

Big Mesa MDWCA

Minutes from August 08, 2026

BOD Attending: Jeff Mechenbier, Jeff Strom, Rhiannon Peterson, Steve Jones

Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 11, 2026, meeting was posted on the website and sent to members of the Board. There were no additions or corrections to the Draft Minutes.

Motion to approve Steve Jones, second Jeff Strom. Vote was Unanimous.

Treasure's Report: Jeff Strom reported total of all accounts as of July 31 ,2026 was \$391,860.22. Misc. Trash Sales of \$871.32.

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Water Managers Report: Jay Allen reported total gallons pumped 1,866,280 with total gallons billed of 1,671,305. Microbiologic sample 7/13, 2026 was Absent. HAA5 and TTHM were not tested as July was a bye month. There were no installations and no lockouts with no tampering fee imposed. There were no billed leaks.

Motion to approve the Water Managers Report made by Steve Jones, second Jeff Strom. Vote was Unanimous.

Business Managers Report: Beate Merkert reported total amount billed for July was \$44,282.36 including \$870.89 in penalties and \$100 in membership fees with \$100 in transfer fees and \$0 in Installations. Monthly Expenses including payroll were \$52,358.46 Beate reported the logging of trash disposal has begun on August 3rd. The engine replacement on the work barge is complete. The Final quarterly FY 2026 Budget Report as well as the FY 2027 Budget have been Submitted on July 31 and we await approval. Motion to approve Office Managers Report Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote was Unanimous.

RAIL

- Big Mesa Capitol Projects – Jeff Mechenbier reported the skid pump is being adjusted by JHC to achieve 100% performance. The new system was run for three hours and the results met expectations. We hope to have it online and complete by the first of September. OPEN

- Kelly McFarland CPA- Beate informed the board that Kelly's proposal increased by 38%. Big Mesa will terminate our contract. CLOSED
- Burn Pile- Will continue to accept green waste and await the lifting of the Burn Ban by San Miguel County. OPEN
- Board Training- Beate will send links to the Board regarding opportunities. OPEN
- FY 2027 Interim Budget- Submitted to DFA and accepted. CLOSED
- Compactor Container- Beate encouraged the board to table at this time. TABLED
- Electrical Cable for Pump Dock- Discussion was that once material was purchased that Chancie "Cowboy Electric" would install the shielded cable replacing the unshielded cable. OPEN
- Community Collection Center Changes- Started two-month trail to gathering feedback to monitor changes to trash services in August. OPEN
- Tucumcari Land Discussion- Board discussed and a motion to table was passed. TABLED
- LNC Consulting- Beate was encouraged by her meeting with Lindsay and is recommending that we move forward with the proposal. OPEN
- Outboard Motor for the Work Barge- Motor has been installed. CLOSED
- Road Work- Jay reported on San Miguel County's progress. CLOSED
- AI POLICY- Policy has been implemented. CLOSED

NEW BUSINESS

- I&C Solutions Contract- Contract was reviewed by the Board. Consensus was that Robbie was the best option. Motion to approve Contract with I&C by Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote was unanimous. CLOSED

- Water Leak Forgiveness/ Walter- Jay reported on the application and photos of completion. Recommendation was to approve the One-Time Forgiveness. Motion Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote was unanimous. CLOSED
- Operations and Maintenance Plan Update- Update discussed and motion to approve by Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote was Unanimous. CLOSED
- Emergency Response Plan Update- Update discussed and motion to approve Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote was Unanimous. CLOSED
- Sampling Plan Update- Update discussed and motion to approve Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote was Unanimous. CLOSED
- Safe Home Security- Discussion was to fulfill our contract and pay to August 2027. CLOSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT

8:48 - Motion to Adjourn Jeff Strom, second Steve Jones. Vote Unanimous