

Ridgewood Water District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2025

1. **Call meeting to order** at 7:00 PM. Members present: Steve Ghioto, Charlie Parnell, Bob Panick, Kathy Furrow, Dave Burgess, Bruce Vanderpool, Terry Spivey via zoom.
2. **Patron/Customer Forum** None
3. **Read and approve minutes.** Motion to approve with corrections by Charlie, second by Steve.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**, Robert Panick. Motion to approve report by Kathy, second by Charlie. Past Due account 172 Spruce Circle, Charlie contacted to inform they need to pay bill or else water will be turned off. Patron thought he had it on autopay; there are no autopay option and Charlie made that clear to Chris. Discussed moving \$20,000 more from the Operating and Capital account to the equivalent ColoTrust account.

	October 2025	November 2025
Capital Account:	\$ 27,778.13	\$ 29,595.64
Operating Account:	\$ 29,002.10	\$ 31,080.67
Pay-Port Account:	\$ 7,080.45	\$ 5,551.03
ColoTrust Operations	\$ 70,970.89	\$ 71,227.17
<u>ColoTrust Capital</u>	<u>\$121,740.71</u>	<u>\$122,180.34</u>
Total:	\$256,572.28	\$259,634.85

Operator’s Report, Kelly Brock. No Report. Patron on Lower Ponderosa complained about strong chlorine smell but the district levels are actually low, but still within the state required limits.

5. Old Business:

A. Discussion on Leak Repair at 24 and 28 Ponderosa Circle – Charlie. The Board received no response to the letter that accompanied the lawyer letter to the patrons. Charlie spoke with 24 (CL) who had not spoken to patron at 28(NR) and was not willing to move forward without her input. Meanwhile, Patron 28(NR) emailed our lawyer asking for clarification because she still contends that the R&R state “District responsibility extends “from the water main up to and including the water meter/service valve, meter pit.” The line in question lies entirely upstream of both individual meter pits.” However, she knows very well that the service valve was never moved from the cul-de-sac and that is the first service valve off the mainline that services the SHARED PATRON LINE on private property. She is also obviously aware that the meter pit was originally in the cul-de-sac. (Please see October minutes for background explanation as to what has led up to this issue.) It seems as though she is purposely missing the issue that the 24 (CL) water meter pit was only moved from the cul-de-sac to further up his property where 24(CL) splits off from the shared line to see if the leak was just in his portion of the line, as an increased in his water usage was noted. And this way, water could be turned off to just his property and would not affect her residence like it would have been when his water meter pit was located in the cul-de-sac. However, upon moving his water meter pit, no leak in just his portion of the line was found, meaning the leak was in the SHARED PATRON LINE. It was not cost effect for the RWD to move the meter pit back to the cul-de-sac; especially since a service valve was still there. Once another meter pit was located, it was installed in the ORIGINAL location in the cul-de-sac. Also please note: Charlie informed both patrons the day the meter pit was moved, that if the leak was found to be in the shared patron line that runs on private property from the cul-de-sac to the newly placed water meter pit, they would still be responsible.

The board was disappointed that the patrons did not come to a resolution. It was decided to send the patrons another letter/email stating that their water would be turned off (to conserve the huge amount of water that is being lost via the leak and in accordance with R&R Section 22) Friday November 21. It should also state that

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the 28(NR) patron will have to engage her own legal counsel as the RWD is not paying our lawyer to explain to her, again, what is clearly written in the R&R but what she is choosing to misrepresent and misunderstand. The leak has become a burden to the RWD. With winter coming, the repairs need to be done ASAP. The leak is approx. 19,000gal/month.

B. Update on Rules and Regs – Dave has presented updates, board to review, and will discuss further at next meeting. New section on how the district may contact/notify patrons. Lawyer will be contacted again to approve any updates.

C. Ed Stone follow-up with Terry – Terry was only able to leave a voicemail. No response from patron.

6. New Business.

7. Open Discussion. Review of open meeting laws per state statutes.

8. Adjourn meeting at 7:53 pm. Next meeting December 9 @ 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Furrow