

RW&SD Board Meeting March 10, 2026

Ramah Water & Sanitation District Board meeting called to order by Board Chairman Robert Montague, on March 10th, 2026, at 7:12pm.

Debbie Bond offered the opening prayer. Michael Croley led the pledge of allegiance.

Board members in attendance are Robert Montague, Michael Croley, Tyson McClelland, Flint Tietjen, and Debbie Bond. Absent were Blanche Clawson and Whitney River-Croley. There was a quorum in attendance.

The board chairman asks if the board members had a chance to read over the February meeting minutes. Everyone agrees they did. Board Chairman asks if there are any changes that need to be made, everyone agrees no changes need to be made.

Michael Croley makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026, meeting. Tyson McClelland seconded the motion. Board Chairman calls for a vote, all in favor say “Aye”. The motion carries unanimously.

Operators report given by Flint Tietjen. Ordered the chemical from USA Bluebook to use in the wastewater treatment plant. Fixed the fence and put up new gate into the treatment plant that is now locked. Flint has been doing work on the Acequia to Talan Lewis’ house. The Acequia will be billed for this work. At this time Board Chairman asks about having a zoom meeting with the inspector, Shivanna Moriarty. The meeting is scheduled for March 17th and 10:00am on google meet. Secretary will set this up and include all Board Members, Flint, the inspector and Angelina Grey.

Secretary’s report- Presented bank reconciliation along with the bank statements to the board. Maryah Maki will help to get the necessary information to finish up the DOT Project L600262 sent to Bill Santiago. Bill Santiago was emailed about the cattle guard at Hwy 53 and Lambson St. The reply is that it is the responsibility of RW&SD. Secretary will be making courtesy calls to people before bills go out on 3/16.

Board Chairman asks if everyone got a chance to read the edited Administrative Manual.

Michael Croley makes a motion to approve the Administrative Manual. Tyson McClelland seconded the motion. Board Chairman calls for a vote, all in favor say “Aye”. The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Resolution #FY26-003, **A Resolution Approving Alternative #2: Water Supply Improvements and upgrades for Tietjen Well, Highway Well No.2 & Coffey Well, of the Ramah Water preliminary Engineering report.**

Michael Croley makes a motion to approve Resolution #FY26-003. Tyson McClelland seconded the motion. Board Chairman calls for a vote, all in favor say “Aye”. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion about the area by the office to be used as a dry camping area. This will be tabled until April for more discussion.

Discussion/vote to buy more water meters. Flint would like approval to purchase 10 meters, and approval to purchase chemicals to treat wastewater plant.

Michael Croley makes a motion to approve \$1200.00 to purchase water meters, and \$600.00 for the chemical treatment. Tyson McClelland seconded the motion. Board Chairman calls for a vote, all in favor say “Aye”. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion on hiring an auditor. Can put out a bid for multi-year contract. Secretary will research online to find approved auditors and present them to the board in April.

Robert reported going into the bank and talking to them about the bank accounts. Asked the bank of ways to invest money for town, maybe getting a short-term CD. Tyson McClelland will also talk about investing, April meeting.

Discuss about the clean-up Ramah campaign. Getting an extra dumpster for June/July to start cleaning up around town. More discussion/suggestions at a later date.

Discussion on the next DOT project due in March. Flint and Debbie will get letter and proposed work and costs ready to send into state. Will include all the streets in Ramah for road maintenance and repair.

Board Chairman brought up a question about what the workers comp liability insurance from New Mexico Mutual is for. Find out from Ashley with Clay Fultz Insurance what this is. Secretary will report on this in April meeting.

Discuss drought and fire danger. Board Chairman asks members to think of ideas to present to board.

The board chairman asks if there is any other business that needs to be discussed, if not, meeting can be adjourned.

Michael Croley makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Tyson McClelland seconded the motion. The Board Chairman calls for a vote, all in favor say, “Aye”. The motion to adjourn carries unanimously.