

Lincoln County Water District

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MINUTES

MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2025 9:30 AM

LCWD BOARD ROOM, SUITE 102, PANACA TOWNCENTER, PANACA, NV

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 9:30 am. Present: Diane Path, Mike Reese, Wade Poulsen- General Manager, Amber Pike- Assistant Administrator, Wayne Klomp- Legal Counsel, Present via phone: Lisa Poulsen, Keith Pearson
Invocation- Diane Path, Pledge- Mike Reese
2. Public Comment and Discussion.
No public comment
3. Discussion/For Possible Action: Minutes from the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD) June 9, 2025 Meeting
Diane makes a motion to approve the minutes from the LCWD May 19, 2025 Meeting; seconded by Lisa Poulsen. All voted in favor.
4. Discussion/For Possible Action: LCWD and Pioche Public Utilities (PPU) Vouchers Paid on Check Date June 16, 2025, July 7, 2025, July 21, 2025, and August 4, 2025
Diane makes a motion to approve LCWD and PPU Vouchers Paid on Check Date June 16, 2025, July 7, 2025, July 21, 2025, and August 4, 2025; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.
5. Discussion: Board and Staff member reports – May include but not limited to meetings attended, actions taken, agreements, status of projects, future needs arising since last meeting and other relevant information for the Board.
 - Wade reported the protests for the Moapa Valley Water District's change applications will be submit tomorrow.
 - Wade reported that C&O Holdings have paid their invoice in regard to the Lincoln County Land Act (LCLA) fee. He has received some inquiries from other investors regarding the fee.
 - Wade reported that Newby have paid their invoice for leasing water, but B&B Cattle have not paid their invoice for two years and this will be the third year. They have been informed that if payment is not made, the agreement will be canceled.
 - Mike reported that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with Division of Conservation and Natural Resources and the governor to discuss our issues with the state engineers office decisions regarding our water applications.
6. Pioche Public Utilities Update
 - Wade reported that PPU has assisted with the courthouse repairs.
 - Wade reported that LCWD will meet with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection on August 20, 2025 in regard to our two Capital Improvement Grant Applications.

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- Wade reported that our new billing system has been installed, we are working through the initial issues, and as a result many bills were sent out later than usual.
- Wade reported that in regard to newly installed radio read meters, the handhelds work well. We have a route of 24 radio read meters installed. We will be testing to verifying accuracy.
- Wade reported that a PPU job posting will be published in the newspaper for a utility worker and the hiring process will begin.
- Wade reported that the sewer camera, valued at \$15,000, was stolen. A police report was filed.
- Wade and Nathan reported that there have been 5 new connection in the last few months.
- Nathan reported that PPU has assisted on the library connection.
- Nathan reported that last month we pumped 11 million gallons of water.

7. Vidler Update

- Ryan reported that Vidler resubmitted the Plan of Development to the BLM for the Tule Desert Pipeline.
- Ryan reported that the BLM is requiring cost recovery for the work they have done on the Tule Desert Pipeline Project. No work will be done by the BLM until this is accomplished. Once paid, the BLM work can continue to work on the project.
- Ryan reported that Vidler has had the geophysical science in Kane Springs peer reviewed to validate the data.
- Ryan reported that Vidler continues their monitoring efforts.

8. Discussion/For Possible Action: Revise Agreement Between Lincoln County Water District and Lincoln County for Services for 2026- 2027 Fiscal Year

- Wade reported that the previous request to reduce the agreement amount was denied. The current amount of the agreement is \$24,000. This amount is to pay for the services Lincoln County provides such as payroll, vouchers, etc. With Dylan Frehner leaving, we no longer need legal services from Lincoln County because Wayne Klomp meets this need.

Diane makes a motion to revise the agreement between Lincoln County Water District and Lincoln County for services for 2026- 2027 fiscal year and place that amount at \$15,000; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

9. Discussion/For Possible Action: Increasing Pioche Public Utility Rates and Setting Date for Public Hearing

- Wade provided a presentation on PPU current rate charges and how they compare to other Lincoln County utilities. He highlighted the different ways in which PPU could increase their rates. After some discussion of the board, the general consensus was to create a 5-year plan to incrementally increase rates in the following areas: sewer charge, water charge, late charges, and wholesale charges

10. Discussion/For Possible Action: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LCWD and Lincoln County Power District

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- Wade reported that we need this MOU for the Tule Desert Pipeline Project.
Diane makes a motion to approve the MOU between LCWD and Lincoln County Power District; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

11. Discussion/For Possible Action: Time and Location of the LCWD Board Meetings
Diane Makes a motion to approve the LCWD Board Meetings to be at 9 am at the Panaca Town Center suite 103 on the second Monday each month beginning next month; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.
12. Discussion/For Possible Action: MOU between Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and LCWD for the Tule Desert Pipeline
 - Wade reported that this agreement is between the BLM and LCWD and Arcadis and allows us to continue working together. It does not require payments. It is a part of the BLM process.
Diane Makes a motion to approve the MOU between BLM and LCWD and Arcadis for the Tule Desert Pipeline and the LCWD General Manger will sign it; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.
13. Discussion/For Possible Action: Cost Recovery Funds for BLM for the Tule Desert Pipeline
 - Ryan reported that this cost recovery agreement has been on their meeting agendas with the BLM since the beginning of the calendar year.
This item was tabled until we have this agreement from the BLM.
14. Discussion/For Possible Action: Performance Evaluation of General Manager. Possible action may include, but is not limited to, termination, suspension, demotion, reduction in pay, reprimand, promotion, endorsement, engagement, retention, salary increase, or “no action.”
 - Mike reported that he appreciates the 2 week update that Wade does. He feels our meetings are productive. He expressed gratitude for the good job Wade has been doing.
 - Diane said that Wade is very professional, explains thing well, and gets back to her in a timely manner.
 - Keith expressed gratitude for the work Wade does.
 - Lisa has been pleased with Wade helping her understand water issues.
 - Mike has been very happy with PPU coming under LCWD and how positive it has turned out.
 - Nathan reported that he gets a lot less phone calls since PPU was taken over by LCWD.
Diane makes a motion to accept the performance evaluation of the general manger; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.
15. Discussion/For Possible Action: Lincoln County’s New Employee Paid Scale for General Manger and Operations Manager and Grade Increase

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- Wade reported that there have been recent changes to PERS which have resulted in a reduction in salary for Wade and Nathan. Wade asked for a grade increase for Wade and Nathan. Wade also asked for a step increase.

Diane makes a motion to accept the Lincoln County's New Employee Paid Scale and to put the General Manager at 49-07 and the Operations Manager at 43-06 and the effective date to be 8/11/25; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

16. Public Comment and Discussion.
No public comment

17. Adjourn at 11:38 am.

Minutes submitted for approval on September 8, 2025.


Assistant Administrator

Approved by:


Chairperson