

ANTHONY WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
AWSD Office Building, 1155 North Fourth Street, Anthony, NM 88021
August 18, 2026

- I. Roll Call, determination of quorum and the Regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM, by Board Chair and Board Member Yolanda Alvarez.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Chair Yolanda Alvarez,	Yes	No
	Board Member, Veronica Rodriguez,	Yes	No
	Board Member, Edith Samaniego	Yes	No
	Quorum Established,	Yes	No

Staff in Attendance:

Jose Terrones, AWSD Superintendent.

Robert Coleman, AWSD Office Manager and Secretary/Treasurer.

Consultants in attendance:

None.

Public in Attendance:

R.P. Lathi, Business property owner.

Jesus Molina, Residential property owner.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Superintendent Jose Terrones led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING OF JULY 23, 2026. The Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of JULY 21, 2026, and July 23, 2026, were approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE AWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR AUGUST 18, 2026, MEETING. The Agenda Order of Board of Directors Meeting of August 18, 2026, was approved by unanimous consent.

V. PUBLIC/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMUNITY DISCUSSION. (A 3-MINUTE PRESENTATION TIME LIMIT IS IMPOSED FOR EACH PERSON ADDRESSING THE AWSD BOARD DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD).

Mr. Molina addressed the proposed leasing of property by company representatives working on the placing of electric battery storage units on district, Lathi, and Mr. Molina's properties. He inquired about a cooperative conversation and disclosure of leasing terms, conditions, and financial details. Office Manager Robert Coleman provided details about the process that must be followed by water districts, municipalities, and certain other agencies to remain in compliance with NM State Statutes. The conversation stressed that the district must and will continue to seek a formal appraisal process to determine the lease value of the property proposed for the proposed electric battery storage facilities. Further, Coleman noted that the proposal to be reviewed during the current Board meeting relates to acknowledging and executing an option to lease by and between the district and US/Solar as proposed Lessee.

VI. PRESENTATION.

1. REQUEST BY RAGHUNATH LATHI TO DISCUSS WATER AND SEWER BILLING AT 880 NORTH ANTHONY DRIVE, ON BEHALF OF PLAZA DEL SOL, LLC.

Mr. Lathi explained that his water bills in recent years have been too expensive. Superintendent Terrones explained that Mr. Lathi's situation was taken under advisement and an extensive study of his bills and usage did not show inconsistencies. The meter serving his property was removed and a new meter installed. An independent third-party water meter repair and sales company checked the removed meter, and the meter was found to be functioning within parameters. Mr. Lathi remained adamant that the problem of service continues and that the district must find a solution. Mr. Terrones agreed to continue reviewing the operational concerns while expressing concern that the situation of extensive water usage is not within the district's prevue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2026-13, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR 2027 WATER TRUST BOARD FUNDING FOR DESIGN ONLY FOR THE WHISPERING DOVE AND GREEN MEADOWS WATER STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$329,091.45 AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS.

A motion to approve the Resolution 2026-13, authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Notice of Intent to apply for 2027 Water Trust Board Funding for Design only for the Whispering Dove and Green Meadows Water Storage Facilities project in the amount of \$329,091.45 and submitting of the application documents was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by a vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.

2. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2026-14, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR 2027 WATER TRUST BOARD FUNDING FOR DESIGN ONLY FOR THE EAST DRAIN WATERLINE, WILLOW ROAD AND O'HARA AND WEBB ROAD WATERLINE LOOP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,810.71 AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS. A motion to approve the Resolution 2026-13, authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Notice of Intent to apply for 2027 Water Trust Board Funding for Design only for the Willow Road and O'Hara and Webb Road Waterline Loop project in the amount of \$77,810.71 and submitting of the application documents was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by a vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.
3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR, OR SUPERINTENDENT, OR OFFICE MANAGER TO SIGN AN OPTION TO LEASE APPROXIMATELY 50,000 SQUARE FEET ALONG WITH ACCESS TO THE SITE IN THE MORE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF DISTRICT OWNED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROPERTY KNOWN GENERALLY AS 1470 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ANTHONY, NM 80021, WITH US/SOLAR DEVELOPMENT LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING ELECTRIC BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES. A motion to approve authorizing the Board Chair, Superintendent and Office Manager to execute the Option to Lease approximately 50,000 SF of district-owned property at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Site for the installation, maintenance and operation of an electric battery storage facility in support of the was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by a vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.

4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS FOR PROJECT SAP 26-K2411-GF AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED OFFICER(S) AND AGENT(S) FOR THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT. A motion to approve the Resolution 2026-15, authorizing the Board Chair to execute grant document for Project SAP 26-K2411-GF and designating authorized officer(s) and agent(s) for the execution and filing of documents related to the project was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by a vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.
5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE CORPORATE BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR AND TO TIB CREDIT ON BEHALF OF 1ST NEW MEXICO BANK, LAS CRUCES FOR ISSUANCE OF BANK CREDIT CARDS FOR DISTRICT USE BY CERTAIN AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES. A motion to approve the Resolution 2026-16, authorizing approval and execution of the Corporate Borrowing Resolution for and to TIB Credit on behalf of 1st New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces for issuance of bank credit cards for district use by certain authorized individual employees was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by a vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS.

1. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF WATER REPORT (AWSD & DA): AUGUST 2026. Superintendent Terrones presented and discussed the tabulated results of the water and wastewater use and loss reports for AWSD, and the water use, and loss reports for Desert Aire for the NM State Engineer's reporting month of AUGUST 2026. A motion to approve WATER REPORT (AWSD & DA) was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by the vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (AWSD & DA): AUGUST 2026. Superintendent Terrones presented the Financial Report information for the district and Desert Aire. No questions were asked. A motion to approve the FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026 was presented by Veronica Rodriguez, Board

Member and seconded by Edith Samaniego, Board Member duly considered and carried by the vote of the Board of Directors, 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Board Member absent.

- IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT.
Superintendent Terrones supplied a discussion on certain general operational matters.
- X. ADJOURN.
August 18, 2026, Regular Board of Directors meeting of the Anthony Water and Sanitation District adjourned at 7:55 PM.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

AUGUST 18, 2026

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SECRETARY TAKING MINUTES

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