Saddle Mountain Service Corporation Annual Meeting Minutes

June 15th, 2026

MT City Fire Station #2

Attendees:

Tom Hillesland, President

Mike Johnson, Vice President

Linda Kindrick, Treasurer

Josh Ault, Secretary

Joanna Haddon, Director

Kirk Fandry, Director

Matt Weber, Operator

Kathryn Ault, Homeowner

Pat Tallent, Homeowner

Nancy Cobble, Homeowner

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Collect and count ballots: Linda Kindrick and Pat Tallent collected and counted the received ballots.

Announcement of new operator: Tom recognized Mark Zitzka for his 30 years of service, and congratulates him on his retirement. Matt Weber has stepped in to fill the role of primary water operator.

Announcement of new board members: The ballots were counted and both candidates on the ballot have been elected to the board. Erik Wood joins the board of directors, and Kirk Fandry stays on for another term.

Election of officers (by board members only):

- President: Mike Johnson nominated Joanna Haddon. Linda Kindrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Vice President: Linda Kindrick nominated Mike Johnson. Kirk Fandry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Secretary: Joanna Haddon nominated Josh Ault. Linda Kindrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer: Josh Ault nominated Linda Kindrick. Kirk Fandry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

June 2026 – June 2027 Board of Directors
President: Joanna Haddon
Vice President: Mike Johnson
Secretary: Josh Ault
Treasurer: Linda Kindrick

Operator's report: Tom presented the annual operator's report. This report reviewed the major items completed by the water operators over the past year, and includes various components that were replaced, repairs to the system, and routine maintenance to keep the system running smoothly. Of note, the stub pipe off Ruby Mtn Rd was removed, which has been a recurring problem.

Treasurer's report: Linda Kindrick presented the various treasurer's reports and provided an overview for the past year. Linda noted that legal fees have increased due to the need for establishing water rights due to recent Montana legislation. After last year's annual meeting we finished purchasing the last of six CDs, and interest income from those CDs has started accruing. Lastly, SMSC has received all restitution payments, ahead of schedule. Overall, SMSC had a positive balance this year compared to last year. The annual reports available to those in attendance are available to homeowners who were unable to make the meeting. If desired, please email the treasurer, Linda Kindrick, for copies.

Budget update: Tom presented the updated budget based on data from the last 10 years. With the budget's forecast, water rates do not need to be increased this year. Keeping rates steady was primarily due to onboarding Rocky Mountain Operators (RMO) as an on-call backup operator. It is likely that rates will need to be increased once a full time backup operator is hired.

Maintenance & Repair Committee Report: Mike presented the maintenance & repair committee report. The biggest focus for the past year was resolving the water hammer. The ideal solution is a VFD, but this needs DEQ approval with details based on the pump specifications. Unfortunately we are unable to locate the pump serial number, but we will need to pull the pump out in order to read the serial number. A VFD would also have the added benefit of reducing our electrical bill due to the pump coming on more slowly. Various other components in the system have been replaced and repaired in order to alleviate the issue in the meantime.

With no further business or questions noted, the annual meeting adjourned at 07:08pm.