

SPRING CREEK / COW CREEK SANITARY
DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Spring Creek/Cow Creek Sanitary District was held at the Boat House Bar & Grill on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. President Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

President Schneider, Bacon, Konda, Schuh, Superintendent Zuber, and Clerk Linn were in attendance, along with 5 residents and 1 guest. Kopman, Attorney Miller, 6 residents and 4 guests attended via Zoom videoconference.

Schneider requested a motion to approve the agenda. Schuh made a motion to approve the agenda. Bacon seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schneider asked the Board to declare any Conflicts of Interest. None noted at this time.

Schuh made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 6:02 pm. Konda seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schneider called the meeting back into session at 6:57 pm.

Schneider noted the following items in the President's message:

1. As read by Linn:

Currently we are working on switching over to the new Ampstun system.

Our office is currently running bills in the old and new systems in May to crosscheck for accuracy. We intend to do the same in June.

May billings will be the old system. We are unsure which one will be utilized in June.

May autopays will also be the old system. We are unsure which one will be utilized in June.

Anyone wishing to utilize autopay in the new system will be required to create a new account and reinput their autopay information. Additional information and directions on set up will be released once Payment Service Network (PSN) has been loaded on the new software and we have procedures/timelines confirmed.

To reiterate no action is required at this time by the public until otherwise notified.

Schneider requested action on the 4/9/2025 meeting minutes. Konda made a motion to approve the 4/9/2025 meeting minutes. Schuh seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schneider requested Superintendent Zuber present his report to the Board. In April the District used 796,000 gallons with a daily average of 26,000.

Other items noted by Zuber:

1. Passed testing for the month.
2. Lift stations functioned without issue.
3. Located leak in SDGFP Cow Creek service meter pit. Replaced meter and supply lines. Most likely froze due to the lack of insulation over the winter. Will continue to monitor as there appears to be a small leak at the location.
4. Noted another meter was damaged on a Friday afternoon. Forrest recommended planned maintenance takes place at better times than late on a Friday afternoon.
5. Received payment on two new lots and handed out applications on four.
6. Lead and copper sample remittance will be coming up soon.

Schneider requested Konda present the Treasurer's Report. Konda noted for the month of April:
Unrestricted checking account - \$214,207. Restricted meter deposits - \$31,612. Restricted long-term developer

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fund - \$77,517. Total Checking/Savings - \$323,336. Accounts receivable - \$12,758. Accounts payable - \$427,658. Konda inquired as to the status of reimbursement from the Clean Water loans. Melhaff estimated the reimbursements will be received in approximately two weeks. Bacon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Schuh seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schneider requested Clerk Linn present the monthly Accounts Payable to the Board. Ampstun Corporation - \$9,787.50 (held); Anderson Nill & Associates - \$8,870.64; AT&T Mobility - \$91.29; Bartlett & West - \$484,507.85 (\$484,073.85 held pending reimbursement); CSDED - \$11,000.00 (held pending reimbursement); Core and Main - \$3,071.47; Envirotech Waste Services - \$26.97; Forrest Zuber - \$450.00; Lammers, Kliebacker & Dawson LLP - 2,475.00; Maguire Iron, Inc. - \$25,000.00 (held pending reimbursement); Mid Dakota RWS - \$5,009.35; Midco Communications - \$53.40; South Dakota 811 - \$19.95; Todd Schneider - \$62.50. Konda made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting the hold on Ampstun, Bartlett & West pending reimbursement, CSDED pending reimbursement and Maguire Iron pending reimbursement. Bacon seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schneider requested Ross update the District on the sewer facilities plan. Ross is currently going through a significant amount of submittals that they have received from the contractor and manufacturer. Ross noted the site was being accessed without authorization, so he informed the contractors to make sure the site is closed up each night. Ross noted they are currently getting clarification on what was planned between the electrical sub and the manufacturer on whether to utilize 240 vs. 208. Working to finalize the Corp permit at this time.

Schneider requested Danner update the District on the water facilities plan. Danner noted in the past month they have started work on the coating system for the tank. The interior wet area coating is nearly complete. Will finish coating system in the next month. Exterior timing will be dependent on weather. June and July will be completing electrical and SCADA work. Disinfecting and filling the tank to follow. Substantial completion date is still July 31, 2025. Boat ramp repair is now designed and ready for construction.

Schneider requested Konda update the District on the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP). Konda stated the MAP representative was on the call earlier yet had to leave prior to having an opportunity to present. MAP will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Schneider requested comments on any new development approved through Sully County. Vic Utech noted he did not come prepared to discuss the new development. Konda inquired as to whether Utech intends to plat any lots yet this summer. Utech noted he does not have anything planned for new development in the near future. Potentially next year, yet maybe not. Konda requested initial plans be submitted to the District at the next meeting allowing the District the ability to plan for future system expansion. Utech predicted he doesn't think you will see much of anything on the golf course. Schneider requested Utech let the Board know if he is planning on doing curb stops or similar expansion which will tap into the District system. Utech recommended putting a meeting together with a couple of members of the Board to discuss his future potential expansion. The Board agreed a meeting would be a good idea. Schneider noted the final approval will be that of the entire Board and not the committee members.

Schneider requested Ross address the Codgers Castaway Inspection. Ross noted a report with findings was provided to the Board along with a map and photos documenting areas of concern. Ross noted places where flow is not pushing everything downstream, pipe settlement and sags in the line, areas where solids were deposited and, in some places, where the camera could not make it through. Ross noted in the report:

- some areas where the pipe will need to be replaced and in others the solids removed to allow re-televising of the affected area to analyze if water is ponding,

- areas where the locate wire is hanging down into the flow which are minimal things that can be accounted for,

- a few places where the pipe was installed with a little bit of an angle showing the face of the oncoming pipe. These locations have approximately 1" gap when you only have 1 1/2" cover on the gasket, and

- control panel at lift station has settled and is leaning.

Ross would preface with these all-other instances that we work with situations like this similar to the wastewater plant or water tower contractors in those has contracted to have a one-year warranty. This development is a little different

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situation yet a similar process. The District needs to look at the infrastructure you are going to take over and make sure it meets the minimum regulations and standards. In most cases this development does.

Ross stated he would want an inspector on site during the corrections, as, in his opinion, some of the compaction and settlement issues could have been alleviated with that being in place previously. Ross recommended the findings be addressed prior to the District taking ownership of the water/sewer infrastructure within the development. Bacon inquired what could happen if dipping and sagging were not addressed. Ross noted debris can build up in those locations and potentially cause a backup in the system which may result in backup into homes, backup into manholes and/or odor issues. Ross noted a little bit of sag up to 5% of the pipe is acceptable, yet in some of these cases you have more than half of the pipe capacity being impeded because the debris cannot get through. Schneider noted we are coming up on May 10th for the handover of the system, which the District cannot accept it at this time until these things are addressed and fixed. Schneider requested a motion. Konda made a motion that until such time the prescribed repairs are made the District rejects taking over the system. Bacon Seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Schneider noted the correction should not take more than 30-60 days. Ross agreed with Schneider's statement. Schneider instructed Ross to provide a copy of the report with map and photos to Utech and Jason Smith.

Schneider opened the floor to public comment.

Randy Jensen stated he attended the December meeting and was told at that time by Schneider you would not be charged a surcharge if you didn't have a meter. Jensen noted that is not true. Jensen also noted the website does not have a phone number readily accessible for whom to call regarding billing. Linn thanked Jensen for his comments and noted the website will be updated. Schneider provided clarification on the CW-02 surcharge. Schneider also noted he apologizes if he misspoke at the meeting. Jensen reiterated his concern was having to pay when he doesn't have a meter and no service is provided by the District for the amount he must pay.

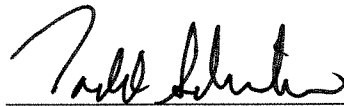
Vic Utech inquired as to whom would be the contact regarding the inspection letter. Schneider stated Ross will be the contact. Utech inquired as to whom conducted the inspections. Ross stated Rick Hahn was the 3rd party conducting the inspections. Utech stated Hahn is not a plumbing inspector. Ross stated the inspector is not required to be a plumbing inspector to conduct the inspections in question and Haan's engineer license satisfies the standard protocol utilized across the United States.

Schneider inquired as to whether there was any additional public comment. Hearing none, public comment was closed.

Schneider inquired as to the need for an Executive Session. None noted at this time.

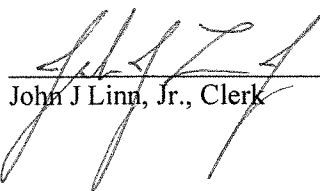
Being no further business, Schuh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Konda seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW



Todd Schneider, Board President

ATTEST:



John J. Linn, Jr., Clerk