

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2026
MONTHLY MEETING
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

The March 5, 2026, meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Jon Rice, Vice President, at 1:02 p.m. Members present: Lynda James (telephone), Bob Slagle, Jon Rice, Glenn Grothe (telephone) and Lillian Wissel, District Secretary. Dave Wissel arrived at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Bob made the motion to adopt the March 5, 2026, agenda as amended. Glenn seconded. All ayes carried

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

No public at today's meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Minutes of previous meetings – Lillian sent out the February 5, 2026, minutes to board members.**

Bob moved to approve February 5, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. Glenn seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- b. **Financial/Treasurers report- Bob gave an overview of the monthly financial report for February 2026.**

General Fund - \$ 6,020.25
Chasse Trust Fund \$164,717.88
Interest earned \$478.59
Project Reserve Fund - \$243,922.61
Interest earned \$708.23
Public Ed Fund - \$40,230.06
Interest earned \$116.79
Total \$448,870.55

Jon moved to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Glenn seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- c. **Invoices for legal services expenses, bills needing review for payment & directors – Bob gave an overview of the February 2026 bills for payment.**

Jon moved to approve the invoices/bill payments for the month of February 2026 and the March 2026 director's expenses. Glenn seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- d. **Legal update – Dave**

1. **Alison asked that we stipulate out of Case Number 24CW3136. There was discussion.**

Jon moved to stipulate out of Case #24CW3136. Glenn seconded. All ayes carried.

2. **High Rockies Charter School Bob was given the task of getting in touch with the High Rockies Charter School as the Representative of the USPWCD.**

There will be a school dedication on March 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. After the dedication and Bob's correspondence with the school Board to discuss how we can be of help he will report back to the USP board members for discussion. Bob would like the High Rockies Charter School to be placed on the April 2, 2026 for discussion.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. **Jones/Colin Bills water – Jon stated Bob has sent the Earnest money to Alison in the amount of \$10,000. There was discussion.**

Bob made the motion to approve up to \$10,000 if needed To be moved from Project Reserve Fund to the General Fund. Jon seconded. All ayes carried.

HASP UPDATE – Jon R

February 11, 2026 HASP Meeting update – Jon- the only thing that was decide was to authorize another \$25,000 for phase 3A of our long term planning project.

- a. **HASP February 2026 Financial Report**

HASP financials: As of 2/28/2026

**Colorado Trust - \$2,303,504.82
EI \$6,688.29**

BMO Checking \$65,292.24

Stream Gauge - \$16,269.54

Wild Horse Reservoir site is being moved 5 miles South from the original site. They will only have to build one dam instead of three. No property has been purchased yet. There was discussion. Jon stated there is still an issue with County Road 53. It might need to be moved after the dams are completed. There was discussion.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

- a. **Lynda – Round Table had discussion on storage and the change of permit prices.**
- b. **Jon – USP/HASP Jon received communication from Shawn Flannigan from Hydro source and asked if we would be interested in water rights in the South Platte Basin for water in Turkey Creek of the Mountain Mutual shares for sale. About 11 acre feet. This will be brought up at the HASP meeting. Jon will forward this to the members. There was discussion.**
- c. **Bob – Nothing**
- d. **Glenn – nothing**
- e. **Dave – notice from the county water council Mark Ditsy. CCWCD is being persnickety about the 5 acre ft. of water. County got a bucket of 5 acre feet. There were no conditions placed on this exchange. They are**

complaining about .2 acre feet of transit loss and want county to absorb this loss. There was discussion.

At the Aurora Hartsel area community meeting last week “Lunch & Learn” with food. The meeting was well attended by the community. The Aurora people explained the reason for Wild Horse location change and the benefits it will provide. County 53 will have to be moved but not until the Reservoir is completed. There was discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for April 2, 2026, meeting at 1:00 p.m. Next joint meeting is May 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (old schedule times)

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Moved, seconded, and passed this ____day of _____ 2026.

President, David Wissel

Attest _____
District Secretary, Lillian Wissel