

Ridgewood Water District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026

1. **Call meeting to order** at 7:01 PM. Members present: Steve Ghioto, Bob Panick, Kathy Furrow, Dave Burgess, Bruce Vanderpool.

2. **Patron/Customer Forum** None

3. **Read and approve minutes.** Motion to approve meeting minutes with correction by Dave, seconded by Bob.

4. **Treasurer's Report**, Bob. Moved \$10,000 from ColoTrust to Operating account to cover expenses. Expenses included SDA membership and insurance through SDA approx. \$3400.00. Discrepancy between what is distributed vs. billed is still around 13%. Shane did not pay amount owed in full but did pay \$200 and his water was turned back on. Past 2 bills to his P.O. Box were returned as "undelivered". This is address that he has listed as to where to send his bills. He has admitted via email that he will not accept certified mail from the district. This is an ongoing issue. The actual owner of this property is Jeanne Matatt (also spelled Matott) and she did not respond to the certified letter. Owners of the property are ultimately responsible for unpaid water bills in accordance with the RWD R&R. Kathy motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Steve seconded.

(Meeting Reported)	February 2026	March 2026
Capital Account:	\$ 15,044.62	\$ 16,860.91
Operating Account:	\$ 4,617.45	\$ 4,064.16
Pay-Port Account:	\$ 5,341.89	\$ 6,420.42
ColoTrust Operations	\$ 82,094.71	\$ 82,333.76
<u>ColoTrust Capital</u>	<u>\$143,575.42</u>	<u>\$143,993.51</u>
Total:	\$250,674.09	\$253,672.76

Operator's Report, Kelly Brock. All normal.

5. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion of Well 3 shutdown– Steve. From Jerry's readings it appeared that the pump went down in mid-January. Did not run the entire month of February. Steve investigated and found a blown fuse. A fuse was available in the pump house and he replaced it. Need to get another replacement fuse for back-up. Possible cause was power outage in January. Bob suggested using Starlink in Standby Mode to get internet to this location so that a camera can be used to monitor the meters.

B. Terry's Resignation – Steve. He informed Steve that he is unexpectedly moving out of the neighborhood for personal reasons.

C. Shane Hunt's Complaint – After discussion, Board found that Steve did not do anything wrong. Board members are allowed to have personal conversations with Patrons. Patrons don't have to answer personal questions that don't concern water district business. All questions asked by Steve related to the district. There were definitely some questions as to who the owner of this property is and who is responsible for the water usage (see TR Report above). Board was not aware that ownership has changed due to a Quit Claim Deed. Which brings up the question of how is the district supposed to know when something like this happens because ultimately, the Patron Agreement should go to the homeowner/landowner anytime property changes hands. Also, the fact that there is no Certificate of Occupancy on file for this residence has some patrons concerned. The Board does believe he lives there and it is not just a business but a CO would help to prove that. Bob will respond to his email.

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D. Moving forward with upcoming elections – Kathy. This is NOT an election year, last year was, and election was cancelled because there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled. Bruce, Terry and Steve were hereby declared elected to 4 years terms each, which expire in May of 2029. Board can appoint any qualified candidate at any time, as long as elections are held (and cancelled) during the election year. Next Election is May 2027. DEO can be Board President or Secretary per CRS 1-13.5-303. We do not need to designate nor pay someone to do this.

6. New Business.

A) Transparency Notice on website needs to be updated. Bob to forward what he updated with the State to Mike Thomas. (May need to be updated again as Terry has resigned.)

B) Need to get signed water operator contract from Charlie and post to Dropbox, Kathy will contact. Kathy will send an email to board members with Kenny and Kelly's contact information.

C) Kathy's water mold test came back as high in Total HPC levels. Total heterotrophic plate count (HPC) is a measure of colonies of heterotrophic bacteria, or bacteria that require organic carbon for growth, in drinking water. HPC tests have historically been used to indicate water safety, but as more specific tests have been developed, HPC is more commonly used to assess the effectiveness of treatment processes. Bacteria that do not get eliminated during water disinfection can grow depending on the water's temperature, flow conditions, nutrient availability, and lack of residual disinfectant. Many HPC bacteria are non-hazardous, so total HPC alone does not directly indicate health risk. Abrupt increases in HPC levels may indicate fecal contamination. HPC bacteria are ubiquitous in the environment, so they exist naturally in source waters. Chlorine drip, as discussed in the past, can help reduce total HPC. This is the technology that water operator Kelly has recommended.

7. Open Discussion.

8. Adjourn meeting at 8:160 pm. Next meeting April 14 @ 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Furrow