

# May 16, 2026, LPWPD Notes & Financials

9:00am at Lake Region Golf Course

Vice Chairman Dave Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Board members present: John Pantzke, Drake Mohr, Doug Bierschbach. Joel Mohlenhoff, Scott Ross and Jay Baldwin were not present for the meeting.

April 18<sup>th</sup> minutes & financials were reviewed following a motion by John and second by Drake.

## Old Business/Action Items:

- Status of gates / outlet: water is still flowing in from Lake Albert. The NOAA gauge reflects 1651.05 so water is still flowing out.
- A letter was drafted for Rhett Russel of Game Fish & Parks. Board approved sending the letter. A motion was made by John and second by Dave to send the letter to Rhett.
- Jay Baldwin - key for control of the gates per FC-5 at the meeting. Hold for June meeting.
- NOAA gauge control was discussed by Jay Gilbertson at the annual meeting in April and said other organizations will discuss if the gauge goes off-line. At this time this will be monitored but there are no action items for the gauge.
- Again, this will be monitored but no action item for the gauge: Lake level monitor on state land / NOAA gauge. John to talk with Rhett Russel. Quote range is \$500-15k. Real time elevations sent to phone for \$500 or \$15k option is more similar to NOAA gauge system. Suggested discussion with the Corp of Engineers & GF&P's Rhett Russel.
- Doug suggested discontinuing the \$500/connection donation to sanitary department for hookups. Discussion was we have the same goals - the health and quality of the lake water. The board will continue to monitor hookups and make determination at that time. John proposed the payment going to homeowners rather than the Sanitary District as an option. No action items but will continue to monitor and discuss.

## **Bills paid:**

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| • Terry & Minnie Rook – Erosion Control Incentive (check #2705)      | \$273.00   |
| • David & Valerie Mickelson – Erosion Control Incentive (check#2701) | \$420.00   |
| • Dan & Lynne Finn – Erosion Control Incentive (check #2704)         | \$273.00   |
| • Gina Pantzke (check #2699 - wages through 04/17/2026)              | \$490.00   |
| • Twilio – gate automation thru 2025                                 | \$ 67.71   |
| • Big Sioux Water Festival donation (check #2702)                    | \$1,000.00 |
| • Banner Associates (check #2703)                                    | \$887.57   |

## **Open incentives:**

- **John Hurley**- pending receipts & survey (John will talk w/ JHurley)
- **Greg & Stacy Himley** 146 E Lake Dr, Estelline –receipts recd- site is not yet complete.

## New Business:

### **Bills due:**

Hamlin County Publishing for Notice of Annual Meeting publications (check #2707)	\$25.35
Brookings Register for Notice of Annual Meeting publications (check#2706)	\$33.63
Gina Pantzke: wages through 05/15/2026	\$262.50

Board approved payment following a motion by John and second by Drake.

Suggested to add to the monthly agendas a status update for the Lake Management Plan report and develop a team to be created with members from each Lake Poinsett board to determine a plan going forward to address the findings of the Report. This plan should include goals and financial responsibilities for each involved. No elevation or hydrology studies have been done.

There were no updates on John’s complaint dated 06/27/25 to Katie Adair at SD DANR regarding erosion runoff at the East Lake Drive ditch. Homeowners have been working on these areas to prevent the erosion from continuing. The note will be removed from the website.

**Lake Poinsett Organization Status:**

**LPA / LPSPD:** The new website: lakepoinsettcommunity.org. This site combines the Sanitary District, LPWPD & LPA activities. LPWPD site needs updating on the new site but the ‘old’ site remains current and active. Gina will work to update the ‘new’ site, then the ‘old’ will be discontinued.

The open house is today at ABR, which is where Scott Ross (President of LPA) is.

Bylaw review – did not review at this meeting.

**Next scheduled meeting:** June 20, 2026 9am Lake Area Golf Course

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John and seconded by Doug at 10:16am.

**2025-2026 Budget of the Lake Poinsett  
Water Project District**

Income	2025	2026 (budget)	2026 (to date)
Hamlin County tax credit	\$74,362.05		\$11,970.83
Brookings County tax credit	\$6,805.00		\$886.15
Accrued Interest-chg acct (+misc)	\$228.41		\$132.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,395.46</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,989.44</b>

**Expenses**

	2025	2026	2026
Wages	\$1,820.70	\$2,000.00	\$490.00
Mileage	-	\$50.00	\$-
Office Supplies	\$219.86	\$150.00	\$67.20
Jetpack/Trimble/WIX/Technology Software	\$1,792.25	\$2,400.00	\$1,750.00
Insurance	\$3,070.00	\$4,000.00	\$-
Surety Bond	\$732.45	\$-	\$-
Utilities, HD Electric (gates)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$-
Big Sioux Water Festival (donation)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Shoreline Incentive	\$10,710.00	\$75,000.00	\$966.00
Lake Management Plan	2,458.33	\$-	\$877.57
Legal fees/publishing/notary	\$44.63	\$100.00	\$-
Reliabank Safe Deposit Rent (CDs)	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$-
Facility Donation	\$150.00	\$500.00	\$-
Audit	-	\$250.00	\$-
Shoreline Inspections		\$2,000.00	\$-

<b>Repairing right-of-way</b>	-	\$-	\$-
<b>Outlet Maintenance</b>	\$466.46	\$10,000.00	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,977.18</b>	<b>\$97,965.00</b>	<b>\$5,156.28</b>

CD #244784  
CD #245062  
CD #244007  
HD Electric acct#5031 credit balance  
Reliabank Statement Ending

Mat 08/20/26	\$108,026.90
10/11/26	\$20,399.64
11/02/26	\$40,368.15
05/01/26	\$308.45
05/04/26	\$163,176.67