

**RAINBOW VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 11, 2025

Carpenter residence, 26 Blue Spruce Rd., Divide, CO 80814

President Helen Freed called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Members present: Helen Freed, Kirt Carpenter and Dominick Luppino. Brian Etherton phoned in for the meeting. No guests were present. Meeting location was changed due to library closure for Veterans' Day.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented. Kirt made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dominick to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Finances were reviewed by the Board. Kirt made the motion to approve payment of current accounts. Helen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which then carried. It was noted that Vectra Bank allowed unsigned checks to process without questioning lack of signature.

The operations report was reviewed and discussed. We are still out of priority but all the lakes remain full. All holding tanks are now in service. The new Pacer pump has been installed and is in use. The MTOL monitors are running at NTU levels of .01. In the past month, we had two brief instances where we were above the .03 NTU. The situations were corrected and we did not exceed the 10% of the time rule.

The Board approved the new format for the budget and reviewed and discussed budget items that needed adjustment. Helen presented to the Board the details of her conversation with Tanner regarding him having the combo to the locks on the valves. The Board needs to have further discussion with Tanner on this issue. Helen asked Dominick to speak with Jeremy regarding his employment and to get the keys back from him. The Board agreed for Diana to purchase Carbonite backup for our computer at a cost of approximately \$150 per year. They also agreed that we should rent a safety deposit box at Vectra. Motion was made by Kirt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen to sell the 1996 truck to Eric for \$1500 and agreed to take payments of \$500 per month out of his checks as he requested, until it is paid in full. Motion carried. Helen discussed with the Board how term limits are applied and also suggested that we consider holding an election to eliminate the 5.5% TABOR limit. As a matter of clarity, the Board hereby documents their approval for Brian Etherton to assist Eric at the plant in the mixing of chemicals.

At our next meeting, December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have the public input on the budget. Thereafter, we will vote to approve the proposed budget for 2026. Helen will extend an invitation to Dan Hendrichs to attend our January meeting and explain our water rights and address questions and concerns.

At the next meeting we will address income streams, grants, and a potluck dinner. Dominick will report on his inquiries about a generator. We also need to do a more formal description of duties for both Eric and Randy and consider offering some paid vacation to Eric. Helen tasked the other three board members to take on this effort.

Kirt made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 5:05p.m.