temporary and will be permanently addressed if and when system hydraulic improvements are made in the affected area. The updated policy language was discussed. The Board agreed all three points for Situational Selectivity will need to be met in order for an agreement to be drafted between the customer and SWA. Dwyer provided input on flexible verbiage in the policy. A copy of the policy is on file with the official minutes.

***Motion by Director Leingang, seconded by Director Seifert, to approve Policy on Addressing Hydraulic Anomalies Affecting Service Capacity with the verbiage changes. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.***

## **4. Board Member Reports**

### **4.A. Strategic Plan and Board Retreat**

Murray reported the Strategic Plan is in front of the Board each month as the Board works toward achievement of goals and action items. One of the action items is a communications video. SWA received quotes from Odney, Inc. for a communication video and those results will be brought to the Board at a later date. The draft agenda for the Board Retreat was reviewed. Murray noted an anonymous survey will be emailed to Board members in August related to SWPP ownership and Capital Repayment. All responses are due by September 2, 2025.

### **4.B. 2025 Summer Water Tours – Water, Wind and Weather Modification**

Seifert reported on the Summer Water Tour held in Bowman on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. The tour began and ended in Bowman with stops at the Bowman Regional Airport, Haley General Store, Bowman Haley Dam, Apex Clean Energy and the Bowman Water Treatment Plant. The Bowman city operator expressed there is no interest in switching to SWPP at this time. There were 38 people in attendance.

### **4.C. NDRWSA Leadership Retreat**

Murray stated the NDRWSA Leadership Retreat was held in Medora on Thursday, July 17, 2025. Leingang noted House Majority Leader, Mike Lefor, gave a 2025 Legislative Session recap and Reice Haase, Director of the Department of Water Resources, gave an update on all water related projects throughout the state of North Dakota, Director Ingold stated a concern after attending the retreat was the attention the Missouri River is receiving from states other than North Dakota. He expressed the importance of protecting North Dakota's water rights for the use of North Dakota.

#### **4.D. Joint Summer Water Meeting**

Directors Gaugler and Leingang attended the ND Water Resource Districts and ND Water Users Association Joint Summer Meeting and Executive Briefing held in Devils Lake on July 9-10, 2025, at the Spirit Lake Casino. Gaugler stated there were legislative updates, a tour of Camp Grafton and the Devils Lake outlet. Leingang noted there was a presentation on conflict management resolution for Board members.

#### **4.E. Partner's Annual Meeting**

##### **4.E.1. Goldenwest Annual Meeting**

Director Begger attended the Goldenwest Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

#### **4.F. Written Board Reports**

Chairperson Odermann reviewed a memo regarding written reports from the Board. The policy titled: Board Governance Process-Chairperson's Role, was reviewed. The final responsibility outlined in the policy directly states: The Chairperson is accountable for all monitoring and reporting as assigned by the Board. The Chairperson may delegate and/or share the responsibility.

***Motion by Director Glasoe, seconded by Director Ingold, approve Board members to provide a written report every time a Board member attends an event on behalf of SWA. Motion carried by a roll call vote. 8-Yes/4-No. Directors Berg, Burke, Engelhardt, Glasoe, Ingold, Odermann, Seifert and Tschetter voted yes. Directors Begger, Eaton, Gaugler and Leingang voted no.***

Murray noted that SWA staff are always willing to assist in the task of writing reports.

#### **5. Incidental Information**

##### **5.A. SWC Meeting**

Froseth stated the SWC Pre-commission meeting was held July 24, 2025, in Minot, ND. SWPP had one item on the agenda, the review of bids for the North New England Strategic Hydraulic Improvements. The bids were opened for this contract on July 22, 2025. The engineers estimate for this project was \$1.9 million and the low bid came in at \$1.8 million. The recommendation of award is being reviewed by DWR legal counsel as the low bidder is currently in litigation with the State.

The next SWC meeting will be on August 14, 2025, in Bismarck, ND.

##### **5.B. SWPP Update**

Froseth provided an SWPP update on open contracts and current construction status. The memo is on file with the official minutes.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Manning, the GEVO mutual participation agreement and the Dunn County preliminary design agreements should be executed soon.

### **5.B.1. Capital Repayment for the 2023-2025 Biennium**

Murray reported the 2023-2025 biennium officially ended on June 30, 2025. The Capital Repayment returned to the Resources Trust Fund for the biennium totaled \$13,112,453.82. This is \$1,512,098.16 more than was returned in the 2021-2023 biennium.

### **5.C. Update from Manager/CEO/SWA Staff**

#### **5.C.1. SWA Construction Update and O&M Update**

Decker reported substantial completion for the relocation of SWPP near Chateau Road was June 16, 2025. The final Buy America, Build America (BABA) certifications have been received and are under review before payment is released to the contractor.

Decker stated Wagner Construction, Inc., mobilized and construction started on June 9, 2025, for the relocation of the SWPP along US Highway 85 from the Junction of Highway 200 to Long X Bridge. Pay application number one was approved on July 22, 2025. Wagner is on schedule and should be finished by the substantial completion date of November 1, 2025.

Decker noted Contract CP-2024 Cathodic Protection Improvements needs one more rectifier installed before the contract can be closed out. Contract WTP-2023-1, the OMND roof replacement, is closed out.

Murray stated on July 8, 2025, American Welding & Gas informed SWA that the Dakota Gasification Company CO<sub>2</sub> plant is offline for an undetermined amount of time. American Welding & Gas transferred 30,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> from the Southwest Water Treatment Plant to the Dickinson Water Treatment Plant. Reduced availability of CO<sub>2</sub> for water supply has been an ongoing issue for several years and is the reason the SWTP expansion will have an upsized CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank.

Murray noted the next step for the City of Manning is obtaining easements. They hope to hold another public meeting regarding converting the community to individual water services and collect the easements at that time.

Distribution updates were provided.

#### **5.C.2. Easement/Signup Update**

Conzemius reviewed the sign-up and easement report. Subsequent cost quotes, customer complaints and waiting list numbers were reported. There are 732 requests for service system-wide plus 858 Burt Hebron Service Area Signups for a total of 1,590 requests system wide. Of the 732 waiting list requests, 111 have committed for service via intent forms once the North New England Strategic Improvements have been completed. Six subsequent customers signed up in July. The department is focused on signups and feasibility for the Hebron Rural Service Area.

#### **5.C.3. Water Topic Overview Committee**

Murray stated the Water Topics Overview Committee has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, September 18, 2025. At this time SWA has not been requested to present at this meeting.

#### **5.C.4. Workforce Safety and Insurance**

O'Shields stated SWA participates in two of the Workforce Safety and Insurance's (WSI) safety incentive programs; the Safety Management Program (SMP) and the Safety Action Menu (SAM). SWA successfully participated in WSI's SMP program, and received a premium discount of 10%. Plus, SWA successfully participated in three of the SAM programs and received a premium discount of 15%. Glasoe thanked the Safety Committee for their hard work and all SWA employees in helping SWA achieve this discount.

#### **5.C.5. Water Day at the State Fair**

Serhienko stated SWA had a booth at the North Dakota State Fair on July 24, 2025. SWA's booth had games, prizes and educational material regarding the importance of water. There was also a "water whiz" trivia game with over 350 trivia entries. About 400 free snow cones were served and over 270 bags of popcorn were provided by Bartlett & West.

#### **5.C.6. CCR Additional Information**

O'Shields stated the SWA CCR information was distributed to our customers in June. The new reporting requirements from the Revised Lead and Copper Rule were not included in the documentation. The information was distributed to our customers with the August billing and is on the SWA website.

#### **5.C.7. Garrison Diversion Conservancy District**

Murray stated the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District meeting was held on July 17 and 18, 2025, in Carrington, ND.

#### **5.D. Perkins County Rural Water System Update**

O'Shields reported the Perkins County Rural Water System (PCRWS) provided minutes from their June 13, 2025, meeting, along with a copy of the agenda for the July 10, 2025, meeting. The next meeting will be held August 14, 2025. O'Shields noted PCRWS passed a motion to become a member of the Upper Missouri Water Association.

#### **Review issues pending/Parking lot/Plan next agenda**

There being no further business, Chairperson Odermann adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m. MDT.

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Jim Odermann, Chairperson

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Mike Tietz, Secretary/Treasurer



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Jen Murray, Manager/CEO

From: Ledeanne O'Shields, CFO/Office Administrator

Subject: Financial, Administration and Customer Service – Incidental Information

Date: August 31, 2025

The financial statements included for your review are for July 2025. These include a summary income and expense statement that compares to budget, a detailed income statement of actual income and expenses for the year and the balance sheet. The balance sheet is a comparison of July 2024 to July 2025. Also included is a detailed statement of board expenses for the month of July.

The accounts receivable listing for rural customers is for July 2025 and the transmission accounts receivable listing is for July 2025. The checks written for the month are from July 23, 2025 to August 19, 2025.

Total rural usage for July 2025 was 41,177,700 gallons. By comparison, in July 2024 rural water sales were 44,974,600 gallons. This is a decrease of 8.44%. During the month of July, there was 14 hookups with, five hookups in 7-1B, two hookups in 7-2, and 7-9B, one each in Contract 7-3, 7-8E, 7-9C, 7-9D, and 7-9G.

There are 2,296 customers using our Automatic Payment Plan, 354 paid online with a credit option and 233 paid online with a checking account. We had 37 spot checks (two months without a reading or the same reading). Currently there are 451 customers who are using the Customer Service Center to view their accounts.

Included with this memo are spreadsheets for power costs, residual mill levy income and signup income for the month of July. Also included are WAPA, Wheeling power and MISO costs. SWA sold a total of 237,879,910 gallons of water in the month of July. The projection for the year 2025 is 2,324,607,000 gallons. A comparison of total usage through July is listed at the top of the next page. The difference shown in the first column is the difference between year-to-date for the year (2024) and 2025. This shows a historical year-to-date comparison. Also listed are the usage and the difference for the last two months. Sales through July were less than last year's sales through July by 14.29%. SWA had 7,811 active accounts with 3,013 subsequent users in July. As of the end of July 2025, SWA has 300 tenants.

Also listed below is O&M Income minus Capital Repayment and REM, along with percentages, through July 3, 2025.



Comparisons Through July	Listed in thousand gallons		
		June 2025	262,650,520
2016	303,537.380	July 2025	<u>237,879,910</u>
2017	215,137.210	Difference	(24,770,610)
2018	233,636.590		
2019	238,890.980		
2020	255,550.380		
2021	271,822.770		
2022	272,768.950		
2023	237,091.060		
2024	277,538.040		
2025	<u>237,879.910</u>		
Difference	(39,658,120)		

As of July 31, 2025	Amount	Percent
O&M Income	\$10,400,678	
Return on Investment Expense	(3,562,363)	34%
REM Expense	<u>(1,208,213)</u>	12%
Balance	<u>\$4,559,480</u>	54%

Water depot usage information is included with this memo.

NDIRF made a number of changes to the language of the Liability Memorandum of Coverage GL 10 01. The changes clarify the scope of coverage and align with statutory changes to the NDCC enacted during the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Changes were effective August 1, 2025, and are included for review.

A listing of Accounts Payables (aged trial balance) is included. In addition to the regular accounts payable, included in the listing are: Bartlett & West for \$82,191.76 which includes \$70,367.92 Hwy 85, \$2,882.61 for Chateau Road, and \$2,641.22 for Goose Creek; Border States \$25,475.59 of which \$23,283.43 was for a OMND WTP spare VFD's for the RO; Butler Machinery Co for \$2,962.60 of which \$2,743.72 for a replacement generator regulator at RCPC; Chromalox for \$11,047.97 for SWTP Tank heater; Cordova Construction for \$2,314.00 to repair a leak during Roughrider Electric power line relocation; Cummins Sales & Service for \$3,651.95 for annual maintenance for the Richardton generator; Dakota Supply Group for \$34,314.84 of which \$16,159.75 was for leak repair in Contract 2-8E and \$17,963.55 for inventory materials for subsequents; Fenix for \$5,282.20 for 4802 hosting minutes; Forte for \$2,233.00 for the WTP's annual alarm and fire testing recertification; Informational Data Technologies for \$8,005.00 which includes \$4,015.00 for 803 air minutes in June and \$3,990.00 for 798 air minutes in July; John Crane, Inc. for \$4,525.14 for a mechanical seal for the intake; Lindtech Services, Inc. for \$5,013.00 for OMND HVAC system maintenance; Motion Industries, Inc. for \$3,948.44 for a valve at Dodge; ND Water Users Association for \$13,125.00 for 2026 membership; State Water Commission for \$74,361.00 for 2025 insurance reimbursement; Northwestern Power Equipment for \$10,093.44 of which \$2,662.00 was for a CLA-Val repair in Richardton and \$7,431.44 for CLA-Val spare inventory parts; Ferguson Waterworks for \$5,230.40 blue pipe and flow meters for inventory; Quality Quick Print for \$6,558.40 for the Newsletters; and USA Blue Book for \$4,279.54 for lab supplies for DWTP &SWTP.



August 12, 2025

LEDEANNA O'SHIELDS  
SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY  
4665 2ND ST SW  
DICKINSON, ND 58601

## Important Notice

### LIABILITY MEMORANDUM OF COVERAGE Changes Effective August 1, 2025

Dear NDIRF Member,

A number of changes have been made to the NDIRF Liability Memorandum of Coverage GL 10 01. The language is being updated to clarify the scope of coverage considering new and emerging risks, as well as recent case law, that were not intended to be covered. Without additional contribution, these risks pose a threat to the financial stability of the NDIRF. We will continue to monitor and make updates when possible. Additionally, these revisions have been made to align coverage with statutory changes to the North Dakota Century Code enacted during the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. These changes are effective on Liability Memorandums of Coverage with an effective date on or after August 1, 2025. The changes are as follows:

- Page 1 of 22 – updated reference pages in Table of Contents.
- Page 2 of 22, Paragraph 4 – added the phrase “in effect during the year in which the ‘occurrence’ takes place,” to clarify that the applicable limit of liability aligns with the statutory cap increases under N.D.C.C. § 32-12.1-03, including annual increases effective through June 1, 2026. Removed specific reference to subsection (02) under Chapter 26.1-23.1 to ensure broader alignment with the chapter as a whole.
- Page 3 of 22, Paragraph 2 – a new paragraph was added as a result of recently enacted language in N.D.C.C. § 26.1-23.1-01 from the 69th Legislative Session.
- Page 3 of 22, **IV. LIMIT OF LIABILITY, Subsection A** – added a paragraph to align the language related to an “occurrence” within N.D.C.C. Chapter 32-12.1 and conform with Paragraph 4 on Page 2 of 21.

- Page 4 of 22, **IV. LIMIT OF LIABILITY, Subsection E. 2** – amended the trigger of coverage to commence “upon initiation of a formal proceeding with the Disciplinary Board of the North Dakota Supreme Court, whether by a letter from Disciplinary Counsel indicating its intent to file a petition or by the actual filing of a petition with the Disciplinary Board.”
- Page 4 of 22, **IV. LIMIT OF LIABILITY** – added Subsection G to clarify the applicable limit of liability in relation to claims involving “sexual misconduct.”
- Page 4 of 22, **IV. LIMIT OF LIABILITY, Subsection I** – corrected the cross-reference to the definition of “suit.”
- Page 5 of 22, **IV. LIMIT OF LIABILITY** – added Subsection J to conform with Page 3 of 21, Paragraph 2, and clarify that such amounts reimbursed to NDIRF are not subject to the applicable limit of liability.
- Page 9 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS, Subsection Z** – amended the nuclear exclusion to include clarifying language for nuclear, toxic and radioactive material, and referenced the newly added definition of “special nuclear material” from the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.
- Page 10 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS** – added exclusion FF for “any loss, damage, liability, claim, cost, or expense alleged or arising out of, based upon, or attributable to any ‘biometric information privacy law.’”
- Page 10 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS** – added exclusion GG for “any loss, damage, liability, claim, cost, or expense alleged or arising out of, based upon, or attributable to” lead, silica, and asbestos.
- Page 11 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS** – added exclusion HH for “any loss, damage, liability, claim, cost, or expense alleged or arising out of, based upon, or attributable to” pathogen, virus, bacteria or other microorganisms that actually or allegedly induces or is capable of inducing physical distress, illness, or disease.
- Page 11 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS** – added exclusion II for “any loss, damage, liability, claim, cost, or expense alleged or arising out of, based upon, or attributable to” perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).”
- Page 11 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS** – added exclusion JJ for “liability arising out of, resulting from, or in any way caused by or related to any ‘acts of terrorism,’ including nuclear, biological, chemical or radioactive terrorism, as defined herein.”
- Page 11 of 22, **V. EXCLUSIONS** – added exclusion KK for “any person found guilty of, or pled guilty or no contest to any criminal act involving ‘sexual misconduct.’”
- Page 15 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – inserted Subsection A to define “act of terrorism.”
- Page 15 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – inserted Subsection C to define “biometric information privacy law.”
- Page 15 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – inserted Subsection D to define “biometric records,” to accompany the definition of “biometric information privacy law.”

- Page 18 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – inserted Subsection V to define “nuclear, biological, chemical or radioactive terrorism.”
- Page 19 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – inserted Subsection X to define “Perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).”
- Page 20 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – inserted Subsection BB to define “Sexual Misconduct.”
- Page 20 of 22, **VIII. DEFINITIONS** – amended paragraph 5 of the definition of “Suit” to read: “A formal proceeding commenced by a letter from Disciplinary Counsel indicating its intent to file a petition or by the actual filing of a petition with the Disciplinary Board of the North Dakota Supreme Court or an appeal from a decision of the Disciplinary Board against your ‘employee’ or elected official.”

If you have any questions on any of the above, please contact NDIRF Director of Underwriting Jordan Wahl at 701-751-9109 or [Jordan.wahl@ndirf.com](mailto:Jordan.wahl@ndirf.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wahl', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Southwest Water Authority  
Statement of Income & Expenses  
For 1/1/2025 To 7/31/2025

	Current Period	Current YTD	YTD 2025 Budget	YTD % of Budget	Budget total 2025
Sales					
Sales of Water	\$1,900,044	\$10,251,455	\$10,131,732	54.98%	\$18,645,300
Sales of Equipment	\$17,158	\$134,085	\$147,642	52.98%	\$253,100
Sales of Services	\$2,284	\$15,135	\$15,108	58.44%	\$25,900
Gross Sales	\$1,919,486	\$10,400,675	\$10,294,482	54.96%	\$18,924,300
O&M Expense --Transmission	\$810,950	\$4,473,556	\$4,715,621	53.60%	\$8,345,800
O&M Expense --Distribution	\$491,307	\$3,202,807	\$3,149,285	55.01%	\$5,822,300
O&M Expense -- Treatment	\$166,730	\$1,592,035	\$2,029,650	45.76%	\$3,479,400
Customer Service Expense	\$15,773	\$127,565	\$141,575	52.56%	\$242,700
Total Expenses	\$1,484,760	\$9,395,963	\$10,036,131	52.52%	\$17,890,200
Gross Profit On Sales	\$434,726	\$1,004,712	\$258,351	97.16%	\$1,034,100
Other Income					
Mill Levy Income	\$1,211	\$14,825	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Other Income	\$38,751	\$615,681	\$350,525	102.43%	\$601,100
Grant Income	\$0	\$5,139	\$2,000	256.95%	\$2,000
Total Other Income	\$39,962	\$635,645	\$352,525	105.40%	\$603,100
Board of Directors Expense	\$24,309	\$128,909	\$161,525	46.55%	\$276,900
Administrative Expense	\$98,628	\$668,762	\$719,758	54.10%	\$1,236,100
Signup & Easement Expense	\$46,409	\$306,703	\$360,967	49.56%	\$618,800
Depreciation Expense	\$40,525	\$288,235	\$310,333	54.18%	\$532,000
Gain/Loss on Asset Disposal	(\$2,117)	(\$21,240)	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Net Income/Expenses	\$262,700	\$226,510	(\$941,707)	(22.06)%	(\$1,026,600)
Replacement & EM Fund Expense	\$806,208	\$1,205,329	\$3,281,867	21.51%	\$5,603,600
Net Income w/ Replacement & EM	(\$543,508)	(\$978,819)	(\$4,223,574)	14.76%	(\$6,630,200)



## Board of Directors Expenses

For 1/1/2025 to 7/31/2025

	Current Period	Current YTD	2025 BUDGET YTD	2025 BUDGET Budget
Board of Directors Expenses				
Per Diem -- Board of Directors	\$4,260	\$29,075	\$40,833	\$70,000
Group Life Insurance -- Board of Directors	1	8	0	0
Workers Compensation Expense -- Board of Directors	3	26	117	200
FICA - Social Security -- Board of Directors	329	2,158	3,558	6,100
FICA - Medicare -- Board of Directors	77	505	875	1,500
Professional Services -- Board of Directors	8,188	31,651	20,417	35,000
Office Supplies -- Board of Directors	0	17	117	200
Copies & Duplication -- Board of Directors	0	0	58	100
Public Relations & Development -- Board of Directors	3,056	12,558	19,833	34,000
Development & Education -- Board of Directors	1,280	4,820	6,183	10,600
Mileage Reimbursement -- Board of Directors	1,140	8,755	11,667	20,000
Lodging & Meals -- Board of Directors	0	3,139	14,933	25,600
Travel Expenses -- Board of Directors	0	0	4,667	8,000
Telephone/Internet -- Board of Directors	457	2,850	2,917	5,000
Postage -- Board of Directors	1,048	1,559	350	600
Dues & Subscriptions -- Board of Directors	2,617	18,799	19,833	34,000
Insurance - Liability -- Board of Directors	1,856	12,991	15,167	26,000
Total Board of Director Expense	\$24,312	\$128,911	\$161,525	\$276,900
Total Expenses	\$24,312	\$128,911	\$161,525	\$276,900
	\$24,312	\$128,911	\$161,525	\$276,900

## Comparative Balance Sheet

7/31/2025

	Through 7/31/2025	Through 7/31/2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash</b>		
Cash in Checking - O&M - Bravera	\$492,373	\$404,662
Cash in Checking - Payroll - Bravera	446,159	405,342
DDM - Reserve - O&M - Bravera	1,939,436	1,540,376
Cash in Checking - BMO Bank	76,907	53,319
Petty Cash	145	120
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$2,955,020</b>	<b>\$2,403,819</b>
<b>Short-Term Investments</b>		
Short-Term Investment - O&M Fund	\$677,427	\$70,136
Short-Term Investment - General Fund	78,453	14,403
Short-Term Investment - Reserve Fund	82,328	5,181
Short-Term Investment - Escrow Fund	39,136	13,249
Short-Term Investment - Replacement	6,217,127	4,825,750
Cash Management Account - General Fund	23,351	22,145
Cash Management Account - O&M	1,249,226	1,190,437
Certificate of Deposit #18112	4,412,352	4,201,040
Certificate of Deposit #24548	0	1,025,871
Certificate of Deposit #24552	0	1,000,000
Certificate of Deposit #24572	1,074,577	1,000,000
<b>Total Short-Term Investments</b>	<b>\$13,853,977</b>	<b>\$13,368,212</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Accounts Receivable -- Distribution Prepayments	(\$47,751)	(\$57,943)
Accounts Receivable -- Transmission	1,206,530	1,353,989
Accounts Receivable -- Distribution	738,036	786,191
Accounts Receivable -- MWWS	17,936	13,577
Accounts Receivable -- Other	2,763	(9)
Grant Receivable	0	453,976
Allowance For Doubtful Accounts	(11,358)	(8,870)
Allowance For Doubtful Accounts -- MWWS	(2,168)	(1,477)
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$1,903,988</b>	<b>\$2,539,434</b>
<b>Interest Receivable</b>		
<b>Total Interest Receivables</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Inventory

## Comparative Balance Sheet

	Through 7/31/2025	Through 7/31/2024
Inventory Contributed Capital	\$99,797	\$99,797
Inventory -- User Spare Parts	764,457	845,617
Inventory -- WTP	156,560	119,912
Inventory -- SWTP	161,101	219,936
Inventory -- OMND WTP	148,925	104,083
Total Inventory	\$1,330,840	\$1,389,345
Prepaid Expenses		
Prepaid Expenses	\$56,777	\$49,260
Prepaid Deposit -- MISO	24,845	14,845
Prepaid Insurance	145,095	137,399
Prepaid Workers Compensation	6,641	10,901
Total Prepaid Expenses	\$233,358	\$212,405
Total Current Assets	\$20,277,183	\$19,913,215
Long-Term Investments		
Long-Term Investment - O&M Fund	\$3,252,587	\$2,735,751
Long-Term Investment - General Fund	1,146,514	1,187,580
Long-Term Investment - Reserve Fund	1,363,679	362,751
Long-Term Investment - Escrow Fund	735,739	750,630
Long-Term Investment - Replacement	21,814,534	21,275,104
Total Long-Term Investments	\$28,313,053	\$26,311,816
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land	\$112,817	\$112,307
Buildings & Improvements	3,959,597	3,959,597
Office Furniture & Fixtures	290,706	290,706
Vehicles	1,190,022	1,066,499
Contributed Vehicles	46,093	46,093
Other Fixed Assets	4,011	4,011
Computer Equipment	92,163	120,181
Machinery & Equipment	3,010,227	2,995,732
Contributed Equipment	60,530	60,530
Computer Software	178,590	178,590
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	\$8,944,756	\$8,834,246
Accumulated Depreciation		
Accum Depr -- Buildings & Improvements	\$1,326,793	\$1,230,553
Accum Depr -- Office Furn & Fixt	279,312	274,543
Accum Depr -- Vehicle	605,726	504,068

## Comparative Balance Sheet

	Through 7/31/2025	Through 7/31/2024
Accum Depr -- Contributed Vehicles	46,093	46,093
Accum Depr -- Other Fixed Assets	4,011	4,011
Accum Depr -- Computer Equipment	90,562	100,312
Accum Depr -- Machinery & Equipment	2,122,273	1,918,066
Accum Depr -- Contributed Equipment	60,530	60,530
Accumulated Amortization	178,590	176,714
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Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$4,713,890	\$4,314,890
Other Assets		
Deferred Pension Outflows	\$1,628,277	\$3,537,993
Deferred OPEB Outflows	43,485	88,263
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Total Other Assets	\$1,671,762	\$3,626,256
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Total Assets	\$54,492,864	\$54,370,643
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## Comparative Balance Sheet

	Through 7/31/2025	Through 7/31/2024
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	\$1,626,599	\$1,649,172
Employee Benefits Payable	139,480	119,631
Total Accounts Payable	\$1,766,079	\$1,768,803
Taxes Payable		
ND State Withholding Payable	\$1,441	\$1,409
Employer Matching FICA - Social Security	18,524	16,983
Employer Matching FICA - Medicare	4,332	3,972
Total Taxes Payable	\$24,297	\$22,364
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Annual Leave Payable	\$200,247	\$199,976
Accrued Sick Leave Payable	183,067	169,066
Accrued Salaries Payable	302,296	277,747
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$685,610	\$646,789
Total Current Liabilities	\$2,475,986	\$2,437,956
Long-Term Liabilities		
Deferred Revenue	\$947,075	\$842,750
Tenant Rental Deposits	22,350	21,525
Tenant Rental Deposits -- MWWS	375	375
Customer Escrow Deposit	40,000	40,000
Deferred Pension Inflows	2,630,067	4,051,851
Deferred OPEB Inflows	50,389	40,187
Net Pension Liability	4,131,317	4,898,532
Net OPEB Liability	152,208	214,765
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$7,973,781	\$10,109,985
Total Liabilities	\$10,449,767	\$12,547,941
Equity		
Reserve Funds		
Reserve Account -- O&M Transmission	\$3,557,605	\$3,605,322
Reserve Account -- O&M Distribution	2,115,551	2,130,241
Reserve Account -- O&M Treatment	(2,177,681)	(2,174,397)



## Comparative Balance Sheet

	Through 7/31/2025	Through 7/31/2024
Reserve Account -- General Operating Fund	391,030	384,956
Reserve Account-Replace & EM -- Transmission	18,273,876	16,959,870
Reserve Account-Replace & EM -- Distribution	903,633	814,187
Interest Income -- Replace & EM	8,542,524	7,985,264
Dividend Income -- Replace & EM	452,915	398,970
Total Reserve Funds	\$32,059,453	\$30,104,413
Unappropriated Funds	\$12,395,677	\$11,572,546
Contributed Capital	566,665	566,665
Net Profit/(loss)	(978,696)	(420,939)
Total Equity	\$11,983,646	\$11,718,272
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$54,492,866	\$54,370,626

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Payment Priority: First - Last

Vendor Name: First - Last

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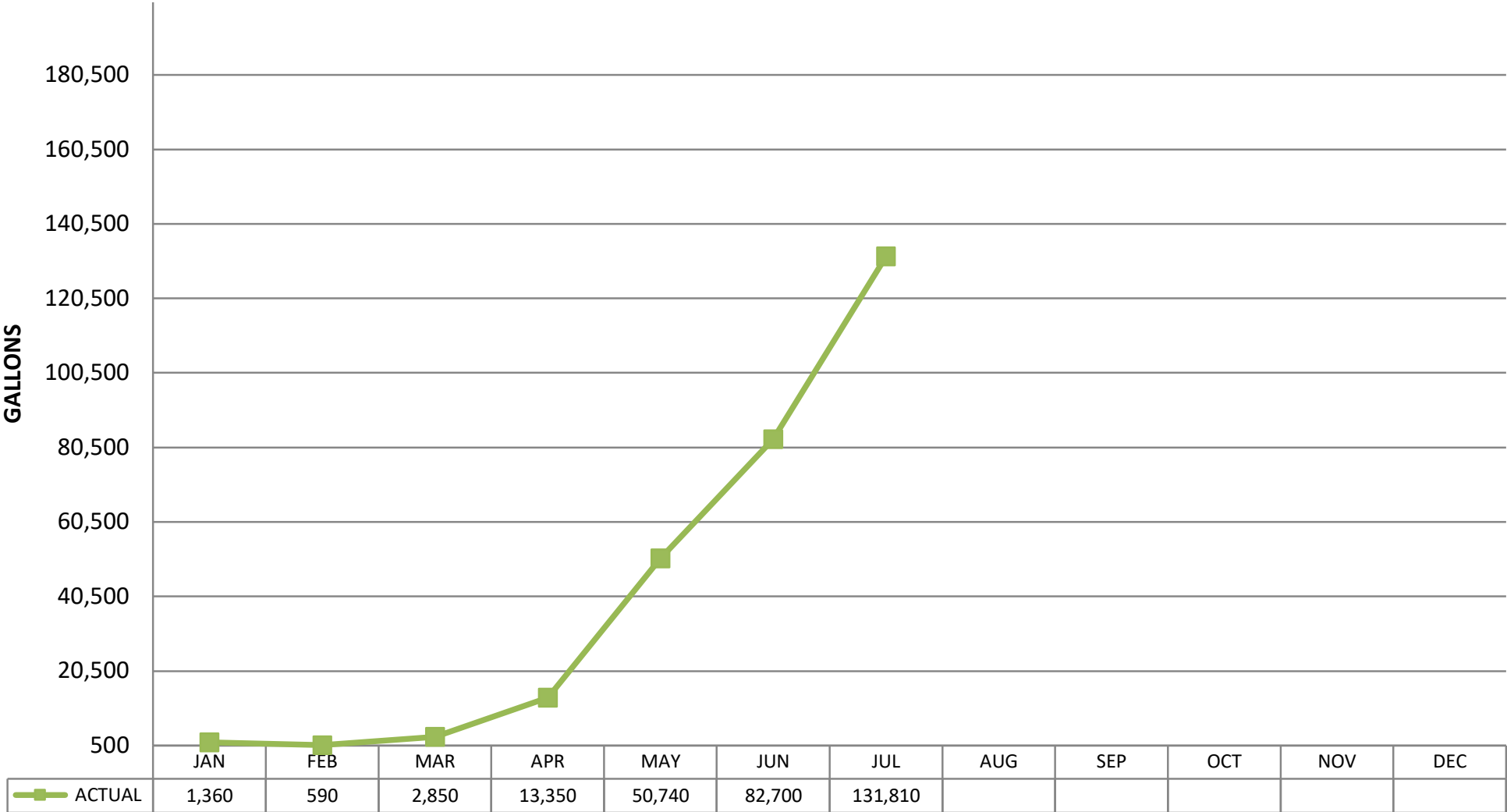
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Voucher(s):	1	Aged Totals:		Due \$60.00
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Vendor ID:	AQ7167	Name:	AQUA-PURE, INC	
Voucher(s):	2	Aged Totals:		Due \$25,522.80
Vendor ID:	BA1154	Name:	BANKERS EQUIPMENT SERVICE	
Voucher(s):	1	Aged Totals:		Due \$279.95
Vendor ID:	BA6742	Name:	BARTLETT & WEST ENGINEERS, INC.	
Voucher(s):	7	Aged Totals:		Due \$82,191.76
Vendor ID:	BL1141	Name:	BLACKBURN MFG CO	
Voucher(s):	1	Aged Totals:		Due \$1,255.42
Vendor ID:	BO1118	Name:	BOBCAT OF DICKINSON	
Voucher(s):	2	Aged Totals:		Due \$1,319.72
Vendor ID:	BO6225	Name:	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	
Voucher(s):	17	Aged Totals:		Due \$25,475.59
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Voucher(s):	2	Aged Totals:		Due \$7,945.00
Vendor ID:	BU7426	Name:	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	
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Vendor ID: DI1435	Name: CITY OF DICKINSON		
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Vendor ID: FA3192	Name: FARMERS UNION HAZEN		
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Vendor ID: FA7725	Name: FASTENAL COMPANY		
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Vendor ID: FO2567	Name: FORTE		
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Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$235.00
Vendor ID: GR1955	Name: GRAYMONT (WI) LLC		
Voucher(s): 6		Aged Totals:	Due \$28,634.48
Vendor ID: HA8435	Name: HAWKINS INC		

Voucher(s): 11		Aged Totals:	Due \$19,534.39
Vendor ID:	HA9253	Name:	HAZEN HARDWARE HANK
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$59.66
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Voucher(s): 2		Aged Totals:	Due \$8,005.00
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Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$1,624.00
Vendor ID:	LI5272	Name:	LINDTECH SERVICES, INC
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Vendor ID:	LO2243	Name:	LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC
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Vendor ID:	ME2125	Name:	SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDI
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$213.00
Vendor ID:	ME4152	Name:	MERCER COUNTY TREASURER
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$13.50
Vendor ID:	MO7355	Name:	MOTION INDUSTRIES, INC
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$3,948.44
Vendor ID:	NO6275	Name:	ND DIVISION OF MICROBIOLOGY
Voucher(s): 4		Aged Totals:	Due \$162.00
Vendor ID:	NO6732	Name:	ND WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$13,125.00
Vendor ID:	NO6737	Name:	ND STATE WATER COMMISSION
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$74,361.00
Vendor ID:	NO6739	Name:	NORTHWESTERN POWER EQUIP CO INC
Voucher(s): 3		Aged Totals:	Due \$10,093.44
Vendor ID:	NO8172	Name:	FERGUSON WATERWORKS
Voucher(s): 2		Aged Totals:	Due \$5,230.40
Vendor ID:	OD5299	Name:	ODNEY
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$3,820.00
Vendor ID:	OL7558	Name:	OLSON'S SERVICE
Voucher(s): 7		Aged Totals:	Due \$532.80
Vendor ID:	ON2114	Name:	ONE CALL CONCEPTS
Voucher(s): 1		Aged Totals:	Due \$1,024.40
Vendor ID:	OU7111	Name:	OUTBACK LUMBER SUPPLY, INC.

Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$1,007.50
Vendor ID:	PR1350	Name: PRAIRIE LUMBER COMPANY	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$17.63
Vendor ID:	PR2756	Name: PRESORT PLUS, LLC	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
2			\$6,123.80
Vendor ID:	QU1437	Name: QUALITY QUICK PRINT, INC.	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$6,558.40
Vendor ID:	QU1438	Name: QUALITY XTERMINATORS	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
2			\$160.00
Vendor ID:	RR1775	Name: R & R AUTO, FARM & ELECTRIC, INC.	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$128.35
Vendor ID:	RU5535	Name: RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
15			\$497.51
Vendor ID:	SO7739	Name: SOUTHWEST LIME, LLC	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$7,750.00
Vendor ID:	SO8909	Name: SOUTHWEST GRAIN/LEMMON	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$125.15
Vendor ID:	TO7143	Name: TOTAL SAFETY US, INC	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
3			\$156.66
Vendor ID:	UL3529	Name: ULINE	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
1			\$179.69
Vendor ID:	US1147	Name: USA BLUE BOOK	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
2			\$4,279.54
Vendor ID:	VI7111	Name: VISA	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
26			\$9,129.78
Vendor ID:	WE7700	Name: WEST DAKOTA OIL, INC.	
Voucher(s):		Aged Totals:	Due
2			\$4,577.40
Vendor(s)			Due
Vendor Totals:	65		\$454,023.81

2025 SWA DEPOT USAGE  
TOTAL 283,400



2025 INDUSTRIAL SALES

CITY	*COMMENTS	*RATE/KGAL FOR INDUSTRIAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	TOTAL GALLONS	TOTAL ACRE FEET
BEACH	SELLS WATER TO FARMERS FROM CITY WELLS ONLY. DOES NOT SELL SWPP WATER										
BELFIELD	\$32.00/1,000 GALLONS, AS OF MAY 2021	\$32.00	0	5,300	9,500	48,500	51,300	90,600	39,500	244,700	0.75
CARSON	DO NOT SELL										0.00
DICKINSON	\$19.00/1,000 GALLONS, AS OF MAY 2021	\$19.00	34,750	25,380	101,380	152,500	171,090	196,200	162,130	843,430	2.59
DODGE	DO NOT SELL										0.00
DUNN CENTER	DO NOT SELL										0.00
ELGIN	DO NOT SELL										0.00
GLADSTONE	DO NOT SELL										0.00
GLEN ULLIN	DOES NOT SELL ON REGULAR BASIS ONLY TO FARMERS & CONSTRUCTION,	\$15.00 per 1k	800	3,900	2,800	6,900	6,200	73,400	42,300	136,300	0.42
GOLDEN VALLEY	SPRAYING & DUST CONTROL USE ONLY										0.00
GOLVA	DO NOT SELL SWPP WATER - USES CITY WELLS										0.00
HALLIDAY	SELLS WATER TO FARMERS FROM CITY WELLS ONLY. DOES NOT SELL SWPP WATER										0.00
HEBRON	USUALLY SELLS TO FARMERS, ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND BRICK YARD. CHARGES THE SAME FOR ALL USERS	\$10.50	136,000	122,000	184,000	129,000	150,000	145,000	158,000	1,024,000	3.14
HETTINGER	CHARGES THE SAME FOR ALL USERS	\$10.00	16,000	0	0	0	9,700	30,500	18,600	74,800	0.23
KILLDEER	CHARGES THE SAME FOR ALL USERS	\$35.71	168,270	229,480	112,910	118,260	78,690	81,530	58,760	847,900	2.60
MEDORA	DO NOT SELL										0.00
MOTT	SPRAYING/DOES NOT SELL TO OIL INDUSTRY	\$10.00	0	0	0	22,686	55,129	53,359	19,429	150,603	0.46
NEW ENGLAND	CHARGES THE SAME FOR ALL USERS	\$20.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
NEW HRADEC	DO NOT SELL										0.00
NEW LEIPZIG	DO NOT SELL										0.00
REEDER	DO NOT SELL SWPP WATER - USES CITY WELLS										0.00
REGENT	DO NOT SELL										0.00
RICHARDTON	ONLY SELL TO FARMERS										0.00
SCRANTON	SPRAYING USE ONLY/DOES NOT SELL TO OIL INDUSTRY	\$8.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SENTINEL BUTTE	INDUSTRIAL SALES ONLY	\$22.47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SOUTH HEART											0.00
TAYLOR	DO NOT SELL										0.00
ZAP	DO NOT SELL										0.00
TOTAL GALLONS			355,820	386,060	410,590	477,846	522,109	670,589	498,719	3,321,733	10.19
TOTAL ACRE FEET			1.09	1.18	1.26	1.47	1.60	2.06	1.53	10.19	
CONTRACT											
BAKER BOY			444,600	518,300	549,700	733,100	771,300	932,500	853,000	4,802,500	14.74
BILLINGS COUNTY DIST 3			0	0	56,100	41,600	100,200	90,300	86,300	374,500	1.15
SWA WATER DEPOT - RAW			1,360	590	2,850	13,350	32,800	82,700	131,810	265,460	0.81
DAKOTA PRAIRIE REFINING			906,900	1,033,900	885,500	1,858,400	1,376,600	573,000	1,269,000	7,903,300	24.25
ND ENERGY SERVICES			112,900	44,300	23,400	0	0	0	0	180,600	0.55
NET-ZERO RICHARDTON, LLC			14,237,000	16,288,000	16,335,000	17,813,000	15,685,000	22,836,000	20,896,900	124,090,900	380.82
STEFFES CORPORATION			161,300	218,800	268,300	220,700	213,000	302,800	186,600	1,571,500	4.82
TOTAL GALLONS			15,864,060	18,103,890	18,120,850	20,680,150	18,178,900	24,817,300	23,423,610	139,188,760	427.15
TOTAL ACRE FEET			48.68	55.56	55.61	63.46	55.79	76.16	71.88	427.15	
TOTAL GALLONS COMBINED			16,219,880	18,489,950	18,531,440	21,157,996	18,701,009	25,487,889	23,922,329	142,510,493	
TOTAL ACRE FEET COMBINED			49.78	56.74	56.87	64.93	57.39	78.22	73.41	437.35	437.35

# Southwest Pipeline Project

## Return on Investment

YEAR	RESOURCES TRUST FUND	BOND PAYMENTS	TOTAL
1991	\$ 11,166.00		\$ 11,166.00
1992	\$ 212,899.00		\$ 212,899.00
1993	\$ 195,973.00		\$ 195,973.00
1994	\$ 300,472.00		\$ 300,472.00
1995	\$ 504,179.00		\$ 504,179.00
1996	\$ 734,994.15		\$ 734,994.15
1997	\$ 389,111.41	\$ 468,801.59	\$ 857,913.00
1998	\$ 415,197.60	\$ 500,593.77	\$ 915,791.37
1999	\$ 349,574.05	\$ 676,423.19	\$ 1,025,997.24
2000	\$ 418,164.86	\$ 728,614.91	\$ 1,146,779.77
2001	\$ 475,021.15	\$ 833,246.78	\$ 1,308,267.93
2002	\$ 416,859.08	\$ 1,015,365.60	\$ 1,432,224.68
2003	\$ 458,780.10	\$ 1,122,504.11	\$ 1,581,284.21
2004	\$ 615,337.62	\$ 1,005,901.63	\$ 1,621,239.25
2005	\$ 661,099.95	\$ 1,045,858.38	\$ 1,706,958.33
2006	\$ 611,674.29	\$ 1,336,805.97	\$ 1,948,480.26
2007	\$ 856,597.12	\$ 1,451,468.74	\$ 2,308,065.86
2008	\$ 1,451,385.68	\$ 1,004,121.20	\$ 2,455,506.88
2009	\$ 1,504,429.59	\$ 1,114,558.52	\$ 2,618,988.11
2010	\$ 877,624.28	\$ 1,898,922.31	\$ 2,776,546.59
2011	\$ 1,793,563.59	\$ 1,282,852.85	\$ 3,076,416.44
2012	\$ 3,303,608.16	\$ 983,667.70	\$ 4,287,275.86
2013	\$ 3,080,405.43	\$ 1,441,235.41	\$ 4,521,640.84
2014	\$ 3,753,622.85	\$ 1,340,702.63	\$ 5,094,325.48
2015	\$ 4,776,377.17		\$ 4,776,377.17
2016	\$ 4,936,757.79		\$ 4,936,757.79
2017	\$ 5,258,182.90		\$ 5,258,182.90
2018	\$ 5,015,416.74		\$ 5,015,416.74
2019	\$ 5,079,128.39		\$ 5,079,128.39
2020	\$ 5,476,914.31		\$ 5,476,914.31
2021	\$ 5,566,425.98		\$ 5,566,425.98
2022	\$ 5,688,266.69		\$ 5,688,266.69
2023	\$ 6,227,003.19		\$ 6,227,003.19
2024	\$ 6,642,973.92		\$ 6,642,973.92
2025	\$ 3,615,135.15		\$ 3,615,135.15
	<b>\$ 78,059,187.04</b>	<b>\$ 19,251,645.29</b>	<b>\$ 100,925,967.48</b>
Perkins County	\$ 5,459,000.00		\$ 5,459,000.00
	<b>\$ 83,518,187.04</b>	<b>\$ 19,251,645.29</b>	<b>\$ 106,384,967.48</b>
Jan	\$ 524,179.15		\$ 524,179.15
Feb	\$ 465,874.73		\$ 990,053.88
Mar	\$ 496,188.74		\$ 1,486,242.62
Apr	\$ 470,457.96		\$ 1,956,700.58
May	\$ 505,572.75		\$ 2,462,273.33
June	\$ 523,116.86		\$ 2,985,390.19
July	\$ 629,744.96		\$ 3,615,135.15



### **III. POLICY TYPE: BOARD GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *GENERAL GOVERNANCE COMMITMENT***

**Adopted 10/4/99 - Amended 4/4/11**

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On behalf of the people of North Dakota and the Southwest Water Authority service area, the Board will govern the Southwest Water Authority with a strategic perspective continually improving its process and capability to express values and vision.

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#### ***MONITORING:***

<i>Method:</i>	<i>Board of Directors Internal Report</i>
<i>Frequency:</i>	<i>Bi-Annually - every six (6) months</i>
<i>Month:</i>	<i>March and September</i>

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### III. POLICY TYPE: BOARD GOVERNANCE PROCESS

#### F. POLICY TITLE: *ANNUAL BOARD PLANNING CYCLE*

Adopted 12/6/99 - Amended 8/6/07; 4/7/14

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To accomplish its work with a governance style consistent with Board policies, the Board will develop and follow an annual plan which (a) includes an exploration of *Aims/Ends* policies and (b) continually improves Board performance using process improvement tools and with special attention to input and deliberation.

1. The cycle will conclude each year on the last day of September in order that administrative budgeting can be based on accomplishing a one to five year segment of the most recent Board long-range vision.
2. In the first one or two months of the new cycle, the Board will develop its agenda for the ensuing one-year period.
3. Education, input, and deliberation will receive paramount attention in structuring the series of meetings and other Board activities during the year.
4. To the extent feasible, the Board will identify those areas of education and input needed to increase the level of wisdom and forethought it can give to subsequent choices.

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#### **MONITORING:**

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# AGENDA ITEMS FOR SWA BOARD MEETINGS

Updated: August 20, 2025

ITEM	MONTH											
Annual Board Planning			MAR						SEP			
Annual Enrollment for Insurance									SEP			
Annual Operating Report				APR (O&M TO SWC)		JUN						
Audit Report				APR								
Board Meeting Schedule										OCT	NOV	
Board Member Reports	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Board Monitoring	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Board Policies	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Board Retreat Information	As Needed											
Board Training	As Needed											
Budget for O&M & General Fund										OCT	NOV	
Code of Conduct - Soul and Spirit							JUL					
Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR's)						JUN						
Drinking Water Week					MAY							
Election of Board Members		FEB				JUN						
Election of Officers (Even Years)							JUL					
Nominations Subcommittee (Even Years)			MAR									
NDPERS Open Enrollment									SEP	OCT		
Evaluation of Manager/CEO			MAR	APR	MAY	JUN						
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District	As Needed											
Legislative Information	As Needed											
Legislative Planning	As Needed											
Missouri River Advisory Council	As Needed											
Missouri River Joint Board	As Needed											
National Drinking Water Week				APR	MAY							
National Rural Water Rally	JAN	FEB	MAR								NOV	
ND Water Education Foundation Water Tour					MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP			
NRWA Water Pro Conference						JUN			SEP	OCT		
Oath of Office (Even Years)							JUL					
O&M Update	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Partner Annual Meeting (telephone & electric coops)				if needed	MAY	JUN	JUL					
PCRWS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Return on Investment (included in consent agenda)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Signup and Easement Update	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Strategic Plan	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SWA Update	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SWC Meetings	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SWPP Update & Project Review	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SWPP Funding	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Update from Manager/CEO (Incidental Information)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Upper Missouri Water Association	As Needed											
Water Coalition	As Needed											
Water Convention	JAN										NOV	DEC
Water Expo	JAN	FEB	MAR									
Water Festival		FEB	MAR	APR	MAY							
Water Topics Overview Committee	As Needed											
Water Users Association	As Needed											
World Water Day			MAR									



Updated 2/23/2023

## Board of Directors Annual Policy Monitoring Plan

### **January**

III.D. Board Committee  
Principles

### **February**

III.E. Committee  
Structure

### **March**

III. General Governance  
Commitment  
III. F. Annual Board  
Planning Cycle

### **April**

III.C. Chairperson's  
Role

### **May**

IV.C. Manager/CEO  
Compensation and  
Benefits

### **June**

III.B. Board Job  
Description

### **July**

IV. Manager/CEO Role

### **August**

III. G. Board Member  
Code of Conduct

### **September**

III. General Governance  
Commitment  
III.F. Annual Board  
Planning Cycle

### **October**

III.A. Governing Style

### **November**

IV.A. Delegation to the  
Manager/CEO  
IV.D. Organizational  
Performance

### **December**

IV.B. Manager/CEO  
Job Description

## II. POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

### G. POLICY TITLE: *COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD*

Adopted 10/4/99 - Amended 4/7/14

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With respect to providing information and counsel to the Board, the manager/Chief Executive Officer may not permit the Board to be uninformed. Accordingly, the manager/Chief Executive Officer may not:

1. Neglect to submit monitoring data required by the Board (see policy on Monitoring Executive Performance) in a timely, accurate and understandable fashion directly addressing provisions of the Board policies being monitored.
  - A. Fail to provide a copy of the Employee Policy Manual to the Board.
2. Let the Board be unaware of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, significant external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established.
3. Fail to provide a mechanism for official Board, officer or committee communications.
4. Fail to deal with the Board as a whole except when
  - A. Fulfilling individual requests for information.
  - B. Responding to officers or committees duly charged by the Board.
5. Fail to report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.
6. Give information to the Board, which is not clearly identified as *either Information for Decision Making, Incidental Information Only, or Monitoring Information*.
7. Fail to present Board with impact analysis and provide options on appropriate issues.

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#### **MONITORING:**

<i>Method:</i>	<i>Manager/CEO Internal Report</i>
<i>Frequency:</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Month:</i>	<i>September</i>

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1. Neglect to submit monitoring data required by the Board (see policy on Monitoring Executive Performance) in a timely, accurate and understandable fashion directly addressing provisions of the Board policies being monitored.

*Monitoring reports and copies of the policies being monitored are included in the board packet and sent the week prior to the board meeting. Refers to Policy IV.D. Board-Manager/CEO Relationship-Monitoring Organizational Performance on page 35 of the Board Policy Manual and as attached.*

- A. Fail to provide a copy of the Employee Policy Manual to the Board.

*The current Employee Policy Manual can be found at:  
<https://swwater.com/wp-content/uploads/Employee-Manual.pdf>*

2. Let the Board be unaware of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, significant external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established.

*All pertinent information is forwarded to board members via email or included in monthly board packets for review. Calls are also made when needed.*

*SWA is engaged in the Strategic Finance and Governance Study to be presented to the Water Topics Overview Committee in March.*

*Capital Repayment is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is attached.*

*Other trends being monitored include inflation, tariffs, construction bidding climate, and ongoing supply chain issues resulting in long lead times for materials. Issues with Missouri River and those looking to it for supplemental source are always being monitored.*

*Trends in technology and AI are being watched and considered in best business practices. This includes considerations in the budgeting process for more subscription-based services.*

3. Fail to provide a mechanism for official Board, officer or committee communications.

*Discussions and review of the Agenda and Board packet material are held with the Chairperson prior to board meetings. Executive committee and subcommittee meetings are held as needed to discuss specific policy issues, or as directed by the Board. Board members are encouraged to contact the Manager/CEO or the Chairperson with any requests.*

4. Fail to deal with the Board as a whole except when

- A. Fulfilling individual requests for information.

*The Manager/CEO does so as requested and appropriate.*

- B. Responding to officers or committees duly charged by the Board.

*The Manager/CEO works with the Chairperson of subcommittees to complete the work directive of the committee. The Manager/CEO responds timely to individual Board requests if made to the Manager/CEO as stipulated in Board policies.*

5. Fail to report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

*Reporting is done in a timely manner, and there has been no known noncompliance of Board policy. Additional pertinent information is provided to the Board in a timely fashion.*

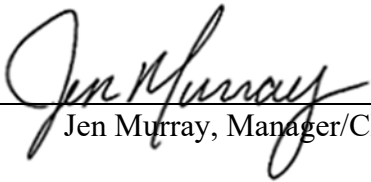
6. Give information to the Board which is not clearly identified as either Information for Decision Making, Incidental Information Only, or Monitoring Information.

*All information included in the board packet is clearly identified by category.*

7. Fail to present Board with impact analysis and provide options on appropriate issues.

*An example would be the policy discussion related to the Dorothy Schmidt service and the opportunity to serve 30 plus service units if it were addressed. A new policy was developed.*

*The Buffalo Gap Tank is under construction and Bartlett & West is evaluating how this capacity will aid in the short-term demands brought on by the TR Presidential Library.*

  
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Jen Murray, Manager/CEO

August 27, 2025  
Date

This information is current as of August 25, 2025.

**MONITORING:**

<i>Method:</i>	<i>Manager/CEO Internal Report</i>
<i>Frequency:</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Month:</i>	<i>September</i>

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**SOUTHWEST PIPELINE PROJECT  
CAPITAL REPAYMENT  
2025**

Adjustment for Inflation

**CONTRACT RATES**

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July 2025 CPI:		323.0
Adjustment to Base:	0.3338279	967.7
Change from 448.4:		2.2
Adjustment:		\$ 0.83
Base Capital Repayment Rate:		\$ 0.72
Adjusted Capital Repayment Rate (2026 rate)		\$ 1.55
2025 Rate:		\$ 1.51
Change from 2025 Rate		\$ 0.04

**RURAL RATES**

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Base Capital Repayment Rate:	\$21.95
Adjustment:	\$25.42
2025 Inflation (Oct-July)	2.62%
2026 Rate:	\$47.37
2025 Rate:	\$46.16
Change from 2025 Rate	\$1.21

Rural Minimum for 2025	\$55.32
Change from 2025 Rate	\$1.21
2026 minimum	\$56.53

Capital Repayment for customers who tie into MWWS - 2025	\$36.56
Change from 2025 Rate	\$0.96
2026 Rate	\$37.52



# Resolution of Appreciation Gary Nordstrom



Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of Southwest Water Authority:

WHEREAS, **Gary Nordstrom** has served admirably as a Water Distribution Operator for Southwest Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, **Gary Nordstrom** has been dedicated to providing quality water to the many citizens and communities of southwest North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, **Gary Nordstrom** has been a devoted part of the team as a Water Distribution Operator since February 1, 2013, and has earned and maintained his Water Distribution Operator III Certification; and

WHEREAS, **Gary Nordstrom** has been an asset to Southwest Water Authority through his commitment, skill and knowledge in operating and maintaining the Southwest Pipeline Project's water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of southwest North Dakota are very fortunate to have had **Gary Nordstrom** as our Water Distribution Operator for 12 years;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that this second day of September 2025, **Gary Nordstrom** be duly recognized and honored for his commendable service to Southwest Water Authority and the Southwest Pipeline Project in the overall mission of quality water for southwest North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors, Management and Staff do wish **Gary Nordstrom** the best of health and happiness in his future endeavors.

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James Odermann, Chairperson  
Southwest Water Authority

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Jenifer Murray, Manager/CEO  
Southwest Water Authority



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**Our Vision:** People and Business Succeeding with Quality Water   **Our Mission:** Quality Water for Southwest North Dakota

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# Southwest Water Authority Strategic Plan

## 2023

At the 2023 Board of Directors' Retreat, a situational analysis was conducted. Below are the six identified areas of priority, opportunity, and challenge in which the Board has affirmed require awareness, focus, and action to achieve the mission and vision of Southwest Water Authority.

### **Southwest Pipeline Project Supplementary Intake**

1. Communicate the need for the Supplementary Intake for the people of southwest North Dakota
2. Communicate the impacts of a deficit at the Intake to stakeholders
3. Encourage the SWC to consider alternative options
  - a. Develop a plan/proposal for an interim Intake to address the potential deficit until the permanent intake is completed (Increase flowrate with Basin Electric, construct a temporary Intake, evaluation of other locations/sources, etc.)
4. Communicate the income opportunity of serving Prairie Horizon Hydrogen or other industrial users

### **Aging Infrastructure**

1. Prioritize areas of concern
  - a. Utilize REM analysis as a tool to monitor age of infrastructure and life-expectancy
    - i. Keep the REM analysis updated
    - ii. Budget accordingly
2. Develop a plan to address shutdowns
  - a. Redundancy
    - i. Consideration of additional water reservoirs at Zap and/or Dickinson
    - ii. Consideration of secondary raw water line
3. Work with other Rural Water Systems and related agencies to revive the Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) – a statewide inventory database for spare parts or emergency mitigation
  - a. Mutual Aid Agreements

### **Education and Communication and Project Funding**

1. Communication – How will the Board and Staff Communicate with Stakeholders
  - a. Develop the SWPP and SWA message to be communicated
    - i. Who we are, what we do, and why we exist
  - b. Outreach
    - i. Identify audiences with whom the message will be communicated (County Commissions, City Commissions, Legislators, Public, other boards/agencies, etc.)
    - ii. Identify Champions and Build Relationships
  - c. Develop a communication video
    - i. Make a statement, be memorable, include testimonials.

### **Waiting List and Customer Connections**

1. Finalize Feasibility Criteria Adjustments
2. Revise Prong 2 and Prong 3 approach to address future needs for waiting lists, under-served areas/new construction areas
3. Strategic Hydraulic Improvements
  - a. Assess and prioritize waiting list areas of the Project through constant review of Prioritization Matrix
  - b. Combine projects to make cost effective

### **Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Decommissioning of Dickinson WTP**

1. Southwest Water Treatment Plant designed for future of SWPP – 18 MGD
  - a. Secure staging area for construction and materials
  - b. Budget for unknown maintenance needs for first year after warranty period
2. Dickinson Water Treatment Plant
  - a. Develop timeline for decommissioning
  - b. Discuss with City of Dickinson on responsibilities, assets/inventory, and future for the site
3. Security
  - a. Upgrade security and cybersecurity at the SWTP
4. Education
  - a. Foster and maintain educated treatment staff

### **Affordable Rates**

1. Remain aware how SWA compares to other ND Rural Water Systems as a gauge for affordability
2. Review over-allocation policy
3. Review and analyze reserves during budgeting
4. REM analysis
  - a. Review and update every two years
  - b. Keep reserve relevant to future need and policy
  - c. Remain educated on the SWC Basic Asset Inventory Assessments and Capital Improvement Plans for other water systems



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# M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors

**FROM:** Jen Murray, Manager/CEO, SWA

**SUBJECT:** Board Retreat

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

The Board of Directors retreat will be held following the October Board meeting and lunch on Monday, October 6, 2025, at the Dakota Room at the Stark County Family & Ag Resource Campus, Dakota Room – Door C, in Dickinson, ND. It will be followed by a social at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The social and dinner will be held at the Astoria.

The retreat will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, and will wrap up by noon. Lunch will be provided.

The agenda is included in the Board packet. There are four primary topics to be covered. If you have comments or questions you would like covered under any of these topics, please contact me this week. We will be finalizing the information and presentations throughout September. Please complete the survey prior to the Board meeting.

A survey was sent via email on August 27, 2025. The survey questions are related to SWPP ownership and Capital Repayment. All responses to this questionnaire are completely anonymous. The results will be discussed at the Retreat.

A photographer will be onsite Monday, October 6, 2025, to take a group photo of the Board.



## **SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RETREAT OCTOBER 6-7, 2025**

### **DAY ONE – Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch**

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**1:00 pm – Retreat Begins**

**Introduction and Agenda Overview**

#### **Topic #1: Intake & Raw Water Infrastructure**

- Update: Raw Water Intake
- Short- and Long-Term Raw Water Infrastructure Resiliency
  - Short-Term Resiliency
    - Operations
    - Pipe Repair materials
  - Long- Term Resiliency
    - MIC Replacements
    - Close-Intervals Surveys
    - Resiliency Plans for Catastrophic Events or Long-Term Shutdowns

#### **Topic #2: Non-Public Funding Sources**

- Past handling of outside funding
  - Sub Users
  - Developers
  - Industry
- Potential Policy Considerations

**Break at approximately 2:45 pm**

**Social: 5:30 – 6:00 pm at Astoria Hotel & Event Center**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Astoria Hotel & Event Center**

### **DAY TWO – Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast: 7:30 am at Stark County Family & Ag Resource Campus**

**Day One Summary and Preview Day Two Focus Areas**



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### **Topic #3: Three Prong Approach – Overview & Revisit**

1. Strategic Improvements:
2. Rural Expansion
3. MTL Improvements

**Break at approximately 9:45 am**

### **Topic #4: Ownership Discussion**

- Historic Board Action
- September 2024 Memorandum from DWR
- Review of Anonymous Survey Responses

**Retreat Wrap-Up**

**Lunch: 12:00 pm**

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**Next Meeting Date/Time**



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**Above, Lake Sakakawea provides a good beach at Little Egypt Park. Below, State Water Commissioner Steve Hansen and Bob Harms.**

**August 16, 2025**

**To: Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors**

I represented the Southwest Water Authority at the “Up For The Challenge Tour,” Thursday, August 7, 2025, in and around Williston. The tour was hosted by the North Dakota Water Education Foundation. The SWA is one of many sponsors for the annual summer tours that traverse across the state of North Dakota educating people about water.

One of the main educational components of the tour was a closer look at the Western Area Water Supply Project. WAWSP is a wholesale, domestic water project using Missouri River water, treated at the Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant, and supplemented by groundwater through the R&T Water Supply Commerce Authority's Water Treatment Plant in Ray. WAWSP provides municipal, rural and industrial water needs in five northwestern North Dakota counties. Eleven cities, Williston, Watford City, Ray, Tioga, Stanley, Wildrose, Crosby, Fortuna, Noonan, Columbus and Ross, all receive water from WAWSP.







**Jeremy Ludlum, Williams County Parks Director, explained the Little Egypt campsite. Right, Western Area Water Supply Project manager Chris Barke answers a question for Jay Larsen.**



The long-term goal is to provide water to approximately 125,000 people in the service area, as well as provide industrial water. Expansion of the project and service area is based on funding for construction.

Chris Barke, WAWSP Executive Director, was one of the presenters at the event that began with a stop at a WAWSP water tower. He, along with Williston Water Treatment Plant personnel, explained expansion plans to increase the capacity of the treatment facility to be able to provide water in the future to expected population.

Barke noted WAWSP currently has 70,000 users and 3,300 miles of rural distribution line. The water treatment capacity at the Williston Water Treatment Plant has increased from 14 MGD to 21 MGD at present. Peak usage is 13 MGD. Barke said there is discussion about increasing the plant capacity to 35 MGD.

Barke said the priority is domestic use, noting if there is a shortage of water for domestic needs, industrial use is curtailed. He said water depots make up 14-19% of water sales for WAWSP. The price for industrial use is \$.02/gal at depots, or \$.84/barrel. This price translates \$20/1000 gallons for industrial use.

A matrix of water fees in the WAWSP area is on next page.

A stop at the newly constructed Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Building in Williston gave tour participants to see firsthand the merging of technology and the impact of electrical transmission to domestic, business and industrial users in the area. The multiple story tours were led by Jerry Rehak and Dubi Cummings.

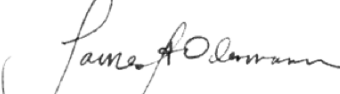
Tom Powers at The Links of North Dakota (informally known previously as the Red Mike Golf Course) provided input on how Missouri River water is important to sustaining the course. The Links of North Dakota, overlooking Lake Sakakawea, is rated by Golfweek and Golf Digest as the #1 Golf course in North Dakota and the 2nd most affordable golf course on the Top 100 list!

The next stop was at the Williams County park site, Little Egypt. Jeremy Ludlum, Williams County Parks Director, provided an in-depth review of how important the lake and river are this park site. He

noted the park sites are usually full on all holidays and many of the weekends. The park site has many feet of sand beach with very shallow water, which makes it attractive for campers and families.

The final stop of the day was at the Nesson Valley Research Irrigation Site. Tyler Tjelde, Williston Research Extension Center, was the guest speaker and provided insights into projects underway and how the Missouri River is a major part of water supply for its irrigation research.

Respectfully submitted



James A. Odemann  
SWA director, Billings County



**Nesson Valley Research scientist Tyler Tjelde provides information to the attendees at the water tour.**

	Northwest Rural Water District	McKenzie County Water	R&T Water	Burke Divide Williams	City of Williston*	Southwest Pipeline
Monthly Minimum charge	\$52.00	\$45.90	\$55.00	\$52.00	\$9.00	\$55.32
Cost/1000 gal	\$7.14	\$7.19	\$8.17	\$7.14	\$3.06/unit	\$6.47
* = unit of measurement is 100 cubic foot; one cubic foot = 7.4805194805 gal (US); 100 cubic feet = 748.045 gallons						
	there are approximately 133.68 cubic feet in 1000 gallons					

**State Water Commission Meeting**  
**#238 Lewis and Clark Room, Bank of North Dakota**  
**1200 Memorial Hwy., Bismarck, ND**  
**Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 1:00 p.m. CT**

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### **AGENDA**

- 1:00 – 1:02     A. Roll Call  
                    1. Pledge of Allegiance  
                    2. Conflict of Interest
- 1:02 – 1:03     B. **Consideration of Agenda**
- 1:03 – 1:04     C. Consideration of Minutes  
                    1. **Draft Minutes for the June 12, 2025, SWC Meeting**  
                    2. **Draft Minutes for the July 24, 2025, Pre-Commission Meeting**
- 1:04 – 1:10     D. Legal Counsel Recommendations Regarding Conflicts of Interest (Matt Sagsveen)(no attachment)
- 1:10 – 1:20     E. SWC Secretary Update (no attachment)
- 1:20 – 1:25     F. **Governance & Finance Study** (Reice Haase/Pat Fridgen)
- 1:25 – 1:30     G. **Cost-Share Policy Study** (Reice Haase/Pat Fridgen)
- 1:30 – 1:35     H. Financials (Chris Kadrmas)
- 1:35 – 1:45     I. Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) (Justin Froseth)  
                    1. **Contract 7-2B – Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Area - Award**  
                    2. **Supplementary Intake Contract 1-2A – Update**
- 1:45 – 1:55     J. Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) (Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds)  
                    1. **Contract 1-1A—Intake and Snake Creek Pumping Plant Modifications – Funding Auth**  
                    2. **NAWS Authority Representative Appointments**

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A consent agenda can be approved with one motion, or an item or items can be removed for additional discussion and separate action. Director Haase recommends approval of the following items:


- 1:55 – 2:00     K. General Water (Abigail Franklund)
- |                                    |                                  |           |   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1. <b>ND Game &amp; Fish Dept.</b> | Baukol-Noonan Dam Rehabilitation | \$250,020 | C |
| 2. <b>Red River Basin Comm</b>     | Operations 25-27                 | \$300,000 | O |
- L. Water Supply (Rural) (Julie Prescott)
- |                             |                     |           |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---|
| 1. <b>South Central RWD</b> | Service to Napoleon | \$703,110 | C |
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## AGENDA

2:00 – 2:10	M. Flood Control (Abigail Franklund)			
	1. City of Valley City	Permanent Flood Protection	\$9,595,675	PC/C
	2. Lower Heart River WRD	Flood Risk Reduction Project	\$360,000	CI
2:10 – 2:25	N. General Water (Abigail Franklund)			
	1. Pembina Co WRD	Renwick Dam Safety Improvements	\$330,467	C
	2. Pembina Co WRD	Pembina Co Dams Emergency Action Plans	\$64,080	CI
	3. Pembina Co WRD	Tongue River Cutoff Channel Improvements	\$95,850	CI
2:25 – 2:40	O. Water Supply (Municipal/Regional) (Julie Prescott)			
	1. WAWSA	Williston Regional WTP DeviceNET	\$1,250,578	C
	2. GDCD	RRVWSP 25-27 Funding	\$55,000,000	L
	3. GDCD	RRVWSP Loan Request	\$18,330,000	O
2:40 – 2:45	P. Water Supply (Rural) (Julie Prescott)			
	1. South Central	U of Mary Service Area Water Storage	\$3,971,780	C
2:45 – 3:10 (5 min each)	Q. Project Updates (Presentations if time allows)			
	1. Devils Lake (Yaping Chi)			
	2. Mouse River (Laura Ackerman)			
	3. Missouri River (Clay Carufel)			
	4. NAWS (Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds)			
	5. SWPP (Justin Froseth)			
3:10 – 3:15	R. Legal Updates (Presentation if time allows) (Matt Sagsveen)			
3:15 – 3:30	S. Executive Session—NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) for Attorney Consultation (Matt Sagsveen)			
	1. SWPP – Intake, Contract 1-2A			
	T. Adjourn			

### **BOLD ITEMS REQUIRE SWC ACTION**

PC	Pre-Construction
C	Construction
L	Legislative
CI	Cost Increase
O	Other

**TO:** Lt. Governor, Michelle Strinden  
Members of the State Water Commission   
**FROM:** Reice Haase, Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Contract 7-2B Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Area - Award  
**DATE:** July 31, 2025

Contract 7-2B, Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Area, encompasses the installation of water infrastructure to improve hydraulic capacity and to expand service to rural users located between the City of New England and Dickinson, North Dakota. This project is designed to support over 100 new rural service connections in this region.

The key components of the base project include; installation of approximately 5 miles of pipeline, ranging in diameter from 3 inches to 4 inches, installation of six pressure reducing valves, and installation of two new below grade prefabricated booster pump stations. A Bid Alternate was included to upsize the approximately 4 miles of the pipeline to 6-inch pipe to accommodate potential future demand. Attached map shows the location of the planned features for this project.

A public bid opening was conducted on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Three bids were received from the following contractors; BEK Consulting, from Dickinson, ND, Flatland Excavating, from Watertown, SD, and Wagner Construction, from International Falls, MN. Wagner Construction submitted the lowest Base Bid in the amount of \$1,809,639.57, and Bid Alternate 1 in the amount of \$125,069.25.

Tabulations of the Bid results and a letter of recommendation from BW/AECOM is included as an attachment. BW/AECOM's recommends award of SWPP Contract 7-2B to Wagner Construction along with Bid Alternate 1. However, it does not consider the litigation between Wagner Construction and the State Water Commission (SWC) on the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) project Contract 2-4B. On the litigation between Wagner Construction and the SWC on NAWS Contract 2-4B, the District Court dismissed the case in the SWC's favor on July 10, 2025. Wagner Construction has until September 9, 2025 to appeal the District Court's decision and continue the litigation. The bid documents for SWPP Contract 7-2B allow award within 60 days of bid opening which would be September 20<sup>th</sup>. DWR staff believes it is prudent to wait until the appeal deadline on the NAWS project before deciding award of this project.

So authorization for the Secretary to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder that is in the best interest for the State Water Commission is requested.

**Funding:**

Funding authorization for this contract will be presented at the October SWC meeting for approval.

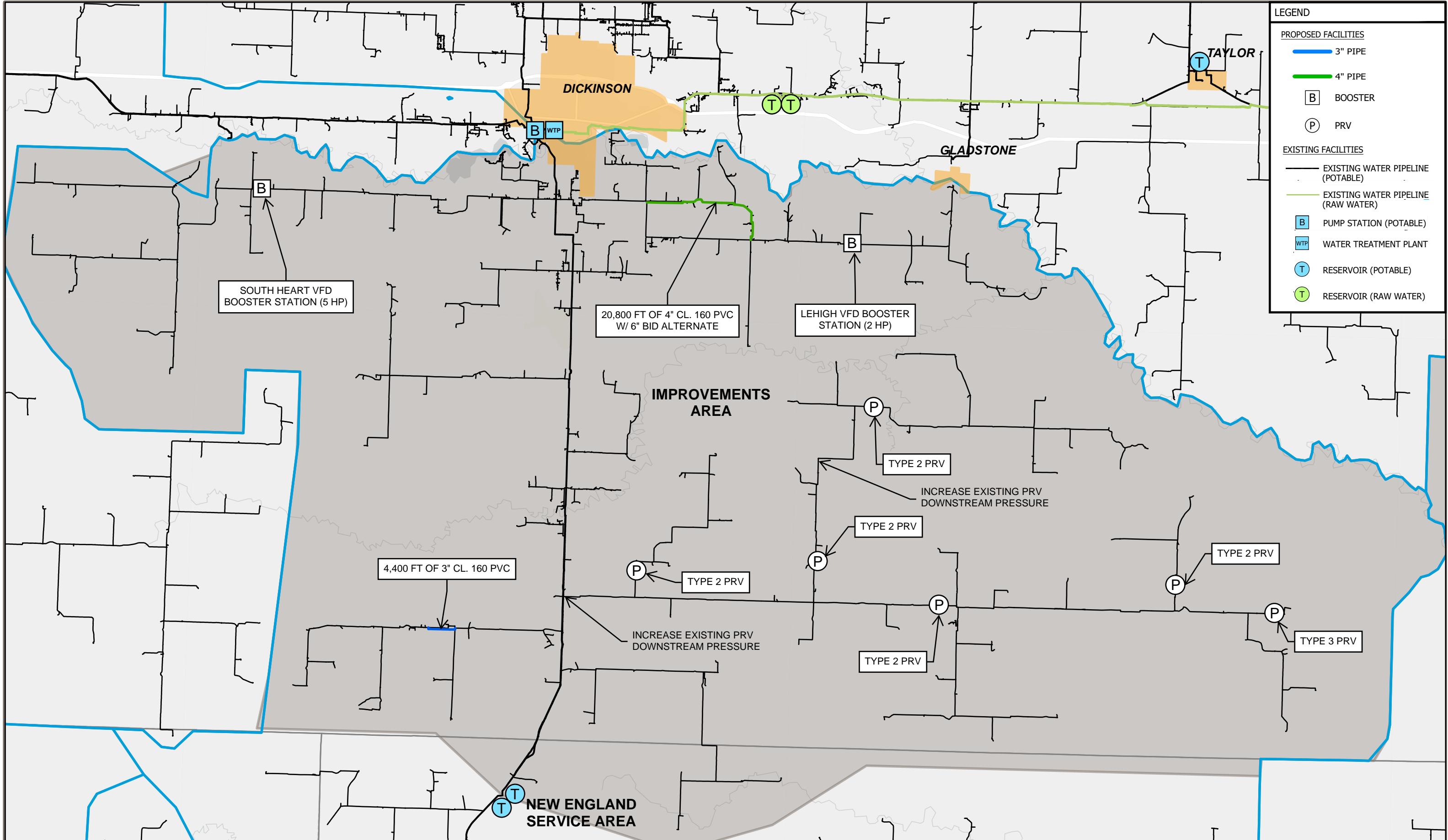
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**I recommend the State Water Commission authorize the Secretary to award Southwest Pipeline Project Contract 7-2B Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Area to the lowest responsible bidder that is in the best interest for the State Water Commission.**

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July 30, 2025

North Dakota State Water Commission  
 Attn: Mr. Justin Froseth  
 1200 Missouri Ave  
 Bismarck, ND 58504

**SUBJECT: SWPP Contract 7-2B, Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Areas  
 Review of Bids Received  
 W.O. 3033.A38**

Justin:

On Tuesday, July 22, 2025, bids were opened for Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) Contract 7-2B, Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Area. The scope of WORK generally consists of Furnishing and installing approximately 4.8 miles of 3"-6" ASTM D2231 gasketed joint PVC pipe; road crossings; restrained joint areas; pipeline crossings; (2) below grade prefabricated booster stations; five (5) Type 2 Pressure Relief Valve (PRV), one Type 3 PRV, connections to existing pipelines; and other related appurtenances in the North New England Service Area. A Bid Alternate is included to install 4.0 miles of 6" ASTM D2241 gasketed joint PVC pipe and associated appurtenances in lieu of 4.0 miles of 4" ASTM D2241 gasketed joint PVC pipe as shown in the base bid. The project is located in Stark County in North Dakota. The date for Substantial Completion for Contract 7-2B is October 30, 2026. The Owner reserves the right to award the Contract to a Contractor, if awarded, as the Base Bid Schedule with or without Bid Alternate 1 depending on which is the most advantageous and in the best interest of the Owner.

Three bid packages were received for SWPP Contract 7-2B. A tabulation of the bid results is attached. A copy of the bid tab has been provided to all bidders and other interested parties. All of the bids were considered responsive and read aloud at the bid opening. A summary of the bids received is shown on the table below.

<b>SOUTHWEST PIPELINE PROJECT            CONTRACT 7-2B            HYDRAULIC UPGRADES IN THE NORTH NEW ENGLAND            SERVICE AREA</b>		
<b>BASE BID</b>		
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount Base Bid</b>	<b>Amount Higher Than Low Bid</b>
Wagner Construction International Falls, MN	\$1,809,639.57	-
Flatland Excavating Watertown, SD	\$2,304,266.00	+ \$494,626.43 27.3%
BEK Consulting Dickinson, ND	\$2,363,000.00	+ \$553,360.43 30.6%
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,954,560.00	+ \$144,920.43 8.0%



<b>SOUTHWEST PIPELINE PROJECT</b> <b>CONTRACT 7-2B</b> <b>HYDRAULIC UPGRADES IN THE NORTH NEW ENGLAND</b> <b>SERVICE AREA</b>		
<b>BID ALTERNATE 1</b>		
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount Alternate Bid</b>	<b>Amount Higher Than Low Bid</b>
Wagner Construction International Falls, MN	\$125,069.25	-
Flatland Excavating Watertown, SD	\$119,014.00	- \$6,055.25 -4.8%
BEK Consulting Dickinson, ND	\$158,000.00	+ \$32,930.75 26.3%
Engineer's Estimate	\$234,600.00	+ \$109,530.75 87.6%

Based on our review of the apparent low bid received from Wagner Construction, Inc., the Bid appears to be in accordance with the Invitation for Construction Bids and the Bid Documents. It is thus considered to be a responsive bid. Wagner Construction, Inc. is currently working on the Highway 85 SWPP Relocation project through Southwest Water Authority (SWA). Additionally, Bartlett & West has recent experience with Wagner Construction, Inc. on other rural water projects within the State of North Dakota. These projects are generally similar to the work associated with this Contract. Wagner Construction, Inc. is thus considered a qualified contractor for the work associated with this Contract.

These upgrades are intended to increase the hydraulic capacity to allow for subsequent users to connect to the existing distribution system. Southwest Water Authority has obtained 111 signed Intent to be Subsequent Customer forms throughout the north New England Service Area. These 111 received intent forms sums to an additional 106.25 Equivalent Service Units (ESU's) added to the North New England Service area. Bid Alternate 1 would allow for an additional 12.5 potential service units to be served into the future which is considered to be a likely scenario given the close proximity to the City of Dickinson and the rural development occurring in the area. A review of the received bids and bid items indicates some variance between bidder pricing for bid items such as the PVC piping, road crossings, and the Type 2 PRV's. This variance could be attributed to the smaller nature of this project and bidders having to cover administrative and incidental costs within the provided itemized costs. Overall, the comparison of received bids is generally in line with the Engineer's estimate and is considered fair market value for this type of Project. The comparison of the received bids for Bid Alternate 1 are all below the Engineer's estimate and are considered of good value for the for the upsizing of the 4 miles of 4" PVC parallel pipe to 6" PVC.

The contract documents require that the SWC award the contract, if awarded, within 60 calendar days after the bid opening as stipulated on the Bid Form. That date would be September 20th, 2025. Subject to approval by your legal counsel that the bid documents are in order from a legal standpoint, we recommend that the North Dakota State Water Commission award SWPP Contract 7-2B, Hydraulic Upgrades in the North New England Service Area, to Wagner Construction, Inc. We recommend that SWPP Contract 7-2B, if awarded, should be awarded to Wagner Construction, Inc., including Bid Alternates 1, in the amount of \$1,934,708.82.

Sincerely,

BARTLETT & WEST/AECOM

Keegan Richards, P.E.  
Project Engineer

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HYDRAULIC UPGRADES IN THE NORTH NEW ENGLAND  
SERVICE AREA  
CONTRACT 7-2B3456 East Century Avenue  
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## BID TABULATION

DATE: 7/22/25  
LOCATION: ND DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
W.O. 3033.A38

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Engineer's Estimate		WAGNER CONSTRUCTION INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN		FLATLAND EXCAVATING WATERTOWN, SD		BEK CONSULTING DICKINSON, ND	
				Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
	Bid Schedule No. 1										
1	Mobilization	1	EA	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 119,717.55	\$ 119,717.55	\$ 142,025.00	\$ 142,025.00	\$ 225,765.00	\$ 225,765.00
2	4" Class 160 PVC Pipe, G.J.	20,760	L.F.	\$ 26.00	\$ 539,760.00	\$ 18.02	\$ 374,095.20	\$ 35.00	\$ 726,600.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 622,800.00
3	3" Class 160 PVC Pipe, G.J.	4,350	L.F.	\$ 22.00	\$ 95,700.00	\$ 21.21	\$ 92,263.50	\$ 34.00	\$ 147,900.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 121,800.00
4	4" Restrained Joint Area	220	L.F.	\$ 70.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 68.65	\$ 15,103.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 21,780.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 19,360.00
5	4" Type 3 Road Crossing	3	EA	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 6,433.93	\$ 19,301.79	\$ 15,105.00	\$ 45,315.00	\$ 10,375.00	\$ 31,125.00
6	4" Type 4 Road Crossing	2	EA	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,433.93	\$ 12,867.86	\$ 15,213.00	\$ 30,426.00	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 20,300.00
7	3" Type 4 Road Crossing	2	EA	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 6,009.65	\$ 12,019.30	\$ 15,275.00	\$ 30,550.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
8	3" Type 3 Road Crossing	3	EA	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 6,009.66	\$ 18,028.98	\$ 14,921.00	\$ 44,763.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 30,900.00
9	4" Valve & Box	2	EA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,895.69	\$ 7,791.38	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 5,750.00
10	3" Valve & Box	1	EA	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,722.98	\$ 3,722.98	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
11	2" Valve & Box	1	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,890.59	\$ 6,890.59	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
12	1 1/2" Cleanout	2	EA	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 4,533.58	\$ 9,067.16	\$ 2,642.00	\$ 5,284.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 8,600.00
13	4" Tie-In	3	EA	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 7,838.72	\$ 23,516.16	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 10,725.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 21,600.00
14	3" Tie-In	1	EA	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,718.76	\$ 7,718.76	\$ 3,553.00	\$ 3,553.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
15	Type 2 PRV	5	EA	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 57,758.11	\$ 288,790.55	\$ 73,884.00	\$ 369,420.00	\$ 54,300.00	\$ 271,500.00
16	Type 3 PRV	1	EA	\$ 15,100.00	\$ 15,100.00	\$ 15,405.36	\$ 15,405.36	\$ 23,729.00	\$ 23,729.00	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 7,900.00
17	South Heart VFD Booster Station	1	EA	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 380,255.90	\$ 380,255.90	\$ 358,095.00	\$ 358,095.00	\$ 442,000.00	\$ 442,000.00
18	Lehigh VFD Booster Station	1	EA	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 370,372.91	\$ 370,372.91	\$ 321,669.00	\$ 321,669.00	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 475,000.00
19	4" Gas/Oil Line Crossing	2	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,355.32	\$ 32,710.64	\$ 5,495.00	\$ 10,990.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
	Subtotal Bid Schedule 1 (Items 1-18)				\$ 1,954,560.00		\$ 1,809,639.57		\$ 2,304,266.00		\$ 2,363,000.00
	Bid Adjustment (Addition) or (Deduction)										
	TOTAL BID SCHEDULE 1				\$ 1,954,560.00		\$ 1,809,639.57		\$ 2,304,266.00		\$ 2,363,000.00



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HYDRAULIC UPGRADES IN THE NORTH NEW ENGLAND  
SERVICE AREA  
CONTRACT 7-2B

3456 East Century Avenue  
BISMARCK, ND 58503  
(701) 258-1110

## BID TABULATION

DATE: 7/22/25  
LOCATION: ND DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

W.O. 3033.A38

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Engineer's Estimate		WAGNER CONSTRUCTION INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN		FLATLAND EXCAVATING WATERTOWN, SD		BEK CONSULTING DICKINSON, ND	
				Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
	<b>Bid Alternate 1</b>										
1	Upgrade 4" Class 200 PVC Pipe, G.J. to 6"	20,760	L.F.	\$ 10.50	\$ 217,980.00	\$ 4.56	\$ 94,665.60	\$ 5.00	\$ 103,800.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 124,560.00
2	Upgrade 4" Restrained Joint Area to 6"	220	L.F.	\$ 21.00	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 27.79	\$ 6,113.80	\$ 18.00	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 4,180.00
3	Upgrade 4" Type 3 Road Crossing to 6"	3	EA	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,413.07	\$ 7,239.21	\$ 834.00	\$ 2,502.00	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 10,875.00
5	Upgrade 4" Type 4 Road Crossing to 6"	2	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,413.08	\$ 4,826.16	\$ 938.00	\$ 1,876.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 11,700.00
5	Upgrade 4" Gas/Oil Line Crossing to 6"	2	EA	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 6,112.24	\$ 12,224.48	\$ 3,438.00	\$ 6,876.00	\$ 3,342.50	\$ 6,685.00
	<b>Subtotal Bid Alternate 1</b>				<b>\$ 234,600.00</b>		<b>\$ 125,069.25</b>		<b>\$ 119,014.00</b>		<b>\$ 158,000.00</b>
	Bid Adjustment (Addition) or (Deduction)										
	<b>TOTAL BID ALTERNATE 1</b>				<b>\$ 234,600.00</b>		<b>\$ 125,069.25</b>		<b>\$ 119,014.00</b>		<b>\$ 158,000.00</b>



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PROJECT: SOUTHWEST PIPELINE PROJECT  
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	SUBCONTRACTORS										
	BORING									BORELINERUGBY, ND	
	SEEDING & RECLAMATION					PREMIER LANDSCAPING MINOT, ND				MIDWEST EROSON CONTROL DICKINSON, ND	
	ELECTRICAL					JM ANDERSON BELFIELD, ND				JM ANDERSON BELFIELD, ND	
	CONCRETE									WINN CONSTRUCTION DICKINSON, ND	
	FENCING									MIDWEST EROSON CONTROL DICKINSON, ND	
	SUPPLIERS										
	MANHOLES					CORE & MAIN MINOT, ND		OLD CASTLE		ECP RAPID CTY, SD	
	VALVES & APPURTENANCES					CORE & MAIN MINOT, ND		DAKOTA PUMP MITCHELL, SD		FERGUSON WATERWORKS BISMARCK, ND	
	PIPING					CORE & MAIN MINOT, ND		CORE & MAIN SIOUX FALLS, SD		FERGUSON WATERWORKS BISMARCK, ND	
	PREFABRICATED VAULTS					DAKOTA PUMP MITCHELL, SD		CEMCAST HARFORD, SD		DAKOTA PUMP MITCHELL, SD	

**TO:** Lt. Governor, Michelle Strinden  
Members of the State Water Commission  
  
**FROM:** Reice Haase, Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** SWPP – Supplementary Intake Contract 1-2A – Update  
**DATE:** July 31, 2025

This memo includes the project history, summary of claim related expenses, projection of claim related expenses through September 2025, and overall cost spent to date on the Southwest Pipeline Project's Supplementary Raw Water Intake project.

**Project History:**

The supplementary raw water intake project has been viewed as a need for 15 years. In February of 2010, the State Water Commission (SWC) approved Specific Authorization (SA) 166 which authorized Bartlett & West/AECOM to complete the design and develop bid ready documents for the construction of the intake. In the summer of 2013, bids were received for the project and a construction contract was executed with James .W. Fowler Company (JWF). Also in the summer of 2013, SA 190 was approved with BW/AECOM to provide construction engineering (inspection and management) services for the construction phase of the project.

Since the contractual agreement with JWF, there have been two failed micro-tunneling attempts as well as a failed Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) attempt over the past ten years. The HDD failure was in September of 2022. JWF submitted a differing site condition and constructability claim for the HDD attempt. Resolution of the claim through a mediation process is ongoing. Along with these failures have come multiple change orders to the construction contract and amendments to the SAs for the engineering services over the years, ultimately aimed at successful completion of the intake project.

After the failed HDD attempt, the Contractor, JWF, filed a claim against the state in 2022. In pursuit of claim resolution, the SWC has authorized the amounts shown in Table 1 for claim related expenses.

At the special SWC meeting held on May 28, 2025, global settlement with all involved parties in exchange for a release of all contractual obligations for the project was approved. DWR staff has been working with outside legal counsel to finalize the settlement documents. Outside counsel is also coordinating with counsel for other parties. The settlement agreement will be discussed at the executive session.

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**Table 1: Commission authorization for claim related expenses**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount Authorized</b>
February of 2023	\$ 900,000
April of 2023	\$ 470,000
June of 2023	\$ 270,000
August of 2023	\$ 180,000
October of 2023	\$ 450,000
February of 2024	\$ 150,000
April of 2024	\$ 60,000
June of 2024	\$130,000
August of 2024	\$60,000
October of 2024	\$40,000
February of 2025	\$100,000
June of 2025	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,840,000</b>

**Claim Related Expenses:**

A summary and explanation of the estimated claim expenses through anticipated mediation were provided at the April 2023 meeting. The expenses through mediation were estimated at \$2.1 to \$2.5 million. A summary of expenses to date and estimated anticipated expenses through September 2025 are included in Table 2 and Table 3. With about \$2.77 million expended to date (Table 2) and with the projection of needing an additional \$0.04 million through September (Table 3), no additional funds are projected to be required for mediation expenses.

**Table 2: Expenses paid or invoiced to date related to the claim**

<b>Firm/Company</b>	<b>Claim Related Expenses included in June Memo</b>	<b>June through July Expenses</b>
Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thompson, P.A.	\$ 740,493.99	\$ 46,443.75
Bennett Trenchless Engineers, LLP	\$ 209,172.85	
Dr. Richard Finno	\$ 100,184.38	
Woods Aitken LLP	\$ 74,866.06	\$ 1,187.50
Braun Intertec (Geotechnical Program)	\$ 730,565.07	
BW/AECOM	\$ 742,315.46	\$ 7,682.98
Dakota Appraisal Ltd	\$ 17,500.00	
Spectrum Forensics, LLC	\$ 75,000.00	
Stress Engineering	\$ 22,077.40	
	<b>\$ 2,712,175.21</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>
<b>Total paid to date (rounded to nearest \$1,000)</b>		<b>\$ 2,767,000.00</b>

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**Table 3: Additional estimated expenses through end of September 2025**

<b>Firm/Company</b>	<b>Projected Expenses</b>
Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thompson, P.A.	\$ 20,000
Bennet Trenchess Engineers	\$ -
Dr.Finno	\$ -
Woods Aitken LLP	\$ 10,000
Braun Intertec	\$ -
BW/AECOM	\$ 10,000
Spectrum Forensics	\$ -
Estimated additional expenses through September of 2025	<b>\$ 40,000</b>

Expenses Invoiced/paid	\$ 2,767,000.00
Total estimated through September of 2025	\$ 2,807,000.00
Prior Authorization	\$ 2,840,000.00
<b>Additional authorization requested</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Project Cost Summary:**

Table 4 below is the accounting summary of the construction contract with JWF. Table 5 summarizes the payment summary to JWF and Table 6 summarizes all costs to date including engineering and mediation expenses on the intake contract.



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**Table 4: SWPP Contract 1-2A Construction Contract Costs Summary**

Change Order Number	Date	Amount	Description
1	12/8/14	\$ -	JWF allowed to use SWPP's Reverse Osmosis Concentrate line for dewatering
2	4/23/14	\$ -	Accepted the use of larger reinforced concrete pipe with 73.5" outside diameter
3	2/10/15	\$ 3,500,000.00	Settlement for Differing Site Condition (DSC) claim during caisson construction
4	5/21/15	\$ (6,022.00)	Elimination of shaft ladder
5	7/27/15	\$ 29,557.00	Increase in screen size to match the larger intake pipe
6R	7/18/17	\$ -	Acceptance of revised microtunneling alignment and other details
7	1/25/18	\$ -	Negotiation of reduced liquidated damages and extension of the contract completion date to December 31, 2018
8	4/2/21	\$ -	Acceptance of Horizontal Directional Drilling plan, renegotiation of the Liquidated damages, extension of contract completion date to February 28, 2023
9	3/25/22	\$ 9,068,203.00	Mediated settlement agreement for JWF to stay and complete the project, release of claim for engineering expenses, release of JWF's claim of DSC and defective plans and specifications
Total		\$ 12,591,738.00	

Total Change Order Costs	\$	12,591,738.00
Bid Cost	\$	12,994,000.00
Total Contract Amount	\$	25,585,738.00

Contract Payment to JWF	\$	(21,530,019.00)
Contract Amount Remaining	\$	4,055,719.00

**Table 5: SWPP Contract 1-2A Construction Payments to JWF**

Payment Number	Date	Payment Amount
1	22-Apr-14	\$ 809,370.00
2	02-Jul-14	\$ 163,075.00
3	05-Aug-14	\$ 297,261.00
4	13-Aug-14	\$ 1,429,047.00
5	19-Sep-14	\$ 664,136.00
6	22-Oct-14	\$ 611,364.00
7	20-Nov-14	\$ 624,025.00
8	30-Dec-14	\$ 336,078.00
9	14-Jan-15	\$ 376,016.86
10	12-Feb-15	\$ 2,830,548.54
11	13-Mar-15	\$ 1,078,280.55
12	09-Apr-15	\$ 541,364.63
13	12-May-15	\$ 91,588.20
14	10-Jun-15	\$ 160,741.64
15	15-Jul-15	\$ 181,286.71
16	14-Aug-15	\$ 935,621.82
17	21-Sep-15	\$ 455,932.50
		\$11,585,737.45 *
18	10-May-22	\$ 5,111,262.17
19	08-Jun-22	\$ 1,450,700.63
20	22-Jun-22	\$ 1,223,157.02
21	18-Jul-22	\$ 869,914.22
22	11-Aug-22	\$ 801,762.97
23	09-Sep-22	\$ 487,484.41

\$11,585,737.45

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\$ 9,944,281.42

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**Total                      \$            21,530,018.87**

\*Total Payments prior to First Microtunneling failure

\*\*Total Payments prior to HDD Failure

**Table 6: SWPP Contract 1-2A Total Costs Summary**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount Spent to Date</b>
Design and bid ready documents (BW/AECOM)	2011 to 2013	\$1,014,000
Construction Engineering (BW/AECOM)	2013 to present	\$2,622,000
Construction Contract (JWF)	2013 to present	\$21,530,000
HDD Claim related expenses (Multiple vendors)	November of 2022 to present	\$2,767,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$27,933,000</b>

RH/JF:1736-99

## MEMORANDUM

To: Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors, Staff  
From: Justin Froseth, PE, Southwest Pipeline Project Manager  
Subject: SWPP Project Update  
Date: August 27, 2025

### **Contract 1-2A Supplementary Raw Water Intake:**

Following the special meeting on May 28, where the primary terms of a global settlement agreement were approved, DWR staff, in coordination with outside counsel, continued work to finalize the settlement agreements. The involved contractors and their representatives also participated in finalizing the agreements. The nearly finalized settlement agreements were presented during the executive session of the August 14 State Water Commission meeting, where the Commission voted to approve the final terms. The agreements will now be circulated to all parties for execution.

### **Existing Intake Improvements:**

BW/AECOM has been progressing to develop bid-ready documents for upgrading pumps and related equipment to achieve the additional capacity outlined in the executed amendment with Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The Specific Authorization (SA) schedules bidding this project this fall, with construction anticipated to be completed in 2027.

The design team met with DWR staff and SWA staff to discuss the design progress and answer questions from the design team. The design team will incorporate feedback from that design meeting.

Despite advancing this interim project, efforts remain focused on completing the supplementary raw water intake to fulfill the Southwest Pipeline Project's ultimate intake capacity requirements.

### **Distribution Upgrades – Strategic Plan**

#### **Prong 1 Transmission Improvements**

##### West Zone Main Transmission Expansion:

At the October 2024 SWC meeting, the SWC approved proceeding with bid-ready documents for Design 3, estimated at \$40.4 million, following the recommendation of DWR staff. The SA with BW/AECOM has been amended to include a topographical survey of the pipeline route. Bid-ready documents will be segmented to accommodate construction and budget constraints.

BW/AECOM is conducting topographical and boundary surveys of the proposed parallel pipeline alignments and is obtaining land access permissions to complete the surveys. Scott Foster Engineering has completed their surge analysis critical to finalizing the preliminary design. BW/AECOM is finalizing the preliminary design report (PDR)

#### **Buffalo Gap Tank:**

The project construction is in full swing. Some foundation concrete work has been installed and will continue in the days ahead. The tank steel is expected to arrive in early October. The schedule reflects meeting the milestone completion in late November, allowing the tank to be operational by December 1, 2025. Final project completion is expected by June 2026.

### **Prong 2 Strategic Improvements**

#### **North New England Strategic Hydraulic Improvements**

The bid opening was conducted on July 22nd. Three bids were received, with Wagner Construction submitting the apparent low bid. However, due to ongoing litigation related to a NAWS project, the State has elected to defer any award decision until the conclusion of Wagner's opportunity to appeal a judge's ruling. That deadline is September 9. Following that date, DWR will determine whether to proceed with an award to Wagner Construction or consider another qualified bidder.

### **Prong 3– Expansion into Under-Served Areas**

#### **Burt-Hebron Service Area:**

The Hebron Service Area rural distribution project is in the final design phase, with plans expected to be ready for bidding by early 2026 and construction commencing later that year. Bartlett and West submitted an initial iteration of final design plans illustrating the full project scope and cost assuming all signups are served. Following this submittal, the project team has discussed the best approach to serve the most signups. Part of the process is SWA outreach to the current signup customers to discuss whether they would be willing to signup for additional units. Also, the outreach includes some investigation of other potentials that may be willing to sign up so that feasibility criteria can be met, especially in the harder to serve areas. The final design remains iterative to balance signups, feasibility, and design adjustments.

#### **Southwest Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) Expansion:**

Project progress continues. The shoring system is nearly complete which will lend to the structural concrete ramping up in the months ahead. The contractor recently updated their 6-week look ahead schedule which includes significant concrete work to be completed.

BW/AECOM's submittal review is ongoing, with several Work Change Directives (WCDs) issued. The number and scope of these WCDs are within expectations for a project of this scale.

**Metallic Pipeline Replacement:**

DWR is working with BW/AECOM on an SA to develop bid-ready documents for metallic pipeline replacement. The segments prioritized for 2025 final design are those most affected by Microbiologically Induced Corrosion near Dodge, ND.

**Gevo/Net-Zero Richardton (NZ-R), LLC Water Service Contract:**

Following SWC's approval of the draft agreement with Gevo in June, the mutual participation agreement for the Raw Water Implementation Plan Update was executed. Under this agreement, Gevo will cover costs related to scope items that directly benefit them, as well as proportional share of joint scope items benefiting both Gevo and the State. DWR has shared the SA scope of work with Gevo and is working with BW/AECOM to finalize the SA for this effort.

**Dunn County Preliminary Design:**

The SWC approved proceeding with preliminary design for Dunn County. As this project does not align with the current hydraulic improvement prioritization, Dunn County has agreed to fund the preliminary design, estimated at approximately \$110,000. The agreement is fully executed, and DWR is working with BW/AECOM to finalize the SA for this preliminary design.

# Project Funding

## Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) Funding Sources

### State Funding (in millions of dollars)

Resources Trust Fund ..... \$303.32  
Water Development Trust Fund ..... \$8.55

#### Bonds

USDA – Rural Development ..... \$15.81  
Public Revenue Bonds ..... \$7.05  
ND Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund ..... \$1.50  
**Subtotal** ..... **\$336.23**

### Federal Funding

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District –  
Municipal Rural & Industrial (MR&I) Fund  
(ARRA Funding \$11.90) ..... \$105.63  
USDA – Rural Development (RUS) ..... \$15.36  
Natural Resources Conservation Service PL566 .. \$0.93  
**Subtotal** ..... **\$121.92**

**Total Funding: \$458.15**

(As of July 31, 2025)



### Capital Replacement Funding

State Fiscal Recovery Fund ..... \$4.50  
Replacement & Extraordinary Maintenance .... \$2.14  
**Subtotal** ..... **\$6.64**



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# MEMORANDUM

To: Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors

From: Jen Murray, Manager/CEO

Subject: SWA Construction and O&M Update – Incidental Information

Date: August 26, 2025

This memo updates the SWA Board of Directors on ongoing and upcoming SWA Construction and O&M activities.

## SWA Construction:

Wagner Construction, Inc., mobilized and construction started on June 9, 2025, for the relocation of the SWPP along US Highway 85 from the Junction of Highway 200 to Long X Bridge. Five segments of relocations were completed in the month of August. Wagner is on schedule and should be finished by the substantial completion date of November 1, 2025.

## West Medora

SWA continues to work with the city of Medora and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to provide for their water needs on the west side of Medora. Medora and TRMF have reached an agreement that the new hotel will be served by the city of Medora for water and sewer services. The infrastructure for these services has yet to be constructed. SWA is working with these entities to provide an interim solution.

## OMNI Environmental

SWA met with OMNI Environmental in August to discuss the use of raw water near Richardton. OMNI Environmental utilizes integrated solutions to provide efficient, responsible processing, recovery, and disposal of customers' waste, while minimizing unnecessary environmental impacts. This location is being examined for a rail-tie recycling facility. Their water needs are being evaluated.

## Treatment:

The Dakota Gasification Company CO<sub>2</sub> plant has scheduled another period of being offline. SWA received a delivery on August 25, 2025, and both plants are full. If deliveries are needed over the month of September, they will need to be delivered from Iowa or Wyoming. The DWTP is using approximately 40,000 pounds (one truckload) every two weeks during peak season. If the weather gets cooler, the usage will go down. Reduced availability of CO<sub>2</sub> for water supply has been an ongoing issue for several years and is the reason the SWTP expansion will have an upsized CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank.

SWTP's operating computer had a hard drive failure in October 2024. The operating software was commissioned through Tonka Water, which is now Kurita. SWA has been informed that the software is no longer supported and needs to be upgraded. SWA has executed the contract through Kurita/Tonka Water. The replacement computer system and Allen Bradley FactoryTalk SE software programming is expected to take 26-30 weeks. The ability to do CIPs at the SWTP has been the primary focus. The Assistant Manager updated firmware on Eaton VFD drives for the SWTP CIP pumps. The communication fault still exists after the update. We are waiting to hear back from an Eaton representative for an on-site visit.



Evoqua, the filter press supplier at the Residuals Handling Facility, completed a retrofit of the shifters in May 2024. Since that time, problems have persisted. The plate hangers were not changed in the retrofit. Evoqua has stated that they are aware of the continued issues and are in the process of redesigning the shifters. Evoqua has received quotes for the castings and are evaluation their effectiveness.

WTP Operators replaced a failed safety light curtain at the Residuals Handling Facility on the South Press. The light curtain is a beam of light, when crossed, immediately shuts down the machine to prevent injury.

The WTP Manager and Assistant Manager participated in the Partnering Meeting with Rice Lake West and DWR at the Department of Water Resources office on August 19, 2025.

Operators have completed 71 regular maintenance work orders for August.

#### Distribution Operations:

On August 8, 2025, the mixer at the Halliday Reservoir was removed and taken to Ixom for warranty repairs. Ixom provided SWA with a replacement mixer that was installed that same day to maintain water quality. While installing the mixer, staff thought that they dropped a roll of paper shop towels into the tank. Staff isolated the Halliday tank and switched the Dunn Center BPS Halliday Valve to pressure mode to prevent the towels from plugging pipelines. Noah Krebs of Bartlett and West used their underwater drone to retrieve a single shop towel and a hook used to lift the mixer by the chain in and out of the tank.

On August 12, 2025, staff assisted JK Excavation to repair a leak on the 16" C905/165 line near a 16" X 4" tapping saddle connection in Contract 2-8E. The 71st Ave SW Road bore does not line up with the main line so a restraint joint 16" X 4" tee and 4" restraint joint valve was used in conjunction with two Romac Alpha couplers to repair the deflected pipe.

On August 12, 2025, staff assisted Gary Glasser to repair a leak on the subsequent Chance Wilhelm line in Contract 7-9C. Water was leaking out of the 2" pack joint of the curb stop. Glasser tried to tighten the pack joint but could not get it to tighten any more. Glasser removed the pack joint and could not find anything wrong with it. He replaced the 2" pack joint and reconnected the 2" yelomine pipe which repaired the leak. It was agreed that SWA and Glasser would split the repair bill since it was unclear if Glasser had overtightened the fitting causing the leak or if there was a defect in the fitting supplied by SWA.

On August 13, 2025, staff assisted JK Excavation to repair a leak on the 16" C905/305 line near a 2" blow off at a creek crossing in Contract 2-8F. A 16" Hymax coupling was leaking due to defected pipe at the creek crossing. Replacing the Hymax coupling with a Romac Alpha coupling allowed water to flow as intended.

On August 14, 2025, assisted JK Excavation to relocate a segment of 3" CL 160 pipe to accommodate Country Club Road improvements near Hettinger, ND, in Contract 7-4.

On August 14, 2025, staff provided access to the Richardton BPS and assisted Cummins technician Cory Jaeger to replace the transfer power command HMI control box of the utility power transfer switch. The replacement control box began to display faults similar to the original control box just before it got hot and went blank. Jaegar feels the entire transfer switch should be cleaned, tested, and repaired. Cummins and Bartlett and West were contacted for options for a path forward.

#### Lead Service Line Inventory:

SWA staff continue to collect information for the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) for the NDDEQ. SWA has collected inventories from 4,501 accounts, or 57.6% of all connections. The survey link remains active on the SWA website, and O&M staff continue to collect the information during routine operations and new connections.

### Consolidated Phone System Replacement

The proposal for replacing the phone system was submitted to Consolidated after receiving approval from the Board at the August meeting. SWA has provided them with the pre-installation information, which includes all the extensions and locations for the new phones. As of this memo, all of the components have been shipped, and installation is scheduled for the week of September 8, 2025.

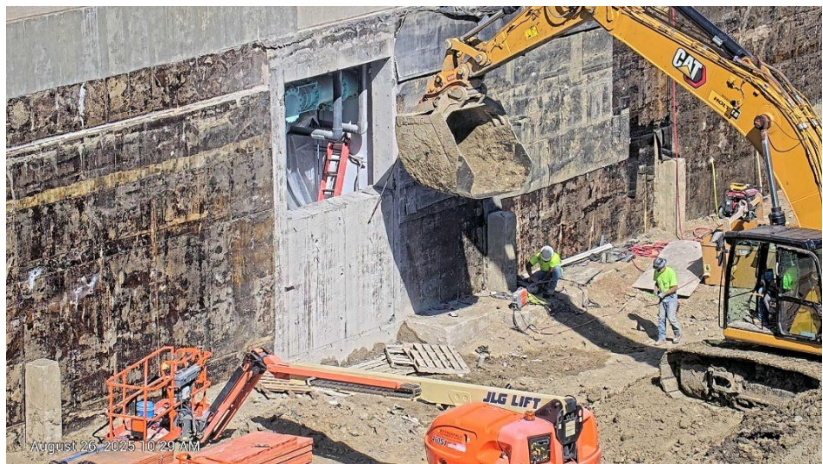
### Staff

SWA Distribution Operator Kurt Glines was promoted to Chief Water Distribution Operator.

In August, SWA welcomed Travis Plenis as our new Water Maintenance Worker II in Hazen. The other open Water Maintenance Worker position has been filled.

Perry Grammond attended the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Workshop on August 26, 2025.

### Southwest Water Treatment Plant Construction Photos



### Buffalo Gap Tank Photos

Inlet pipe encasement



Outlet pipe size 4 rebar





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## MEMORANDUM

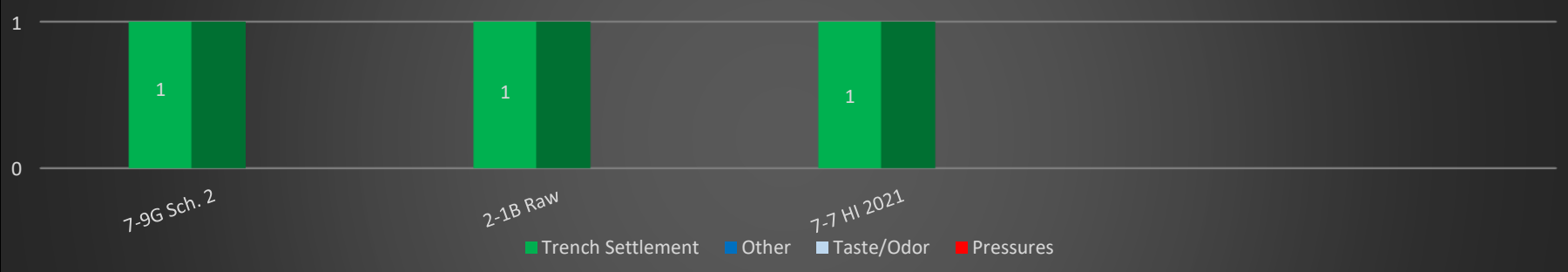
**TO:** Jen Murray, Manager/CEO, Southwest Water Authority  
**FROM:** Misti Conzemius, Marketing Manager, Southwest Water Authority  
**SUBJECT:** Report for August, 2025  
**RE:** Marketing Manager's Incidental Information  
**DATE:** August 20, 2025

### AUGUST 2025 SIGN-UP REPORT

#### SUBSEQUENT CUSTOMERS

NAME	TYPE OF CUSTOMER	SERVICE AREA	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Brad & Jodi Chinn	Standard	7-8G Fairfield	146-99-22
Brad & Jodi Chinn	Standard	7-8E Fairfield	145-98-32
T. J. Moore	Standard	7-8E Fairfield	144-98-12
Larry Hagen	Standard	7-8E Fairfield	144-98-12
Larry Hagen	Pasture Tap	7-8E Fairfield	144-98-12
Roger Bushor	Standard	7-1B Taylor	141-92-12
Jared Lovaas	Standard	7-8G Fairfield	145-99-2
Dakota Hayes	Standard	7-2 New England	139-95-28
Monica Soto	Standard	7-1B Davis Buttes	140-96-20
Colt Mavity & Chad Jepson	Standard	7-8G Fairfield	146-98-35
Cory Thompson	Standard	7-1B Davis Buttes	140-95-33
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Shawn Lee	Pasture Tap	7-8G Fairfield	146-98-29
Qwain Malkowski	Pasture Tap	7-8E Fairfield	143-99-28
Shawn Kluver	High Consumption 3	7-8G Fairfield	145-99-12
Shawn Kluver	Standard	7-8G Fairfield	145-97-30
Gene Pojorlie	Pasture Tap	7-8G Fairfield	147-99-29
Steve Burian	Pasture Tap	7-8E Fairfield	144-98-31
Steve Burian	Pasture Tap	7-8E Fairfield	144-98-32
Kasey Malkowski	Pasture Tap	7-8E Fairfield	144-99-11
Kasey Malkowski	Pasture Tap	7-8E Fairfield	143-99-22

Twenty-one (21) subsequent customers signed up in August and 81 subsequent customers have been added year-to-date. A total of 135 customer quotes have been given year-to-date. SWA had a total of 3013 active subsequent users in August.

2025 COMPLAINTS																								
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County	Waiting List Locations	Standard Service	Pasture Tap Service	High Consumption	Other
<b>Adams</b>	25 locations	12	12	1	0
<b>Billings</b>	69 locations	18	47	2	2
<b>Bowman</b>	76 locations	45	26	4	1
<b>Dunn</b>	84 locations	44	37	1	2
<b>Golden Valley</b>	65 locations	29	32	2	2
<b>Grant</b>	54 locations	43	11	0	0
<b>Hettinger</b>	46 locations	28	15	3	0
<b>Mercer</b>	27 locations	12	15	0	0
<b>Morton</b>	104 locations	55	46	3	0
<b>Oliver</b>	1 location	1	0	0	0
<b>Slope</b>	61 locations	36	20	5	0
<b>Stark</b>	132 locations	117	12	2	1
<b>Grassy Butte (McKenzie County)</b>	0 locations	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Waiting List</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>

Other: Subdivisions, Additional Capacity, or Higher Usage

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**WAITING LIST REQUESTS BY CLASSIFICATION**

SERVICE AREA	WAITING LIST START DATE	STD	PT	HC	OTHER	TOTAL
7-1B DAVIS BUTTES	10/3/2022	12	2	0	0	14
7-1B NEW HRADEC		0	0	0	0	0
7-2 NEW ENGLAND*	3/6/2012	127	24	4	0	155
7-2A BELFIELD	3/6/2013	1	0	0	1	2
7-3 JUNG LAKE	3/1/2016	25	7	2	0	34
7-4 BUCYRUS		0	0	0	0	0
7-5 HEBRON**	5/30/2017	3	1	0	0	4
7-6 BURT**	3/15/2012	58	30	1	0	89
7-7 BOWMAN	6/13/2012	72	38	7	1	118
7-8 BEACH	10/5/2011	29	32	2	0	63
7-8 FRYBURG	6/20/2016	7	6	1	3	17
7-8C TOWER HILL/JUNCTION INN/ NORTH CROWN BUTTE	TOWER HILL-7/29/2015 JUNCTION INN-12/1/2015 N. CROWN BUTTE-1/20/2021	41	33	3	0	77
7-8 FAIRFIELD/GRASSY BUTTE POCKET	10/17/2016	16	42	2	1	61
7-9B KILLDEER MOUNTAIN		0	0	0	0	0
7-9E WEST CENTER	7/24/2019	12	17	0	0	29
7-9G DUNN CENTER	10/20/2017	36	39	1	2	78
7-9G HALLIDAY	1/3/2021	1	2	0	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>		440	273	23	8	744

\*Intent forms signed for hydraulic improvement project in this area will decrease waiting list numbers by a total of 111.

\*\*Current signups from Burt and Hebron service areas will decrease waiting list numbers by 93.

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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors

**From:** Jen Murray, Manager/CEO

**Subject:** National Rural Water Association WaterPro Conference – Incidental Information

**Date:** August 18, 2025

The National Rural Water Association WaterPro Conference will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA on September 15-17, 2025. Directors Gaugler, Seifert, and I will be in attendance. Eric Volk, ND Rural Water, will be giving a presentation on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. His presentation will focus on North Dakota's water journey over the past 55 years showcasing how the state has ensured access to affordable, ample and high-quality water for all its residents. The agenda can be found here:

<https://www.waterproconference.org>.



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July 29, 2025

## MEETING NOTICE

Representative Steve Swiontek, Chairman, has called a meeting of the **WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**.

**Date:** Thursday, September 18, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Roughrider Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

**Video:** This meeting can be viewed online at <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

**Agenda:** Discussion of the statutory duties assigned to the committee; presentations and discussion regarding the committee's studies relating to storm water project policies and funding sources, the feasibility and desirability of establishing a wastewater project fund, and the feasibility and desirability of assigning management authority for the waters of the state to the area located in the naturally occurring watershed, rather than assigning management authority based on political subdivision boundaries; receipt of required reports; and other matters related to committee directives

**Special Note:** Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and needs assistance because of a disability should contact the Legislative Council staff as soon as possible.

**Committee Members:** Representatives Steve Swiontek, Mike Beltz, Mike Berg, Liz Conmy, Jay Fisher, Jon O. Nelson, Todd Porter, Dan Ruby, Matthew Ruby, Daniel R. Vollmer; Senators Randy A. Burckhard, Michael Dwyer, Justin Gerhardt, Larry Luick, Ronald Sorvaag, Paul J. Thomas, Mark F. Weber

**Staff Contacts:** Dustin A. Richard, Counsel  
Levi Kinnischtzke, Senior Fiscal Analyst

Any member unable to attend this meeting is asked to notify this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/S/  
John Bjornson  
Director

JB/HD



## **AGENDA**

### **Perkins County Rural Water System Board Meeting**

**Date: August 14th, 2025 Time: 4:30 PM**

**PCRWS Office, Bison, SD**

- 1. Call to Order.....President**
  - A) Additions and Approval of Agenda\*\* .....Board**
  - B) Minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025\*\* .....Board**
- 2. Financial Report.....**
  - A) Approve paid and unpaid bills\*\* .....Board**
  - B) Financial Reports\*\* .....Board**
- 3. Delegations**
- 4. Bartlett & West.....Nathan Danner**
- 5. Managers Report.....Staff**
- 6. Directors Reports.....Board**
- 7. All Other Matters.....Board**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting**

**Date: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Time: 4:30 pm**

**\*\*BOARD ACTION NECESSARY**

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July 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Don Melling at 4:30 PM MT at the Perkins County Rural Water Sys. Inc. board room in Bison, SD. Other directors present were Pat Dalzell, Brian Morris, Luke Clements and Lynn Frey. Board members absent were none. Also in attendance were Shiloh Baysinger and Brandi Baysinger, staff.

#### **Agenda**

Motion by Luke Clements, seconded by Brian Morris, to approve agenda, motion passed.

#### **Minutes**

Motion by Don Melling, seconded by Pat Dalzell, to approve the June 13th, 2025, minutes, motion passed.

#### **Financial Report**

Motion by Pat Dalzell, seconded by Brian Morris, to approve paid and unpaid bills with addition, motion passed.

Motion by Pat Dalzell, seconded by Luke Clements, to approve financial reports, motion passed.

#### **Delegations**

None

#### **Bartlett & West**

No report

#### **Managers' Report**

Shiloh Baysinger reported on a quote received from BL Contracting to reskin the shop building which would be submitted to Attorney Melling. The VFD can be repaired with 2 yr warranty for approximately \$2800; BOR did not allocate funding to any locations in South Dakota; USDA has a list that Bartlett & West now has to work through application process; LP48 and PRV are in need of repair; Rural Water Center is collecting funds for and Advocacy Report.

Motion by Lynn Frey, seconded by Brian Morris, to send Rural Water Center \$500 for the Advocacy Report, motion passed.

#### **Director's Report**

Luke Clements reported that the SDARWS Board President and Executive Director plan to make system visits and that a new dues structure is being discussed. Lynn Frey reported on Tri County's system updates; EPA increased funding; strong campaign for USDA RD; new apprenticeship coordinator; DANR is working on a presentation for the legislature and different funding options.

#### **All Other Matters**

Brandi Baysinger reported that the 2024 audit is on going.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm MT

Next meeting August 14th, 2025, at 4:30 pm MT.

**Southwest Water Authority  
Board of Directors**

**Parking Lot  
September 2, 2025**

Item

Date put on Parking Lot

Agenda Date

# Planning Agenda

DATE: Monday, October 6, 2025 TIME: 9:00 A.M. MDT LOCATION: SWA O&M Center Office  
 ASSIGNMENTS

☐ Director Eaton ☐ Wendy Serhienko ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scribe/Flip Chart Minutes Reporter  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Director Engelhardt ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Timekeeper Process Observer Warm-up

MEETING OBJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN		ACTUAL CLOCK	AGENDA ITEMS	WHO	METHOD	DESIRED OUTCOMES
TIME	CLOCK START					
			Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance			Meeting readiness
			Review Agenda			Additions, focus meeting
			Consent Agenda		Voice Vote	Meet legal requirements
			Board Monitoring Policy III.A. Governing Style		Monitoring	
			Policy II.C. Executive Limitations-Financial Condition		Roll Call	
			Policy II.E. Executive Limitations-Asset Protection		Roll Call	
			Review issues pending / Parking Lot / Plan next agenda			
			Monitoring			
			Adjourn			

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## Description

North Dakotans have united to address the state's water challenges by integrating the interests of households, rural water systems, municipalities, industrial users, and agricultural producers. This collaborative effort has resulted in large, rural & regional water systems that provide long-term, sustainable, and affordable solutions. Strong leadership and a commitment to prioritizing residents' needs have been key to this success. As a national leader in water system regionalization, North Dakota's journey over the past 55 years will be highlighted, showcasing how the state has ensured access to affordable, ample, and high-quality water for all its residents. This presentation will offer valuable insights into the strategies and innovations that have made this achievement possible.

## Presenter

Eric Volk, Executive Director  
ND Rural Water

Eric has been employed with ND Rural Water since 2002, where he started as a water system training specialist. He was named executive director in the fall of 2010. Eric is a life-long resident of North Dakota and currently lives in Mandan. Eric holds a biology/chemistry degree from the University of Mary and is a two-time member of the University's Athletic Hall of Fame.