



COOKE CITY, PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2026

Location: Cooke City Chamber Meeting Room & Via Zoom

Board Members Present: In person: Ben Zavora, Alex Marienthal & Lindsey Tollefson
Marilyn Hartley, Clerk
Via Zoom: Josh Pierce & Charlotte Bernhart

Members Absent: Spencer Stone, Operator

Public Present: In person: Mary Anne Keyes & Trent Belestri (MSU Extension), Allen Edens, Chad Meador & Ken Hufford
Via Zoom: Doug Tamke & Brad Koon (Triple Tree Engineering), Meg Simone, Beth Woodson, April Bennett, Linda (CurbBox Specialists)

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

Mary Anne & Trent from MSU Extension were introduced as facilitators for the public hearing.

Brad & Doug from triple Tree Engineering presented background information related to the rationale behind the need for a rate increase, including the calculations made to determine how much was needed from customers.

Public Comment:

Chad Meador from the Alpine Motel expressed concern over the increase for commercial businesses.

Allen Edens took issue with cutting the base gallons from 5000 to 3000. He believes that it is too restrictive for homeowners.

Action Items:

Base rate increase to \$49.39 – No public comment made. Lindsey expressed concern over the reduction of base gallons after hearing Allen Edens' comments. Triple Tree ran a quick calculation for what the revenue would look like if base gallons were kept the same or reduced to 4000 instead. Each 1000 in base gallons is equivalent to approximately \$7000.

Excess Usage (\$1.10/100 gal for 3001 to 20,000 gal) – No further public or board comment.

Excess Usage (\$1.50/100 gal for over 20,000 gal) – No further public or board comment.

Final Public Comment

Meg thanked the board for their hard work on the process and Triple Tree for putting the numbers together.

With no further questions or comments, Ben informed that the formal decision would be made at the Board's regular meeting immediately following the public hearing. He then made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Lindsey.

Ben then adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hartley
District Clerk

BOARD APPROVAL:

Ben Zavora, Board Chair

Alex Marienthal, Vice Chair

Lindsey Tollefson Board Member

Josh Pierce Board Member

Charlotte Bernhart, Board Member

Date: _____