

La Plata West Water Authority
Board of Director's Meeting
April 8, 2026
555 CR 122, Hesperus, CO

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 PM
2. **Roll Call:** James Campbell, Sharon Orr, Wanda Cason, Aaron Preator, (Teleconference), Tyler Paulek, Steve Krest, Pete Nylander (Teleconference), Yvonne Ellis
Absent: Conrad Jacket
3. **Public Comment**-none
4. **Agenda Approval**
Motion made by Steve, second by Tyler; unanimous approval
5. **Minutes Approval:** 2/28/26-Consent Agenda correction; minutes-3/11/2026
 - a. Consent agenda correction for 2/28/2026 to add names in motion
Motion made by Steve, second by Wanda; unanimous approval
 - b. 3/11/26 minutes-Motion made by Steve second by Tyler; unanimous approval
6. **Financial Report**
 - a. Consent Agenda: Budget vs Actuals: P&L Balance Sheets, S&M; P&L Transaction Detail (3/31/2026)
Motion made by Tyler, second by Wanda; unanimous approval
7. **Operations and Business**
 - A. Office Manager Report
 1. Water Fill Station-258, 325 gallons (March), YTD-666,438 gallons. 174 customers.
 2. Two Subscribers notified that as of April 15th, they are responsible for payment of renter's water services. Most landlords include water in rental agreement.
 3. TextMyGov is an effective tool for notifications of closures, delinquency, disconnects.
 4. Ongoing inquiries regarding transferability- a clear legal statement needed that taps are not transferable.
 5. LPWWA is direct point of contact for labs, CDPHE, parts, supplies, contracted services.
 6. City of Durango installed a public camera on the intake building; MOU for internet service.
 7. Pass through Pumping operations (LDWA)-March 20-25. SCADA system issues during auto shutdown; Russ Howard suggested manual operations to protect infrastructure due to concerns about prior maintenance. Brownhill scheduled for April 13th 2026.
 8. ORC trained Technician to do quarterly Tank inspections. Favorable residuals now.
 9. Completed mapping of service connections in ESRI, weekly inspection of PRVs, emergency repair, meters replaced.
 10. Bill.com-remove Frank, add Steve
8. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Operation, Management, Repair (OM&R)
 - a. Booster Pump roof installation update
 1. Technician will complete the installation of the metal roof over the Booster on April 18th.
 - b. Intake and Booster/Pumping schedule
 1. LDWA wants to pump May 1st.
 2. Brownhill scheduled to return April 13th.

c. ALP Bulk Water Purchase

Motion made by Sharon to purchase the contracted 13 acre feet of water for \$46,759. 62 as outlined in letter from ALP dated April 6, 2026, second by Steve; unanimous approval. Closing will be on or about May 15, 2026.

d. LDWA water rate update

1. It is necessary to negotiate an operating agreement before water rate is agreed upon.
2. Authority needs to compile fixed and variable costs.

B. Strategic Plan

a. Congressional Directed Spending grant (CDS), WaterSmart grant, SRF application, DOLA grant writing application

1. CDS-\$2 million- cross river on 122 and line to Miramonte (11 people)-grant submitted
2. WaterSmart grant-\$1.5 million-cross the river-Drought Response Program
3. DOLA writing grant-application submitted for a co-writer for WaterSmart grant
4. State Revolving Fund (SRF)-will start application soon

C. Management: R&R, Bylaws, Board Manual, Employee Handbook

a. In progress

9. **Tabled and Unfinished Business**

- a. Liens update- attorney will file one and work on another one.

10. **New Business**

- a. LDWA residential water restrictions/possible implications for LPWWA-N/A

11. **Other Business**

- a. \$300 annual membership will be sent to Water Information Program (WIP).
- b. Security cameras at booster and tank will be purchased and 50% reimbursement will be provided by our Insurance carrier.

12. **Adjourn: 8:30 PM**

Next Meetings: May 13, 2026, 6:30 PM; June 10, 2026, 6:30 PM

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