

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LITTLE THOMPSON WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of Little Thompson Water District (LTWD) met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Attendance was as follows:

Board of Directors:

Emily McMurtrey, President
Bill Szmyd, Vice-President
Larry Brandt, Treasurer
Ryan Heiland
Ed Martens
James J. Walker

Staff in Attendance:

Amber Kauffman, District Manager
Angela Diekhoff, Business Manager
Brad E. Eaton, District Engineer
James Sutherland, Water Resources Manager
Reese Saxton, Operations Manager
Kammy Tinney, Business Project Manager
Judy O'Malley, Recording Secretary
Clayton Orback, Civil Engineer II

Other Attendees:

Allison Ulmer, District Legal Counsel; Collins, Cole, Winn, and Ulmer, PLLC
Steve Hilde, Arrowhead Development, LLC; Redtail Estates Developer and District Resident
Stephanie Stewart, Bradbury Companies; Meadow Ridge Developer

CALL TO ORDER

The recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance* occurred, followed by President Emily McMurtrey calling the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

It was moved by Director Bill Szmyd and seconded by President McMurtrey to excuse the absence of Director Garret Maurer. Motion carried unanimously.

All other Directors were present resulting in a quorum of six of seven members in attendance.

AGENDA REVIEW

President McMurtrey recommended discussion in Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) §24-6-402(4) subparts (b) "conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions" and (e) for "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators" as it pertains to Agenda Items 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6.

It was moved by Director Szmyd and seconded by Director Larry Brandt to approve the agenda as presented, including discussion in Executive Session as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

President McMurtrey opened the Public Comments period at 5:02 p.m. for non-agenda comments. There were no public comments on non-agenda items, and the Public Comments period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Brandt and seconded by Director Ed Martens to approve the Consent Agenda, with a correction to the July 16, 2026, Minutes from "Special Meeting" to "Regular Meeting", including:

- **Minutes of the July 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**
- **Minutes of the August 3, 2026, Board Work Session**
- **Tap List 727**
- **July 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$1,619,589.66**
 - ❖ **Operating Account: \$1,205,996.83**
 - **ACH Manual Check Numbers 7411 to 7475 - \$628,501.16**
 - **Manual Check Numbers 13062 to 13098 - \$577,495.67**
 - ❖ **Payroll Account: \$413,592.83 (Two bi-weekly payroll periods paid in July)**
 - **ACH Transmittal Vouchers 2860 to 2872 - \$208,511.26**
 - **ACH Direct Deposit Numbers 15873 to 15946 - \$205,081.57**
- **July 2026 Financial Report**
- **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Engineering Services at Hicks Legacy Regional Water Authority**

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Heron Lakes Marina Variance Request:

District Manager Amber Kauffman presented the details of the Variance Request to the Board. Heron Lakes Marina is a proposed 105 lot residential development located within the LTWD service area. The development property has been annexed into the Town of Berthoud (Berthoud) and will be under Berthoud's jurisdiction; however, potable water service will be provided by the District. The development is proposing a non-potable water system for irrigation which will be under the direct oversight of Berthoud. The developer is requesting a waiver to the District's Section 17 Rules and Regulations, governing non-potable water systems, as a means of eliminating the duplicated oversight of the non-potable irrigation system by both entities. Staff agree that duplicating oversight of the non-potable irrigation system is inefficient and unwarranted and are therefore in support of this variance request.

It was moved by Director Szmyd and seconded by Director Ryan Heiland to approve the Variance Request for Heron Lakes Marina. The motion carried unanimously.

Redtail Estates Variance Request:

District Manager Kauffman presented the details of the Variance Request to the Board. This is a revised variance request by the Developer addressing feedback from the Board following discussion at the July Board meeting. The proposed changes from the July application are the following amendments to the covenants of the Homeowners' Association (HOA) documents:

- Restrict the amount of non-native turf to 5,500 square feet (sq-ft). Previously there were no restrictions on landscaping.
- Reducing the number of animals allowed to three animal units with animal units specified in the covenants of the HOA documents.

President McMurtrey thanked Mr. Hilde for working with the Board to meet the water allotments originally assigned to the development. Mr. Hilde expressed his appreciation for the Board's consideration and District Manager Kauffman's assistance.

It was moved by President McMurtrey and seconded by Director Brandt to approve the Variance Request for Redtail Estates. The motion carried unanimously.

Redtail Estates Development Agreement:

District Manager Kauffman provided the following information to the Board:

The owner of the development, Arrowhead Properties, LLC, represented by Mr. Hilde, is responsible for the design, construction and installation of specific infrastructure to ensure the supply of water to the parcels in the Development. These improvements generally include the distribution of water mains, service lines, meter pits, valves and other appurtenances. Specific requirements included in this Development Agreement are as follows:

- Pump station upgrades to Wagon Wheel Pump Station located near the intersection of Larimer County Road (LCR) 4 and Haase Court. Upgrades required include a duplex pump system with appropriate controls, variable frequency drive (VFD's), new telemetry for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), powered louver and upgraded fan and any related power service upgrades for the pump station.
- Installation of 2,600 lineal feet of inch diameter waterline to replace the existing 6-inch asbestos cement pipeline in LCR 4 from the pump station to the eastern end of the subdivision where the new waterline for the subdivision will connect.

Subject to Board consideration and approval of the revised variance request for water dedication requirement, the Development Agreement as written is recommended for approval for variances to water dedication. The final approval will be achieved in a future Board meeting under consent items if the Board approves the current version. No action is required from the Board at this time.

Meadow Ridge Development Agreement:

District Manager Kauffman reviewed the following information with the Board:

Meadow Ridge is a development in the Town of Mead (Mead) that has been in process since 2018 when their first commitment letter request was submitted. The first set of construction plans were submitted in 2021. Since then, the property owner has worked to get through all the entitlement requirements of Mead. In late 2025, the developer/owner started discussion with LTWD regarding a development agreement. The last commitment letter that was issued was written in February 2024 and their non-potable system analysis was approved in October 2022, and a revised approval issued March 2024. Water dedication identified in the commitment letter of February 2024 stated the Developer will be required to provide water rights to meet the minimum projected needs of the proposed development of 0.35 acre-feet (ac-ft) for each of the requested 670 5/8-inch conservation residential taps with the understanding that a non-potable irrigation system will be utilized for the subject development. On October 6, 2022, the District issued a letter accepting the Non-Potable Supply Analysis study for the Meadow Ridge Development's proposed non-potable irrigation system. As such, the reduced minimum raw water dedication requirement for each of the requested 670 5/8-inch conservation residential taps, assuming lots to be less than 9,000 sq-ft and meeting those provisions outlined in the Non-Potable Supply Analysis study acceptance letter mentioned is 0.18 ac-ft. This water dedication does not include any required raw water for the requested 274 non-residential taps, as the sizes and projected use have not been identified and provided to the District. When commercial lots are developed, the lot Developer will be required to submit a new commitment request in which tap sizes and raw water dedication will be evaluated. Also, a new commitment request will be required if irrigation taps become required.

LTWD adopted a water dedication policy that adjusted the raw water dedication for inside use to separate microhomes (homes less than 1,000 sq-ft) from single family homes larger than 1,000 sq-ft. This policy was effective January 1, 2024. The raw water dedication prior to that effective date for any residential home where irrigation water was provided separately was 0.18 ac-ft. After the policy was adopted, single family homes larger than 1,000 sq-ft required raw water dedication of 0.25 ac-ft.

The developer/owner of the property asked LTWD to start working on the development agreement prior to the expiration of the commitment letter and had done their proforma for the project with the understanding that the water dedication required was 0.18 ac-ft for each inside use tap, regardless of the size of the home.

The Development Agreement includes a raw water dedication committed to by the February 2024 commitment letter. In the schedule of development, the developer/owner has met the following requirements:

- LTWD has approved construction plans.
- The Developer/owner has transferred a specified number of units of Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) to LTWD for potable water to the 670 proposed single-family lots in Meadow Ridge and required 3.5 ac-ft of shoulder season water for the non-potable system.

The Developer, under the guidance of LTWD, has not yet transferred the native water supplies. If the LTWD Board approves the development agreement as currently outlined (including the non-potable system operations agreement) the native water supplies will be transferred to LTWD with a lease back for use in the Meadow Ridge development. The current development agreement includes the non-potable operating agreement and lease back document that will also be executed following native water transfer.

Ms. Stewart addressed the Board and provided a brief history of her family's land ownership and the work done to finalize the development process. Further discussion was held in Executive Session.

Klein Dispute:

District Manager Kauffman reviewed the following information with the Board:

Mr. Klein has two taps on his property. One tap has smaller usage and typically smaller account balances, while the other tap (Tap 279.02) has larger usage and typically has larger account balances. Both taps are billed regularly but paid irregularly. Most of these account payments are made online. Recently the larger account became delinquent and shut-off proceedings were initiated. All District Rules and Regulations regarding shutoffs, including a mailed shutoff notice, were followed regarding Tap 279.02 prior to the water shutoff. As an additional courtesy, LTWD Staff called Mr. Klein on June 18 and informed him that the District would be shutting off water to Tap 279.02 that day and that an additional \$50 shut off fee would be assessed. Mr. Klein said he would pay online. Later that day, LTWD Staff went out to Tap 279.02 to shut off the water and, just before doing so, confirmed, per District records, that payment had not been received. The District Staff member did not note the time Tap 279.02 was shut off on the work order; however, Eye-on-Water (EOW) shows that water stopped running by 9:44 a.m. According to the District records, Mr. Klein made an online payment of the delinquent amount for Tap 279.02 at 4:10 p.m. but did not notify the office of his payment to ensure District receipt and to make sure his water was properly turned back on.

Per District Rules and Regulations Rule 403.1(D), customers are not permitted access to the meter pit to restore water service after such service has been shut off by the District for non-payment. Unauthorized restoration of water service could result in water theft fees starting at \$1,000 per Section 1502.2, Schedule C, as well as prosecution under law. District Staff did not restore service to Tap 279.02 on June 18. Yet, EOW indicates that water began running from Tap 279.02 at 6:44 pm on June 18. Phone records from LTWD's on-call employee indicate a missed incoming call from an unknown number at 6:58 p.m. but the caller did not leave a message. Shortly afterward, the District employee attempted to return the call two separate times, but the calls were not answered, and the employee did not leave a message as he was not sure what the original call was about. LTWD's on-call Staff did not know to turn on Mr. Klein's water as the LTWD Staff member was not notified that a payment had been received. The Staff member stated he had not been to Mr. Klein's property to restore service. Notably, service can only be restored at the tap; the District cannot remotely shut off or turn on service.

Mr. Klein claims that he did not touch, alter, or operate the meter or meter pit, nor does he have specialized tools to open the meter pit. He claims LTWD must have turned the water on, and he should not have to pay the \$1,000 fee for water theft. Mr. Klein is asking the Board to remove the water theft fee from his account balance.

Discussion occurred throughout regarding the physical processes LTWD employees use to turn off water at meter pits. Further discussion was held in Executive Session.

Berthoud Annexation Agreement:

District Manager Kauffman reviewed the following information with the Board:

LTWD is proposing to connect to Berthoud's sanitary sewer service as a part of the site improvements and in doing so, by Berthoud ordinance, is required to annex into the town. Berthoud generally had no objection to the District's proposed site layout and was willing to allow LTWD to continue to pursue site plan approval through Larimer County and then annex the parcel after the site plan process was completed. A condition that Berthoud wanted included is the future construction of a trail along the frontage of the property. Last month the agreement was pulled from the agenda at the last minute due to a change in conditions for construction of the trail along LTWD's frontage presented by Berthoud planning staff.

Berthoud will now require the construction by LTWD of a 10-foot-wide trail along the site frontage subsequent to another party constructing curb and gutter and storm sewer. If no other party constructs the curb and gutter and storm sewer, LTWD will be required to construct the trail in no later than 10 years. The agreement also requires LTWD to make the annexation petition and zoning petition by the end of this year. Further discussion was held in Executive Session.

President McMurtrey called for a break at 5:38 p.m. Mr. Steve Hilde, Ms. Stephanie Stewart, and Civil Engineer II Clayton Orback excused themselves from the remainder of the meeting. The meeting resumed at 5:41 p.m. and Operations Manager Reese Saxton, Business Project Manager Kammy Tinney and Recording Secretary Judy O'Malley were excused for the Executive Session.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Director Szmyd and seconded by President McMurtrey to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) §24-6-402(4) subparts (b) "conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions" and (e) for "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators" as it pertains to Agenda Items 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6. The motion carried unanimously and the Board, along with Attorney Allison Ulmer, District Manager Kauffman, Business Manager Angela Diekhoff, District Engineer Brad E. Eaton, and Water Resources Manager James Sutherland, adjourned to Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:41 p.m. upon motion duly made by Director Szmyd and seconded by Director Brandt. The motion carried unanimously.

Operations Manager Saxton, Business Project Manager Tinney and Recording Secretary O'Malley were recalled to the regular meeting.

It was moved by President McMurtrey and seconded by Director Szmyd to approve the Variance Request, Agenda Item 6.4, presented by the Meadow Ridge developers. The motion carried with five Ayes and one Nay.

It was moved by Director Heiland and seconded by Director Brandt not to waive the \$1,000 Water Theft Fee, Agenda Item 6.5, as requested by Mr. Klein. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by President McMurtrey and seconded by Director Heiland to allow Staff to move forward with the Berthoud Annexation Agreement, Agenda Item 6.6. The motion failed with two Ayes and four Nays.

Strategic Goals:

District Manager Kauffman reviewed the following information with the Board:

The Board requested more detail of the strategic goals and quarterly reporting on progress for the strategic goals. Department managers have put together more definitions of the goals to keep the group accountable. The outline for each strategic goal was presented and each manager responsible for the specific goal will be asked to report back to the Board quarterly as to the status of the goal and provide insight into reasons for schedule challenges or resource requirements.

2027 Budget Goals:

Business Manager Diekhoff advised the Board of the 2027 budget planning and approval schedule. Ms. Diekhoff also presented the following budget objectives:

- Projected 195 tap sales for 2027 (approximately 1.7 percent growth).
- Overall retail rate increases (pending rate study completion) for:
 - ❖ Base rate, and tier rate proposing an 8 percent increase,
 - ❖ Wholesale, Bulk and Water Rental Rates proposing a 5 percent increase.

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) forecast for Denver area made in June for year-end 2026 is 4.3 percent, forecast for 2027 is 3 percent, forecast for 2028 is 2.6 percent. The State is forecasting 4.4 percent increase for year-end 2026.
 - ❖ Projected Growth to be at 2.5 percent.
- Employee Costs:
 - ❖ Two new employee positions, pending workload in each department.
 - ❖ The Employment Cost Index (ECI) for the last 12 months has averaged 3.6 percent as of Quarter 2 of 2026.
- Discussion for Standard Tap:
 - ❖ Raise allotment surcharges up from \$10 to \$12
- Expand water loss reduction program.
- Continue to fund work on native water change of use cases (water court).
- Significant Carter Lake Filter Plant (CLFP) joint capital projects (pretreatment construction).
- Significant Capital Expenses for native water projects and other capital projects.
- Bonding in 2027 to support ongoing and new capital projects

Discussion occurred throughout the presentation giving Staff guidance to prepare a proposed budget for Board review and approval that meets the needs of the District and is aligned with Board policies and direction.

IGA with Town of Johnstown (Johnstown):

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

Johnstown has active and proposed development just east of Weld County Road (WCR) 13 and WCR 17 along WCR 46. The developments are resulting in paved roads and higher traffic volumes in an area where the District has very few customers on very small waterlines making long term maintenance more expensive for small revenue. Staff feel that it would be appropriate to abandon the waterlines, where possible, and transition customers to the Johnstown water service. LTWD would like to transition one tap on WCR 13 and two taps on WCR 15 as quickly as possible due to upcoming drainage projects on WCR 15 and traffic on WCR 13. A future development will be responsible for transitioning the LTWD customers on WCR 17 to Johnstown water service when that development occurs.

The IGA addresses the timing and responsibilities of each of the parties regarding construction activities and water supply. If approved by both LTWD Board and Johnstown Council, LTWD will begin working with customers to notify them of the transition.

Following discussion, **it was moved by Director Martens and seconded by Director Jim Walker to approve the Johnstown IGA as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 2026-12 Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) for H2 Project:

District Engineer Eaton reviewed the following information with the Board:

To address the use of LTWD shares in the Consolidated Home Supply (CHS) Ditch and Reservoir Company and the Handy Ditch Company (Handy), the district engaged the services of Kimley-Horn to prepare the design, specifications, and contract documents for the construction of a pump station to draw water from Lonetree and Welch Reservoirs where these waters will be pumped to Dry Creek Reservoir for storage and future treatment at CLFP.

Staff wish to use IPD and award a contract based on “best-value” versus “lowest responsible, responsive bid” basis to accelerate the project while the reservoir levels are historically low as well as to utilize a highly skilled contractor that specializes in work of this type. The process includes public notice of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), review of all qualifications submitted, and a Request for Proposal (RFP) to those who meet the qualifications for consideration.

Following discussion, **it was moved by Director Walker and seconded by Director Heiland to approve Resolution 2026-12 Authorizing Integrated Project Delivery. The motion carried unanimously.**

CLFP:

District Manager Kauffman provided a summary of the meeting:

- **Officer Elections.** The current officers were maintained.
- **Pretreatment Project.** NoCo Engineering met with Larimer County on June 23 regarding the Site Plan Review. Larimer County requested additional information which will be submitted shortly. Once the Site Plan has been approved the Building Permit review can take place. Larimer County will allow some construction to continue; however, the building permit issuance is required prior to any plumbing being inspected. The contractor has also needed to bring con-ex trailers to the site and build a temporary building around them to assist with temperature and moisture control. There is a crane and concrete forms on site but limited ability to start construction due to the lack of a building permit. Rice Lakes West has been updating the schedule regularly.
- **New St. Vrain Canal Outlet.** The new outlet from the canal requires design, construction, and capacity reimbursement to the remaining St. Vrain Canal participants. The design will be done by Dewberry through Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern Water), which will need to be paid by CLFP. CLFP felt the estimated price was too high. The estimated construction cost provided is \$672,891. At \$278,150 the engineering services proposal was nearly 30 percent of the construction costs, which is much higher than standard engineering fees. The capacity reimbursement that is required to be paid to the St. Vrain Canal participants is \$329,277. The total estimated cost for the new outlet is \$1,280,318. The CLFP Board will be asked to review the Dewberry proposal and consider approval of the revised reimbursement agreement. The CLFP Board did not approve the contract due to the engineering costs.
- **Steel 5 Million-Gallon (M-G) Tank Re-coating.** The project is complete, and the tank is back in service. NoCo Engineering recommended that the cathodic protection not be turned on until the two-year warranty expired for the coating. NoCo Engineering’s perspective is that this action would expose any flaws in the coating quicker. The CLFP Board discussed the issue and based on the input from CLFP Staff, recommended that the cathodic protection system be turned on.
- **Uranium Evaluation.** NoCo Engineering completed an evaluation of the potential impacts with increased uranium concentration from potential Chimney Hollow deliveries to the C-BT system. The study recommends monitoring quarterly for sludge levels of uranium, Radium-226 and Radium-228, quarterly sampling of raw and finished water for uranium, and semi-annual or annual finished water testing for Radium-226 and Radium-228.
- **Maintenance Issues.** Maintenance issues at the North Plant include trouble with the new Atlas Copco compressors and check valve issues on the blowers. The Chlorine Dioxide system is back in service after the new meter was installed.
- **September 5 Board Meeting.** CLFP Manager Rick Whittet cancelled the September 5 meeting to have Staff concentrate on preparing the 2027 budget.

Public Hearing: Action Item – Motion to Approve: Resolutions 2026-13 Inclusions and 2026-14 Exclusions:

The Public Hearing was properly publicized. No written objections were received. President McMurtrey opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m. There were no public comments, and the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Director Szmyd and seconded by Director Heiland to adopt Resolutions 2026-13 Inclusions and 2026-14 Exclusions of properties located in Larimer and Weld Counties as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

District Manager's Report: District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

- **Hicks Legacy Water Authority.** The August meeting was canceled. The discussion has transitioned to treatment with the engineer. Meetings will be scheduled when they have enough to present or if they would like feedback.
- **Mead.** Ms. Kauffman had lunch with Mead Town Manager Helen Migchelbrink. They discussed projects both are interested in, developments, and funding issues.
- **South Platte Roundtable.** The Roundtable met Tuesday August 11. Most of the discussion centered on opportunities for conservation. A "Low and No Regrets" discussion on different topics is scheduled over the next several months to help guide the Colorado Water Conservation Board on policies or funding that would assist the state in meeting more local needs.
- **Northern Water.** Ms. Kauffman was invited to join Northern Water for an all-day "West Slope tour of the Colorado-Big Thompson and Windy Gap projects to learn about Northern Water's role in providing supplemental water to Northeastern Colorado and to discuss a growing list of contemporary water issues we face in our state. This tour is by invite only to a select group of partner organizations, agencies and legislative staff involved with our initiatives in Grand County."

Business Manager's Report: Business Manager Diekhoff presented the following information to the Board:

- **Bond Information.** Robyn Moore of Public Finance Investment Banking reached out to Staff regarding a potential bond issuance. While reviewing the district's 2026 Budget, Ms. Moore noticed that LTWD is potentially considering approximately \$55 million in bonding next year and proactively put together some preliminary projections. Since this is a current conversation and could be helpful as LTWD Board and Staff begin thinking about financing options, Ms. Diekhoff thought it would be beneficial to share some of Ms. Moore's insight with the Board. Ms. Diekhoff provided the Board with preliminary information that gives a good starting point for discussion regarding when LTWD should begin the bonding process, as well as what the potential financial impact could look like. LTWD continues to maintain an AA Minus rating and has for many years. An AA Minus rating is considered a "Very Strong" credit rating especially for a water district.
- **EOW.** July showed another large increase in customer EOW accounts.
- **Customer Service Calls.** Ms. Diekhoff advised the Board of an increase in customer service calls, especially from angry, verbally abusive customers. Ms. Diekhoff noted most of the callers are upset about the allotment charges and rate increases. Discussion occurred regarding ways to buffer Customer Service Staff from hostile interactions including using an automated phone system to take the calls or recording the calls and advising customers of this action.

District Engineer's Report: District Engineer Eaton presented the following information to the Board:

- **Commitment to Serve Requests.** LTWD received 121 new tap, and one new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Commitment to Serve Requests in July, bringing the 2026 year-to-date total to 1,809 new taps and 11 ADUs.
- **Capital Projects.** Final pipeline and pump station design, along with easement acquisition, continues for the H2 project. Staff intend to utilize the IPD process for the H2 pump station. The pipeline portion of the Barefoot 30-inch Line project is approximately 95 percent complete. The remaining installation activity includes construction of the WCR 38 vault, testing, and commissioning.
- **Development Projects.** A Commitment Letter is in process for Burch Commons, a new residential and commercial development in Mead. Other developments continue to be very active, keeping Engineering Staff very busy.
- **Other Engineering Activities.**
 - ❖ The new Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst IV, John Calgiano, started with the District Monday, August 17. In approximately four to six months Staff will begin the search for a GIS Technician to assist Mr. Calgiano.
 - ❖ Kudos to District lead locator, Sacha Duross, who recently discovered a situation at Barefoot Lakes (WCRs 9 and 1/2 and 28) where a traffic signal foundation was installed against LTWD's 16-inch watermain without District knowledge. Locates had previously been performed and the contractor was aware of the location of the waterline. This installation by the developer's contractor creates a dangerous situation for both the watermain and the traffic signal. Remediation of the problem was to require the developer to install a split casing around the watermain to provide protection and access to either end of the watermain to facilitate future repairs if necessary. In addition, the developer was required to move the traffic signal to a more suitable location away from District infrastructure.

Water Resources Manager's Report: Water Resources Manager Sutherland presented the following information to the Board:

- **Updates to Water Usage Chart.** Unusual water usage split data between LTWD and Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD) was noted by the respective District Managers, Staff at both agencies were tasked with investigating the discrepancy. The errors were discovered and corrected, resulting in a shift of data points on the Monthly Water Use chart in the board packets.
- **Water Court Change Cases Update.** Staff received a number of comments since the board packet was produced.
- **Water Use.** July water use reported lower than projections, however, Mr. Sutherland expects there to be a large increase for the August usage.
- **Local Weather and Precipitation.** The weather continued to be hotter and drier than average.
- **C-BT Water Supply Outlook.** Mr. Sutherland reviewed the May 1 forecast compared to Observed Flow on the West and East Slopes along with local storage as of August 1 compared to dry years.

Operations Manager's Report and Water Quality Update: Operations Manager Saxton presented the following information to the Board:

- **Locates and Leaks.** Locates were trending on average, however leaks had noticeably increased.
- **Project Updates and Notes.** The annual Dam Safety Inspection occurred. A few minor items needing repair were discovered.

- **Staffing.** A new Water Maintenance Worker, Brody Goodrich, has been hired for the Backhoe Crew.

Business Project Manager's Report: Business Project Manager Tinney presented the following information to the Board:

- **Office Remodel, Site Improvement and Accessory Structure Project.** LTWD's planning team attended a pre-application meeting with Berthoud Staff on July 30. A separate discussion with Berthoud Staff regarding trail construction as a requirement for annexation was also held on July 30, and the District's planning team is evaluating available options.
- **Employee Engagement Activities.** Staff is gathering information for fourth quarter activities, including sharing available volunteer activities through the House of Neighborly Service ahead of the holidays. A Years of Service awards lunch is planned for September.
- **Legislative Update.** Ms. Tinney provided the Board with a written summary of bills adopted during the 2026 Legislative Session that may have an impact on LTWD operations.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Director Szmyd reviewed a list of items he would like to see reported from the EOW software. Mr. Szmyd has not had time to schedule a meeting with Business Manager Diekhoff but hoped to do so soon. Policies would need to be discussed regarding how information can be shared with the customers. Mr. Szmyd would also like to find a way for LTWD to move completely away from paper bills.
- Director Brandt questioned if there is a way for customers to pay in advance and add funds to their account as monthly billing draws the amount down. Business Manager Diekhoff advised that LTWD offers a program called Equal Pay and gave details. Mr. Brandt also advised the group about a Public Broadcasting System (PBS) program about the Colorado River.
- President McMurtrey noted that Denver Water is considering a ban on outdoor watering to start as of October 1, 2026.

Upon motion duly made by President McMurtrey and seconded by Director Szmyd the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

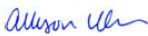
Amber Kauffman
Secretary



ATTORNEY STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(B), C.R.S., I, Allison Ulmer, state that the law firm of Collins Cole Winn & Ulmer, PLLC, is General Counsel to the Little Thompson Water District and that I was present at the time the Board convened in Executive Session on August 20, 2026. I further state that the Executive Session was not recorded because it constituted a privileged attorney-client communication and that no electronic record thereof was necessary.

Date: August 21, 2026

Signature:  _____