

# Durango West Metro District No. 2

## January 2026 Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: District Mail House

Present: Carly Thomson, President; Directors Beverly Lawrence, Derek Ryter and Stephen Wells. Director Corey Beaugh had an excused absence. Also present was Jane Looney, District Manager. One resident attended.

#### *AGENDA:*

1. Call to Order – Chair Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:03.
2. Election of Board Officers – Beverly moved to elect Carly as President and Derek as Treasurer. Stephen seconded. Motion passed. Stephen made a motion to nominate Beverly as Vice-President. Derek seconded. Motion passed. Carly Thomson is President, Beverly Lawrence is Vice-President and Derek Ryter is Treasurer.
3. Resolution 2026-01 Setting time and place of regular board meetings – board meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Mail Building. There will be no board meetings in March, May, July and December. Beverly motioned. Stephen seconded. Motion passed.
4. Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2025 Meeting – Beverly motioned to approve minutes as presented. Stephen seconded. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment – resident moved here two years ago; he introduced himself.
6. Financials – Receivables, Payables and Financial Statements were presented. Beverly motioned to approve the payables. Derek seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board said to tell Stacie to leave salary as is. The board had questions for Stacie. Jane will work with Beverly on an email this month.
7. Water and Wastewater Operations – Jane reported that the tanks water main line project is completed. Dave told her that the new line is working well. However, the project likely went over budget as Canyon spent a lot of time sledgehammering through concrete they unexpectedly ran into while changing over the lines. Jane is working with IT on continuing Verizon issues.
8. Roads and Open Space – **Pond Presentation follow-up:** Walker Christensen from DHM Design presented the two options for the pond open space area at the November meeting. See follow up Q&A on the proposals. The board chose one option and looked at next steps. Jane and Beverly will meet with a former LDWA board member to look at grants. She will ask DHM about the possibility of using mitigation waste from neighborhood like the German hugelkultur method which uses wood waste to reduce the need for fill soil. Wildfire Adapted Partnership still

hasn't received its funds from the State, so we have not received our grant for last year's mitigation work yet.

9. Business

- LDWA Rates and Public Hearing – LDWA will have a public hearing likely in March regarding changes in their rate structure beginning shortly thereafter. Their board decided to implement the changes this year for bulk customers rather than phase in the rates. Beverly said that we have been overcharged for over a decade and that the Cost of Service analysis broke down all the infrastructure needs and costs showing that we should be paying less. Our monthly base rate was reduced from \$3994 to \$870 saving the district over \$30,000 per year. The board expressed appreciation for Beverly attending LDWA board meetings. They approved sending a letter of appreciation to DW1's manager and representative for all their time and work in attending LDWA board meetings and providing their input to them.
- ADU Revision – we did not receive a revision from the district attorney yet.
- District Correspondence – water shut off, cloudy after shutoff, water running down road
- Newsletter Items – clean up needles and rocks in street gutter.

10. Adjourn at 6:01 – Beverly motioned to adjourn. Derek seconded. Motion carried.