

Public Notice

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00pm. At Town Hall to review the Conditional Use Permit, Request for Variance, Roberto Vargas, Residential Construction, at Kinney 1st Addn. Blk. 5 Lot 9 W half & Lot 10 in LDR. For further information, please contact Codes Admin. 864-9285.

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NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board:

Fair Board – One seat open due to resignation. (Term through January 1, 2029)

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on the Board should submit their County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners meeting on July 20, 2026.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk
Pub. July 9 & 16, 2026No. 2135

SSTATE OF) IN THE
WYOMING) DISTRICT COURT
) ss.
COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

No. 1986-CV-0007978
IN THE MATTER OF THE KIRBY)
)
DITCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT)

ORDER FOR HEARING

The Commissioners of the Kirby Ditch Irrigation District having filed with the Clerk of District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, their Report and Proposed Budget for the Year 2026 for said District, and therein itemizing money to be raised by assessment against lands compromising said District, and in the total amount of \$43,264.81 and by assessment of \$75.00 for the first acre of each landowner and \$12.00 per acre against the remaining 3267.90 acres of land and for the purpose of paying indebtedness, to operate and maintain the facilities of the District, to meet and pay expenses heretofore and to be incurred, pay miscellaneous expenses, and to meet possible delinquencies.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the **3rd day of August, 2026 at 8:30 A.M.**, in the Courtroom of the above-entitled Court at Thermopolis, Wyoming, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, is hereby fixed as the time and place for an examination of said Report and Proposed Budget, and for the hearing of any objections thereto, and for fixing and determining the actual amount to be raised by assessment against lands within said District for the Year 2026, and

IT IS FURTHERMORE ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published at least twice in the Thermopolis Independent Record prior to said hearing.

SO ORDERED AND SIGNED as set forth above.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on June 25, 2026, at 4 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, Rachel Hughes, and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Connie Guntly, Town Attorney Marshall Keller, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda.

PAY ESTIMATE # 1 ATS WELDING: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Pay Estimate No. 1 from ATS welding for the Clarifier and State Park Tank project.

PAY BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Final Bills for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Larson abstained from his voucher.

RESOLUTION NO. 591: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve Resolution No. 591, Amending Ordinance 886 Approving the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: 1. 14th STREET CANYON HILLS ENFORCEMENT ACTION: Mayor Estenson stated the Town Ordinance designates 14th Street and Canyon Hills Road as non-th-

ru streets. The Mayor is taking action to enforce this with road barricades.

At 4:16 pm Larson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is July 21, 2026, at 7 pm.

BILLS: A&I Distributors Inc., Supplies, \$3,305.07; AFLAC, Insurance, \$370.26; ATS Welding, Services, \$124,298.76; Big Horn Water, Services, \$72.87; Big Sky Rentals, Reimbursement, \$53.13; Carquest, Supplies, \$855.07; Core & Main, Supplies, \$5,359.85; Dickinson, Max, Travel, \$191.40; Discover Thermopolis, Shipping, \$16.06; Empower, Deferred Comp, \$250.00; Energy Labs, Testing, \$5,921.00; Engineering Associates, Services, \$26,300.70; Fastenal, Supplies, \$846.28; Frandson Safety, Software, \$50.00; GovWorx, Subscription, \$2,960.00; Hawkins, Supplies, \$10.00; HSC, Phone, \$139.14; HSC Fire Dist, Workers Comp, \$16,500.00; Hot Springs Vet, Kennel Rental, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$4,704.15; Imperial Pump, Services, \$1,120.00; Insurance Premiums, \$39,756.00; Jadeco, Services, \$808.84; JH Computers, Services, \$385.37; Keller Law Firm, Services, \$4,400.00; Komatsu, Equipment, \$15,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Services, \$100.00; Legion Golf Course, Quarterly Contract, \$12,500.00; Motorola Solution, Software, \$7,513.54; NCPERS, Life Insurance, \$160.00; Norco, Supplies, \$26,087.21; Noregon Systems, Software, \$3,321.03; One Call of Wy, Locate Tickets, \$43.05; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$189.37; Postmaster, Utility Billing PO Box, \$642.02; Riverton Tires, Tires, \$1,006.34; Rocky Mountain Power, Electricity, \$22,565.82; Staples, Supplies, \$1,263.13; The Bomb Photography, Photos, \$250.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$347.11; Tony's TLC, \$9,018.00; ToT, Depreciation and Utilities, \$99,740.40; Tractor & Equip, Supplies, \$1,001.44; Unum, Life Ins. \$109.02; Van Heule, James, Travel, \$191.40; VSP, Vision Ins. \$276.40; WAM, Registration, \$240.00; WY Secretary of State, Notary, \$60.00; WY Dept Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$5,604.70; Wyoming Retirement, \$27,388.24; Wyoming.com, Web Hosting, \$25.00. Payroll: \$105,503.87. Payroll Taxes: \$33,885.96.

ATTEST:

Connie Guntly Adam R. Estenson,
Clerk/ Treasurer Mayor
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
RED LAND WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On November 3, 2026, the Hot Springs Conservation district will hold a Board of Directors election for the Red Lane Watershed Improvement District for the purpose of electing two (2) directors for a four-year term.

Qualified candidates (must own land within the Red Lane Watershed Improvement District and be registered to vote) may file for election between August 5, 2026, through August 24, 2026. Interested candidates may obtain an application for election by calling the Hot Springs Conservation District at (307)864-3488 ext., 103 or by emailing hotspringscd@gmail.com.

Applications can be mailed or brought to the Hot Springs Conservation District at 601 Broadway, Suite A, Thermopolis, WY 82443. The deadline for filing an application for this election is August 24, 2026.

Filing Officer: Kathy Sorensen, Hot Springs Conservation District Manager

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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) THERMOPOLIS, WY
) June 30, 2026

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Bob Aguiar, Paul Galovich and Tom Ryan. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, and Assistant to the Commissioners Kim Lindseth. Chairman Aguiar led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the agenda with the correction to the FBO contract and stating there were no budget amendments, therefore no Public Hearing. The Commissioners approved the agenda.

Approval of Fiscal Year-end Bills-Accounts Payable Warrant Register

Commissioner Galovich moved for approval of the Accounts Payable Register Warrant numbers 69210 through 69324 for a total of \$1,212,868.02, with payroll total of \$203,302.00. The Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year-end Bills,

Accounts Payable Warrants Register.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the minutes from June 2, 2026 and June 23, 2026. Commissioners approved the minutes.

Approval of May 2026 Financial Report

Commissioner Ryan moved for approval of the May 2026 Financial Report as presented. Commissioners approved the May 2026 Financial Report.

Wyoming Discovery Days Committee – Patty Olson & Phillip Scheel

a. Request for Approval of Facility Use Form – For the Discovery Days Concert at the Old Airport. The Commissioners asked if the Committee would be mowing prior to the concert and asked where attendees would be parking. Mr. Scheel speaking on behalf of the Committee stated the parking will be on the reclaimed area of the old airport using the new Ingle Way as the primary access and using Airport Drive as an emergency or escape route. Commissioners approved the permit.

b. Request for Approval of 24-hour beer and malt liquor permit – Commissioners approved the permit. Clerk Kersten recognized clerk office staff member, Stefanie Ireland, for her hard work to get through the application process so the permit could be ready for approval by the Commissioner meeting date.

Kyle Brost – Gottsche Performance & Longevity

Mr. Brost requested letters of support from the Commissioners for two grant applications. The letters would support the U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant and the Wyoming Rural Healthcare Transformation Program Grant. The U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant is an AI (artificial intelligence) Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program for Continuous Functional Monitoring. This program would establish a Wyoming based healthcare model that combines AI wearable and environmental sensor technology with workforce training. This healthcare model would strengthen rural healthcare, support aging-in-place, and improve healthcare access for seniors. Details of the Wyoming Rural Healthcare Transformation Program Grant were not presented. Commissioners approved providing the letters of support.

Commissioners

The commissioners discussed canceling the regular meeting scheduled for July 21, 2026, and moving all regular business to Monday July 20, 2026 following the 2026-2027 County Budget public hearing. Commissioners approved the meeting date change.

Sady Mounts- Hot Springs County Emergency Management/ Homeland Security Coordinator

Ms. Mounts requested approval of the SHSP (State Homeland Security Program) Grant Award Agreement between the WY Office of Homeland Security and Hot Springs County for \$12,300.00 (no County match). These funds will be used to purchase EOC (Emergency Operations Center) equipment. Ms. Mounts referenced the Red Canyon fire in 2025 stating unity among local leaders, the Sheriff's Office, the Fire Department, and Search and Rescue was a challenge. Ms. Mounts has worked with the local Search and Rescue asking if they would share their building by the fire hall as an emergency command center and they were agreeable. The equipment purchased with the grant money will support using this building as a local emergency command center. Commissioners approved the grant agreement. Ms. Mounts introduced the new Emergency Management Coordinator for Hot Springs County, Christal Eversole, and said her office will be located in the Search and Rescue Building.

Kim Bartlett

Ms. Bartlett discussed the strategic plan and current projects of Thrive Thermopolis, the Economic Development Company for Hot Springs County. The strategic plan of Thrive Thermopolis is to bring new businesses to Thermopolis, support existing businesses, workforce education and development, and to form strong partnerships across the community. Ms. Bartlett stated the group supports the entire County, not just Thermopolis. Thrive Thermopolis will start sharing their meeting minutes with the Board of County Commissioners and stated they are happy to be of assistance if needed. Ms. Bartlett reported the group is currently working on several projects, with the largest one being the 518 Arapahoe Project with the County.

Ms. Bartlett's next topic of discussion was Communities Over Cuts, a PAC (political action committee) formed in Hot Springs County to educate voters. The presentation focused on the ballot initiative to cut property taxes by 50%; Ms. Bartlett stated property taxes fund schools and education, law enforcement and emergency services, roads and infrastructure, and public health and community services. Ms. Bartlett reiterated the primary purpose of the group is to educate voters about the upcoming ballot initiative, the language on the ballot, and the impact of the vote.

Other Business

1. Request for Approval of the 2026 NAVAID Maintenance Contract for the

airport for \$6,181.00 (WYDOT Aeronautics reimburses \$4,326.70; County pays \$1,854.30). Commissioners approved the contract.

2. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement for Responsibilities & Receipt & Distribution of Payments Between WY Dept of Family Services Child Support Program and Hot Springs County Clerk of District Court – Hot Springs County Clerk of District Court, Kristina McNeff, reported her office will start accepting credit and debit card payments, and online payments on July 14, 2026. Commissioners approved the agreement.

3. Approve Hot Springs County Airport Lease & Management Agreement with Owl Creek Aviation – (Fixed Base Operator Contract) for \$132,500 annual, for period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. There were no changes from the previous contract. Commissioners approved the contract.

4. Museum Board Appointments (2 openings, 6 applications) – Commissioner Ryan stated the Museum Board was cut from the County budget last year, from \$90,000.00 per year to zero, and said the group did not complain and have found ways to work around the budget cut. Commissioner Ryan said there were a lot of good applicants and advocated for the re-appointment of Doris Ready and Michael Berry. The Commissioners voted by ballot on the applications and the applicants appointed were Michael Berry and Douglas Bunch. The Commissioners recognized all of the applicants and their interest in serving the County.

5. Library Board Appointment (1 opening, 2 applications) – The Commissioners voted by ballot on the Library Board appointment. The successful applicant was Jean Page. The Commissioners recognized both of the applicants and their interest in serving the County.

6. Fair Board Letter of Resignation – A letter of resignation was received and accepted from Belle Belden, who has served on the board since 2024.

7. Approve FAA Grant Applications (2) – County Owned Hangar \$2,718,957.00 total –

a. HSC Airport Hangar Application to Construct County Owned Hangar Project No. 3-56-0043-017-2026 (BIL Funds or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds)

b. HSC Airport Hangar Application to Construct County Owned Hangar Project No. 3-56-0043-018-2026 (Airport Improvement Program funds from FAA)

Ardurra Project Manager, Carson Rowley, presented via Zoom to explain the two grant applications are for the same project, but there has to be two applications because there are two different funding sources (BIL and AIP funds). Mr. Rowley stated the two applications together make up the FAA portion of the funding for the County Owned Hangar Project. Commissioners approved the 3-56-0043-017-2026 grant application. Commissioners approved the 3-56-0043-018-2026 grant application.

8. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Ardurra for GIS Services for Fiscal Year 2026-27 – for \$11,000 for maintenance and licensing. Commissioners approved the agreement.

9. Approve Annual Compensation Agreement between University of Wyoming and Hot Springs County for Extension professional services from 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027 for \$29,602.00 – Commissioner Ryan moved for approval of the compensation agreement. Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion. Chairman Aguiar asked for all those in favor to signify by saying yea. Commissioner Galovich voted yea. Chairman Aguiar asked for those opposed to signify by saying the same. Commissioner Ryan voted yea. Chairman Aguiar voted against signing the agreement to break the tie. The motion failed.

10. Resolution 2026-06 – Set State 1 Fire Restrictions for Hot Springs County – Hot Springs County Fire Warden, Dion Robbins, submitted a recommendation to the Commissioners for Hot Springs County to enter into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Mr. Robbins' recommendation stated the National Wildland Fire Service would enter into Stage 1 restrictions on June 29, 2026. Commissioners approved the recommendation. The restrictions go into effect June 30, 2026.

Correspondence

- HSC Library Minutes & Monthly Reports
- Kinder Morgan – Pipeline & Excavation Safety
- Cathedral Home – WY Text Line for Mental Health
- HSC LUPC May Minutes
- Thank you card from Taylor Ivie for Renewal Scholarship

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on July 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person, or view the meeting via Zoom through the link provided on the County website. To be placed on the Agenda please

Explaining the loss of revenue in Hot Springs County

by Daniel Powell
Let's face it - no one likes paying taxes. But, when they do pay their taxes, people often wish they got more for their money. And, when they don't, it can come as no surprise that voters love to hear talk of lowering taxes.

In Wyoming, we enjoy some of the lowest tax rates of any state in the union. We have no corporate or individual income tax, and the sales tax rate is among the lowest of all the states. We pay no sales tax on food in Wyoming.

Wyoming property tax rates are also among the lowest to be found in the United States. Indeed, the bulk of the cost of governmentally provid-

ed services to Wyoming residents is largely covered by mineral revenues from oil, gas and coal - not from property taxes. When mineral revenues are low, however, a reduction in property taxes can have significant consequences.

In its 2025 session, the Wyoming Legislature passed legislation to provide 25% property tax exemptions to home owners, and 25% to long-term homeowners. This November, a ballot issue will seek taxpayer approval to cut property taxes even further. To a tax payer, that all sounds great. But what about the services, which the taxpayers will lose as a result of the cuts?

Significant reductions in mineral revenues in 2025, when combined with the legislatively approved residential property tax exemptions, resulted in a loss of over \$1 million dollars to Hot Springs County's revenue budget. In order to pass a balanced budget, the Hot Springs County Commissioners were required to cut the same amount from the spending side of the budget. The cumulative effect, according to the Hot Springs County Assessor's office, was a loss of \$183,462 for the various local governmental authorities in the county.

The decrease netted losses, for example, to the BOCES NW annual budget of over \$7,000; to

the Hot Springs County Cemetery Board of over \$35,000; to the Fire Protection District of more than \$24,000; to the Hospital District of more than \$45,000; and to the School District, the loss was over \$473,000.

Fiscal year 2025-26 funding cuts to the county's contribution to the Ag Extension budget amounted to more than 50% of the prior year contribution; Emergency Management was down over 50%; the Fair Board's budget was cut nearly 44%; the Library Board's budget was cut 33%; and the Museum Board's budget lost 100% of its prior year funding from the County.

All of those budgetary cuts have consequences

for the community of Hot Springs County. Should it pass in November, the so called People's Initiative to Lower Property Taxes will generate even further cuts to the governmental services provided to the community.

In an effort to combat the progress of the property tax cut initiative, some local politicians have formed a state-wide, non-partisan, Political Action Committee (PAC), called the Communities Over Cuts PAC. PAC supporters don't claim to seek to reverse the homeowner exemptions passed last year, but they do hope to educate the public on the ballot initiative in November.

Local supporters of

the PAC come from across the spectrum of politics, proving that old adage that "politics makes for strange bed-fellows." Among the local PAC supporters are found Democratic politico, Kim Bartlett, and local Republican politicians, Shurie Scheel and Cheryl Aguiar.

Lowering taxes can put money back in the taxpayer's pocket. But when combined with decreased mineral revenues, the tax payer will have to live with less than the number, or less than the quality, of the services.

As with any ballot issue, taking the time to consider all facets of the question becomes imperative.

Public notices

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email Becky Kersten, County Clerk, at commissioners@hscounty.com. Per Wyoming Statute section 18-3-516 (f), County information may be obtained at the County website <https://hscounty.com/> or by requesting a Public Records form from the County Clerk's office.

ATTEST:

/s/Bob Aguiar, Chairman /s/Becky Kersten, County Clerk

BILLS - June 2026

NORTHERN WYOMING NEWS 50.00 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 1,015.22 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY WEED & PEST 701.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. CEMETERY DISTRICT 150.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 14,500.00 / WESTERN OFFICE EQUIPMENT, INC. 100.50 / VERNON W. MILLER, M.D., PC 1,350.00 / SMITH OILFIELD SERVICE INC 240.00 / STATE OF WYOMING 45.67 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 121,495.18 / ARDURRA GROUP, INC. 44,133.34 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 139.98 / BETH VALENTINE 50.05 / BIG HORN WATER 262.38 / LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 8,448.45 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, 339.60 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 119.61 / CHENEY LAW OFFICE LLC 2,290.00 / COLEMAN OIL COMPANY, LLC 45,212.32 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 1,151.84 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON BUSINESS 37.01 / VERIZON BUSINESS 245.24 / COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES 4,519.45 / CONSTANCE GUNTLY 431.25 / DAWNETTE M. PEIL 2,319.90 / DOOLEY ENTERPRISES, INC. 3,533.40 / ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 190.47 / FARM INSURANCE BROKERAGE CO. INC. 3,567.00 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 43,832.29 / US. FOODS 2,601.46 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 85.00 / HARRIS GOVERN FT. COLLINS USERS 150.00 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 528.22 / HOLLY TURBYFILL 30.45 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 6,000.09 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 67,467.39 / HOT SPRINGS HEALTH - THERMOPOLIS 305.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 5,946.05 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 3,850.45 / INTAB, LLC 341.57 / JADECO, INC. 2,797.33 / JILL LOGAN 188.50 / KEITH O'BRIEN 500.00 / KELLER LAW FIRM, PC 1,090.00 / KIENLEN ACE HARDWARE 173.92 / KRISTINA D. MCNEFF 181.44 / LESLIE T. CULLITON 527.30 / WYOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIAB. POOL 600.00 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 251.56 / THE MASTER'S TOUCH, LLC 2,480.00 / MICHELLE M. BURNS 3,445.00 / MHL BLADES 4,978.00 / MOUNTAIN STATES LITHOGRAPHING, LLC 1,772.93 / NAPA MOTOR SUPPLY, INC. 41.13 / OWL CREEK VETERINARY SERVICE 825.24 / ONLINE WEB SERVICES US, INC. 1,545.00 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 980.84 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 731.31 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 11,429.11 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 1,241.49 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 5,989.24 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 180.76 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 3,433.00 / WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY 122.00 / QT PETROLEUM ON DEMAND LLC 1,195.00 / CENTURY LINK 442.04 / RDO EQUIPMENT CO. 285.96 / REED BROTHERS, INC. 11,740.00 / RIVERTON TIRE AND OIL 5,626.88 / S & L INDUSTRIAL 4,450.00 / SADY MOUNTS

30.00 / SERLKAY 613.97 / SHAWN MOHR 311.45 / SIGNS OF SUTHERLAND AUTO 6,016.05 / SMITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES 400.00 / STAPLES ADVANTAGE 244.89 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,959.19 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 500.00 / TUMBLEWEED PROPANE 846.48 / TEPEE POOLS 138.00 / T-MOBILE 63.07 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 37,705.39 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 649.71 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 6,494.29 / NORCO, INC. 62.98 / VERIZON BUSINESS 47.99 / VERIZON BUSINESS 37.52 / HOT SPRINGS PHARMACY 1,272.44 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE) 1.29 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA-CARD TWO) 2,208.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD THREE) 421.89 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 858.10 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FIVE) 910.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 479.83 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 1,880.11 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 295.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD NINE) 2,546.51 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 808.77 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 1,087.29 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 1,709.06 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 4-SHERIFF) 41.39 / WAVESWEBDESIGN.COM 2,800.00 / WYOMING COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC. 200.00 / WEX BANK 310.56 / WILSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION INC. 632,697.62 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 3,158.02 / WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE 2,262.00 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 4,305.00 / WYOMING GAS 1,844.00 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 36,617.31 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 288.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 412.50 / WYOMING WASTE SERVICES - RIVERTON 91.84 / YOUTH ALTERNATIVES 200.00

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive and accept bids only through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid online bid service until 10:00 A.M., local time, August 3, 2026 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION of the THERMOPOLIS, 2026 CHIP SEAL PROJECT. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$110,000 to \$140,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$22 by inputting Quest project #10281099 on the website's Project search page, if a contractor elects to bid on the project, a \$42 electronic bid package fee will be assessed by Quest. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. The Town of Thermopolis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time, on July 27, 2024 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved July 9, 2026, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD	
JADECO	\$553.25
AIRGAS USA	\$556.00
SOLUTION TREE	\$593.13
ACE HEATING AND COOLING	\$691.00
ACT	\$710.00
RYTE REHABILITATION	\$714.00
WEX BANK	\$945.00
T & E RENTAL	\$1,018.32
KORRINE RYAN	\$1,019.01
ELDER EQUIPMENT	\$1,082.00
WYOMING FIRE SAFETY	\$1,327.80
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$1,356.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$1,367.48
BIG HORN ENTERPRISES	\$1,673.76
ABLE EQUIPMENT	\$1,782.96
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE SYSTEMS	\$2,364.00
VIVIAN GEORGIUS	\$2,378.28
PSNI	\$2,378.28
BRUCO	\$2,485.00
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$2,550.00
BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DIST #4	\$2,683.77
THE AQUAPONIC SOURCE	\$2,905.35
EBOARDSOLUTIONS	\$3,302.09
AMAZON.COM	\$3,800.00
PITNEY BOWES BANK - RESERVE	\$3,900.00
WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	\$4,243.60
BANK OF MONTREAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	\$4,480.00
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES	\$5,060.00
ELUMA LLC	\$6,861.77
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$7,000.00
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$12,032.00
NORTHWEST WYOMING BOCES	\$20,674.94
REGION V BOARD OF COOP. ED.	\$21,582.85
RENNER SPORTS SURFACES	\$23,443.70
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTION OWL CREEK WATER DISTRICT HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing three Directors for four (4) year terms on the Board of the Owl Creek Water District. A polling place will be available at Hot Springs County Library, 344 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, Wyoming between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any qualified elector may run for Director by submitting a signed application with the Owl Creek Water District, P.O. Box 662, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443 between August 5, 2026 and August 25, 2026. An application may be obtained by calling

Rose Basko at 307-660-5459.

Rose Basko, Secretary / Filing Officer
Owl Creek Water District

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to update tariff Schedule 37, the Standard Rates for Avoided Cost Purchases of Power from Qualifying Facilities (Schedule 37), as more fully described below.

1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On June 30, 2026, RMP filed its Application, requesting authority to update tariff Schedule 37, to conform to the partial displacement differential revenue requirement (PDDRR) approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-687-ET-25, use the most recently available March 31, 2026 Official Forward Price Curve (OFPC), and incorporate results from the preferred portfolio from the Company's 2025 IRP Update filed on March 31, 2026 in Docket No. 20000-676-EA-24.

3. The proposed avoided cost rate is \$52.86 per MWh, an increase of \$11.21 per MWh for base load QFs. Proposed avoided cost rates for wind, fixed solar, and tracking solar QFs are \$44.41 per MWh, \$23.42 per MWh, and \$26.27 per MWh, respectively. The Application states the higher avoided costs are primarily due to all QF types being assumed to defer market purchases, a deferred cost-effective battery storage resource included in the 2025 IRP Update, and changes in tax laws removing wind and solar as qualifying resources for production tax credits. A reduction of renewable resources to the 2025 IRP Update results in an increase in the use of more expensive resources, and therefore, higher avoided costs.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. The complete Application is available at the Commission's offices or online at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 18174), or RMP's website at www.pacificorp.com.

5. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a hearing must do so in writing, on or before August 10, 2026. Public comments should be submitted to wpssc_comments@wyo.gov. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-714-ET-26 in all correspondence with the Commission.

6. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

Dated: July 10, 2026.

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