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Minutes of the
Board of Water and Natural Resources Meeting
In-Person or On-Line
Matthew Training Center
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota

November 6, 2025
1:00 p.m. Central Time

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Jerry Soholt called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bernhard, Cameron Becker, Gary Drewes, and Bruce Jennings participated in person. Jerry Soholt and Jackie Lanning participated remotely.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Jones Jr.

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: Representative Nicole Uhre-Balk

OTHERS: See attached attendance sheet.

APPROVE AGENDA: There were no changes to the posted agenda.

Motion by Drewes, seconded by Lanning, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, MEETING: Motion by Bernhard, seconded by Jennings, to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2025, Board of Water and Natural Resources meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There were no public comments.

2026 STATE WATER PLAN APPLICATIONS: Water projects which will require state funding or need state support for categorical grant or loan funding must be included on the State Water Plan. At its November planning meeting, the Board of Water and Natural Resources approves projects for placement onto the next year's State Water Facilities Plan. Placement of a project on the State Water Plan by the board provides no guarantee of funding. The projects placed on the facilities plan at this meeting will remain on the plan through December 2027.

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Andy Bruels presented the 37 State Water Plan applications received by the October 1, 2025, deadline. A map showing the location of these projects was included in the board packet.

Project Sponsor	Description	Projected State Funding (\$)
Belle Fourche	Landfill Cell #3 Construction	\$2,836,000
Belle Fourche	Springs Waterline Replacement	\$5,123,000
Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System	Highway 15 Altamont Pipeline Improvements	\$6,000,000
Bryant	Wastewater Improvements Phase 2B	\$2,259,000
Bryant	Drinking Water Improvements Phase 2B	\$2,643,000
Canistota	Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement Phase 4	\$6,306,200
Canistota	Drinking Water Replacement Phase 4	\$7,184,190
Clear Lake	Storm Sewer Collection Improvements Phase 1B	\$2,130,400
Clear Lake	Drinking Water Distribution Improvements Phase 1B	\$2,696,900
Crooks	Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement Phase 2	\$3,030,000
Crooks	Drinking Water Replacement Phase 2	\$2,090,000
Custer	5th Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$2,650,000
Gregory	Water and Wastewater Improvements Phase 2	\$4,983,376
Hecla	Drinking Water Distribution Improvements	\$135,728
Hot Springs	Wastewater Treatment System Improvements	\$27,241,000
Hot Springs	Water System Improvements	\$16,350,000
Howard	Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	\$2,648,192
James River Water Development District	South Central Implementation Project Segment 3	\$1,000,000
Lake Poinsett Sanitary District	West & Northwest Area Wastewater Collection and Treatment Installation	\$15,181,990
Lemmon	Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase 2	\$4,700,000
Milbank	Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Phase 1	\$17,500,000
Milbank	Drinking Water Treatment Improvements	\$39,000,000
Mission Hill	Water System Improvements	\$1,925,000
Mitchell	13th Avenue Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement	\$1,560,000
Northdale Sanitary District	Sanitary Sewer Re-Route Hideaway Hills Subdivision	\$1,181,000
Prairiewood Sanitary District	Wastewater Collection and Treatment Improvements	\$1,895,000
Pukwana	Sanitary and Storm Sewer Expansion for Westside Development	\$4,363,000
Roscoe	Wastewater Treatment System Improvements	\$2,260,000
Salem	City-wide Sanitary Sewer Relining and Lift Station Rehabilitation	\$1,620,000

Salem	Water Meter Replacement	\$860,000
Valley Springs	Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement	\$2,417,400
Valley Springs	Drinking Water Replacement	\$1,261,600
Vermillion	Landfill Cell #7 Construction and Cell #2-4 Partial Closure	\$2,620,000
Viborg	Wastewater Collection and Treatment Improvements	\$8,072,000
Viborg	Watermain Improvements	\$2,707,000
WEB Water Development Assn.	Wecota Drinking Water Improvements and Consolidation	\$363,000
Wilmot	Outfall Line Replacement	\$850,000

Staff recommended placement of the 37 projects on the 2026 State Water Facilities Plan.

Motion by Bernhard, seconded by Drewes, to accept the staff recommendations for placement of the 37 projects on the 2026 State Water Facilities Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FFY 2026 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND INTENDED USE PLAN, PROJECT PRIORITY LIST, AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT ADDENDUM: Chairman Soholt opened the public hearing.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public input and adopt the FFY 2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plan, Project Priority List, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Addendum. Copies of the draft documents were included in the board packet.

The hearing was public noticed in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Mr. Bruels presented the FFY 2026 Clean Water SRF IUP and discussed changes from previous years.

The IUP consists of three components. One component describes how the state intends to use available funds from the standard program allocation for the year to meet the objectives of the Clean Water Act and further the goal of protecting public health. This includes the amount of funds to be allocated to set-aside activities such as for administration and technical assistance.

The second component of the IUP is a priority list of projects that will be eligible to receive funding. Projects seeking a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan must be on the priority list.

The third component of the IUP is an Addendum to specifically address the allocation of funds and proposed uses, to include set-aside activities, for the funds provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

No written comments regarding the FFY 2026 Clean Water SRF IUP were submitted.

Chairman Soholt requested public comments regarding the Clean Water SRF IUP. There were no public comments.

Staff recommended the board approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 IUP, Project Priority List, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Addendum.

Motion by Jennings, seconded by Lanning, to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water SRF Intended Use Plan, Project Priority List, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Addendum, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Soholt closed the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FFY 2026 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND INTENDED USE PLAN, PROJECT PRIORITY LIST, AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT ADDENDUM: Chairman Soholt opened the public hearing.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public input and adopt the FFY 2026 Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan (IUP), Project Priority List, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Addendum. Copies of the draft documents were included in the board packet.

The hearing was public noticed in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Mr. Bruels presented the FFY 2026 Drinking Water SRF IUP and discussed changes from previous years.

The Drinking Water SRF IUP consists of three components. One component describes how the state intends to use available funds from the standard program allocation for the year to meet the objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act and further the goal of protecting public health. This includes the amount of funds to be allocated to set-aside activities such as administration, state program management, small system technical assistance, and local assistance and other state programs.

The second component of the IUP is a priority list of projects that will be eligible to receive funding. Projects seeking a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan must be on the priority list.

The third component of the IUP is an Addendum to specifically address the allocation of funds and proposed uses, to include set-aside activities, for the funds provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

No written comments regarding the FFY 2026 Drinking Water SRF IUP were submitted.

Chairman Soholt requested public comments regarding the Drinking Water SRF IUP. There were no public comments.

Staff recommended the board approve the FFY 2026 Drinking Water IUP, Project Priority List, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Addendum.

Motion by Drewes, seconded by Bernhard, to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan, Project Priority List, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Addendum, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Soholt closed the hearing.

The slide presentations for the following items are available on the South Dakota Boards and Commissions Portal at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=108>.

STATE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS: SDCL 46A-1-2.1 designates the water resource projects included on the State Water Resources Management System (SWRMS) component of the State Water Plan that serve as the preferred priority water development objectives of the state.

Mr. Bruels reported that the Board of Water and Natural Resources annually reviews the projects included on the SWRMS component of the State Water Plan and makes recommendations to the Governor and State Legislature regarding deletions, additions, or retention of projects on the SWRMS list.

The following projects are currently included on the SWRMS list:

Belle Fourche Irrigation Upgrade Project
Big Sioux Flood Control Study
Cendak Irrigation Project
Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System Study
Hydrology and Water Management Studies
Lake Andes-Wagner/Marty II Irrigation Unit
Lewis and Clark Rural Water System
Sioux Falls Flood Control Project
Vermillion Basin Flood Control Project
Water Investment in Northern South Dakota (WINS) Project
Western Dakota Regional Water System Study

The following projects requested SWRMS funding.

Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System Study: Ryan Johnson, President of Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System, and TJ Yeardon, HDR Engineering, provided information on the project.

Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System is a collaboration of 55 public water systems that will provide alternative and supplemental water supplies to area communities and regional water systems in central and southern portions of eastern South Dakota, southwest Minnesota, northwest Iowa, and the Santee Sioux Tribe in northeast Nebraska.

The project requested \$750,000 in SWRMS funding for a feasibility study.

Water Quality Program, DANR: Aaron Ward, Administrator of the Water Quality Program, provided a slide presentation on the project.

The funding request is for a comprehensive wetland mapping and screening tool which will allow the state to have improved wetland protection, help with conservation and restoration efforts, and provide data useful for flood attenuation planning. The efforts are necessary to support statewide hydrology and water management practices for current and future generations.

The DANR Water Quality Program requested \$1,000,000 in SWRMS funding for the project.

Mr. Ward and Mark Mayer, Division Director, answered questions from the board.

Watertown – Big Sioux Flood Control Study: Justin Peterson, City of Watertown, provided a slide presentation discussing the ongoing Big Sioux Flood Control Study.

The city requested \$175,000 for the study.

WEB Water (WINS Project): Rod Kappes, BDM, Shane Phillips, WEB, and Robin Bobzien, city of Aberdeen, provided information on the project.

The Water Investment in Northern South Dakota (WINS) project is a collaborative effort between WEB Water, the city of Aberdeen, and BDM Rural Water that will provide water throughout northeast South Dakota to meet current user needs and provide for future growth.

The project request \$5,000,000 in SWRMS funding for continued engineering design, preconstruction activities, and construction of facilities in the WINS project.

The four funding requests were considered during the next agenda item, which is the Omnibus Bill funding presentation.

Staff recommended the board adopt a resolution recommending retention of all current projects on the SWRMS list as preferred, priority objectives of the state.

Motion by Bernhard, seconded by Lanning, to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-106** recommending to the Governor and the State Legislature that all projects currently identified on the State Water Resources Management System be retained as preferred, priority objectives of the state. The motion carried unanimously.

OMNIBUS BILL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: Tina McFarling reported that the board annually conducts a public meeting to take statements from interested parties regarding water and waste funding needs. A board resolution is developed to recommend funding levels to the Governor and Legislature for individual State Water Resources Management System projects, the consolidated program, the solid waste program, and other special appropriations for water development.

Included in the board packet were the Water and Environment Flow Chart, the Lotto Distribution Flow Chart, and the Petroleum Release Compensation and Tank Inspection Fee Flow Chart. Staff prepared the documents based on the history of actual revenues and expected future revenues for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

Ms. McFarling provided a slide presentation discussing the process for estimating the funding levels available for the appropriation recommendations.

The presentation included a pie chart that represents \$344,400,000 that has been appropriated into the dedicated water funding account. The chart also shows the breakout of awards by categories since 1993. South Dakota Codified Law 46A-1-93 prioritizes the award of dedicated water funding for development of public water systems. The percentage of awards for regional drinking water projects is 43.7 percent while the awards to municipal drinking water projects is 14 percent.

Since 1993, \$70,200,000 has been appropriated from solid waste fees for the Solid Waste Management program with 59.8 percent of those fees being awarded to solid waste disposal projects, 15.4 percent to waste tire disposal projects, and 24.8 percent to recycling projects.

Since the dedicated funding sources were established in the early 1990s, the combined dedicated water funding and solid waste fees have provided more than \$414,000,000 for water and wastewater projects throughout South Dakota.

The Omnibus bill authorizes special appropriations for State Fiscal Year 2027 and includes an emergency clause which allows the funds to become immediately available to the board once the bill is signed by the Governor. The funds will be available for four fiscal years or through June 30, 2030. Available funds are based on actual revenues received through June 30, 2025, and include revenue projections for both State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

Ms. McFarling discussed the flow charts providing a summary of dedicated funding deposited into the Water and Environment Fund (WEF), the dedicated funding revenue sources, and the projected funds available for appropriation in the 2026 Omnibus Bill. She also discussed the proposed appropriation levels from the WEF and the WEF State Revolving Fund subfunds. The projected Water and Environment Fund deposits total \$11,100,000 for state FY 2027.

Ms. McFarling discussed the remaining funds available for appropriation and break down of the revenue between water and solid waste funding. Going into FY 2027, staff is estimating an overall surplus of \$2,998,000. It is estimated that there will be \$11,100,000 in transfers to the dedicated water fund from the Capital Construction Fund and \$1,000,000 in Contractor's Excise tax is expected. Loan repayments and interest revenues deposited to the water and solid waste funds are estimated at \$1,280,000 and the dedicated solid waste fees coming from Tipping Fees and Tire Fees total an estimated \$1,950,000.

Adding all the estimated revenue brings the total amount available for appropriation to \$18,338,400 with more than \$3,400,000 available for solid waste funding and \$14,900,000 for dedicated water funding.

The department recommended that the board recommend to the Governor and State Legislature the following line-item appropriation levels for projects on the State Water Resources Management System:

Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System Study	\$750,000
DANR Hydrology and Water Management Studies	\$500,000
Watertown-Big Sioux River Flood Control Feasibility Study	\$175,000
Water Investment in Northern South Dakota	\$2,000,000
Total	\$3,425,000

The department recommended an appropriation level of \$11,400,000 for the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program and \$3,400,000 for the Solid Waste Management Program.

The department also recommended the following Water and Environment Fund Subfund appropriation levels:

State Revolving Fund Administrative Surcharge Fees

Clean Water SRF Water Quality Grants	\$200,000
Clean Water SRF Application and Administration Assistance	\$400,000
Drinking Water SRF Application and Administration Assistance	\$400,000

Federal Set-Aside Funds and Federal Subsidy Payments

Drinking Water SRF Technical Assistance and Local Assistance	\$250,000
Clean Water SRF Small System Technical Assistance	\$50,000

WEF Subfund and Federal Fund Total: \$1,300,000

Motion by Jennings, seconded by Drewes, to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-107** recommending to the Governor and State Legislature Water and Environment Fund Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation levels of \$750,000 for the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water Study, \$500,000 for DANR Hydrology and Water Management Studies, \$175,000 for the Watertown-Big Sioux River Flood Control Feasibility Study, \$2,000,000 for the Water Investment in Northern South Dakota project, \$11,400,000 for the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, \$3,400,000 for the Solid Waste Management Program, \$200,000 for Clean Water SRF Water Quality Grants, \$400,000 for Clean Water SRF Application and Administration Assistance, \$400,000 for Drinking Water SRF Application and Administration Assistance, \$250,000 for Drinking Water SRF Technical Assistance and Local Assistance, \$50,000 for Clean Water SRF Small System Technical Assistance. The motion carried unanimously.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2026 STATE WATER PLAN: In accordance with South Dakota Codified Laws 46A-2-2, 46A-1-10 and 46A-1-14, an Annual Report and State Water Plan is to be presented to the Legislature and the Governor by the first day of the legislative session.

Mr. Bruels noted that the report is similar in format to the report that was presented in previous years. The annual report provides a brief description of the activities that have been undertaken by the board during calendar year 2025 and includes tables detailing the funding awards approved by the board throughout the year.

The board awarded more than \$216,000,000 in grant and loan funding for planning, design, and construction of municipal drinking water, wastewater, lake and watershed restoration, rural water, solid waste disposal, and recycling projects. Mr. Bruels noted that these awards were critical in having environmental projects being completed across the state.

The State Water Plan identifies the projects approved for placement on the 2026 facilities plan and provides information for projects on the State Water Resources Management System. Earlier in the meeting the board placed 37 projects on the facilities plan, bringing the total number of projects on the 2026 Facilities Plan to 353. Projects that have received funding from the board remain on the Facilities Plan until project completion and remain eligible to request additional funding if costs increase. The SWRMS component of the State Water plan includes the 11 existing projects on the list and general information regarding those projects. The final version of the report will provide the recommendations in the Omnibus Bill and submits those to the Governor and legislature on the funding levels for various water and solid waste projects, the programs, and activities. The board's recommendations for the SWRMS list designations, the funding levels for projects, programs and activities and the Water and Environment Fund special condition statement are provided as appendices to the report.

Staff recommended approval of the 2025 Annual Report and the 2026 State Water Plan and to authorize the staff to print and distribute the report to the State Legislature, Governor, and other interested parties on behalf of the board.

Motion by Bernhard, seconded by Lanning, to approve the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 State Water Plan, and to authorize the staff to print and distribute the report to the state legislature, the governor, and other interested parties. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. CONTRACT: Mr. Bruels reported that in December 2022, the Board of Water and Natural Resources, acting as the South Dakota Conservancy District, entered into a consultant contract with U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A. to provide services to the State as Trustee, Loan Servicer and Paying Agent/Registrar for the State's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs.

U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A. has served as the Trustee, Loan Servicer and Paying Agent/Registrar since 2017. The Board's current contract with U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A. ends on December 31, 2025.

The primary purpose of the amendment is to extend the contract period to December 31, 2028, and increase the total contract amount to an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000. The amendment was prepared with assistance from the Office of the Attorney General, and it was reviewed by U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A.

Staff recommended the board adopt a resolution authorizing the first amendment to the contract.

Motion by Drewes, seconded by Bernhard, to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-108** authorizing the first amendment to the January 1, 2023, consultant contract with U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A. to extend the term until December 31, 2028; to increase the total contract amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 for the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028; to amend the Consultant's individual to be Noticed to Christopher Cartier; to re-name Appendix C (Scope of Trustee Services) to "Exhibit A" and to revise certain content therein; to amend old Exhibit A (Cost of Services) rate schedule and to re-name it as "Exhibit B"; to amend Appendix B (current bond issuance status) and to re-name it as Exhibit C; and to add State required clauses. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO BARTLETT & WEST, INC. CONTRACT: Mr. Bruels stated that in January 2023, the Board of Water and Natural Resources, acting as the South Dakota Conservancy District, entered into a consultant contract with Bartlett & West, Inc. to provide services to the State for water service line inventories and associated work.

This contract was developed to assist public water systems in South Dakota in complying with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements to have water service line inventories completed. A primary focus of the activities is to identify all unknown service line materials and to determine the presence of lead service lines required for removal. The initial reporting period has been completed; however, many systems still have service lines with unknown materials. There is additional work to perform, and assistance provided to systems to assist them in fully completing the required inventories for regulatory compliance. The Board's current contract with Bartlett & West, Inc. ends on December 31, 2025.

The primary purpose of the amendment is to extend the contract period to December 31, 2027. The amendment was prepared with assistance from the Office of the Attorney General and reviewed by Bartlett & West, Inc.

Staff recommended the board adopt a resolution authorizing the first amendment to the contract.

Motion by Jennings, seconded by Lanning, to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-109** authorizing the first amendment to the January 6, 2023, Consultant Contract with Bartlett & West, Inc. to extend the term until December 31, 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

OAK MOUNTAIN COUNTRY ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD RESOLUTION CORRECTION FOR CONSOLIDATED WATER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM LOAN 2026L-107 AND CONSOLIDATED WATER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM GRANT 2026G-107: Ms. McFarling reported that on March 27, 2025, the Board of Water and Natural Resources awarded Oak Mountain Country Estates Owners Association a

\$143,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program loan and a \$302,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant for a water distribution system improvements project.

It was discovered that the official entity name on the grant and loan documents was incorrectly recorded as Oak Mountain Country Estates HOA and was submitted and passed as such by the Board of Water and Natural Resources. The official name of the recipient is Oak Mountain Country Estates Owners Association, so a correction to the name is required. It was also found that the recipient has no need to secure a mortgage, therefore staff intends to remove that as a condition on the loan.

Staff recommended that the board rescind Resolution No. 2025-18 and Resolution No. 2025-19 which awarded the original Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program loan and grant with the incorrect recipient name and an unnecessary conditional requirement of a mortgage and adopt new resolutions with the correct recipient name and loan conditions.

Motion by Bernhard, seconded by Lanning, to rescind Resolution No. 2025-18, which awarded the original Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program loan, and to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-110** approving the Water Facilities Construction Program loan (2026L-107) for Oak Mountain Estates Owners Association not to exceed the maximum committed amount of \$143,000 contingent upon the borrower adopting a resolution approving the form of the loan agreement, upon the promissory note, and the pledge of revenues for repayment of the loan, the borrower approving a security agreement, and an Intercreditor Agreement being approved and executed by Rural Utilities Service, Oak Mountain Country Estates Owners Association, and the Conservancy District; and to rescind Resolution No. 2025-19, which awarded the original Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant and to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-111** approving the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant (2026G-107) for Oak Mountain Estates Owners Association for up to 67.9 percent of all approved total project costs not to exceed 302,000 for water distribution system improvements – Phase 1. The motion carried unanimously.

CANTON REQUEST TO DEOBLIGATE CLEAN WATER SRF LOAN C461039-07 AND DRINKING WATER SRF LOAN C462039-05: Ms. McFarling reported that on March 27, 2025, the Board of Water and Natural Resources awarded a \$1,827,000 Clean Water SRF loan and a \$1,946,000 Drinking Water SRF Loan to the city of Canton for its West Street sanitary, storm sewer and drinking water improvements projects.

On October 8, 2025, DANR received a letter from the city stating they are going to reprioritize and pause these projects for the time being. The letter requested to deobligate the \$1,827,000 Clean Water SRF loan and the \$1,946,000 Drinking Water SRF loan.

Staff recommended the board rescind Resolution No. 2025-28 which awarded the Clean Water SRF loan and Resolution No. 2025-23 which awarded the Drinking Water SRF loan for these projects.

Motion by Jennings, seconded by Lanning, to rescind Resolution No. 2025-28 and Resolution No. 2025-23. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2025 CLEAN WATER SRF INTENDED USE PLAN: Mr. Bruels reported that the FFY 2025 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) was approved by the Board of Water and Natural Resources in November 2024, and amended in March, June, and September of 2025.

At the time the IUP was approved it was recommended that no funds be set-aside as allowed for Small System Technical Assistance. It was anticipated that sufficient funds from prior year grants would be available to carry out allowed activities. Specifically, the use of these funds includes providing Small Community Planning Grants for completion of engineering studies and for assistance to identified communities for technical, managerial, of financial capacity assistance.

To allow for prior year grant funds to be expended and allocate funds for the above activities into a more current federal grant year staff recommended amending the 2025 Clean Water SRF IUP. The following language would be added to the IUP in the Capitalization Grant Technical Assistance Set-Aside section:

To continue funding these activities South Dakota will utilize \$200,000 of the 2025 IJA general supplemental grant funds. No base Clean Water SRF program funds will be allocated for this set-aside.

Staff recommended that the board approve the proposed amendment to the FFY 2025 Clean Water SRF IUP.

Motion by Lanning, seconded by Drewes, to approve the amendment to the FFY 2025 Clean Water SRF Intended Use Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

JANUARY 8, 2026, MEETING: Ms. McFarling discussed possible agenda items for the January board meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Lanning, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 8th day of January 2026.

(SEAL)

Chairman, Board of Water and Natural Resources

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Water and Natural Resources

BOARD OF WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE 11-6-2025

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