

Town of Encampment
Special Meeting
April 21, 2026
10:00 a.m.

The Town of Encampment met in special session at the Encampment Town Hall on Tuesday April 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. with Mayor Shannon Fagan presiding. Council member present was Steve Riechert. Guests present representing the Sierra Madre Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board were Dan Jago, Chairman; LeeAnn Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Campbell, Dave Cousins and Pat Lynch.

Emergency Water Interconnect- Expansion: Mayor Fagan advised that the meeting would need to be a workshop with no action if another council member did not show up to complete a quorum. She advised those present that herself, Dan Jago and Pat Lynch had attended a meeting at the State Engineers Office to discuss the use of the interconnect in the event of an emergency. An application for expansion for use of water was advised. Mr. Jago provided a copy of the ground water application they were reviewing, noting that the SMWSJPB had already voted yes to complete the application.

Councilman Stas Banach joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. completing the quorum required. Mayor Fagan caught him up on the discussion.

Discussion continued about the application with Mr. Jago pointing on the survey information required of the full area with a current engineer's stamp. Mayor Fagan noted that the Town engineer Jon Nelson was working on the Water and Sewer Master Plan and that the matter is being looked into. She noted that the Encampment has a number of maps including the inlet. The engineer is reviewing the maps. Mrs. Stephenson noted that it would be nice not to have to pay for something if something they already have will work. Mr. Campbell noted that the information will be needed from each community.

Mayor Fagan advised that a decision would need to be made on the expansion application. It was determined that the application for Encampment would cost \$50.00 and for the SMWSJPB it would cost \$75.00 per well. Mr. Jago mentioned the possibility of a grant through Michelle Christopher of Wyoming Rural Water noting that it might cover the cost of mapping. Mayor Fagan noted that the State Engineers Office knows about the possibility of water sharing and is on board for the review of the applications when they are submitted. She noted that the applications can be submitted in advance of the completion of the mapping if new mapping is required. Mayor Fagan noted the Town is pursuing an Emergency MRG grant for the pump and chlorination injection system. The application will be reviewed at the June 4th Office of State Lands and Investments meeting.

Mrs. Stephenson noted that the state agencies are happy because between the two systems we have the best of both worlds. The gold standard being able to rely on two sources of water in an emergency. No one will be left unserved, nor will there be evacuation. The expansion agreement provides reliability. Mayor Fagan noted that all wells and the Encampment system may be able to be provided for by collaboration with the one local engineer. She reiterated that the applications could be submitted while the mapping was in progress. Banach asked if they were state was insistent on a new map. The group affirmed the need.

Mrs. Stephenson also noted the importance of keeping Carbon County Emergency Manager Lenny Layman in the loop as he has all of the steps to declaring a disaster and steps to bring in funding. Banach advised that the communities should be proactive in addressing community concerns. He also noted that usage records and flow rates could be determined through records. It was noted that there was metering equipment at the interconnect. It was also noted that the pump and injection would not be ready for use by August this year, which is peak fire season. Mayor Fagan noted that the filters at our water plant cannot handle runoff from a fire and will be quickly overwhelmed.

Reichert moved to approve the \$50.00 application fee and go forward with the appropriate application for expansion of the service area, Banach seconded and the motion was passed.

Mr. Jago reiterated the possibility of the grant through Michelle Christopher, Source Water Specialist at Wyoming Rural Water Association. Banach advised that he was all for fiscal responsibility that will adequately serve our needs and keep things moving.


The discussion turned to mapping. Both entities agreed that they may have useful mapping and it was noted that North Fork Engineering may have access to additional mapping from an older Engineering firm that was in the area. Mayor Fagan advised that she would contact Mr. Nelson to see what he has. It was noted that perhaps it could be one map with no boundaries. By consensus the group agreed to discuss the matter with Jon Nelson of North Fork Engineering. Banach noted that he wanted to make sure the whole thing was warranted. Mrs. Stephenson noted that the whole system benefits. She stated that there was not enough pressure without the addition of the pump. Mr. Jago advised that there was a 270' elevation difference between the SMWSJPB tank and the Encampment water tank. Banach advised that he wanted it functional and not necessarily top notch. The group was advised that Encampment had already submitted an Emergency MRG grant to SLIB for the pump and the injection system. The SMWSJPB had submitted a letter in support of the project. The meeting will be held on June 4th and Mayor Fagan will be attending.

It was noted that the chlorine injection system was in the grant application. Further discussion can be held on options if it is not funded.

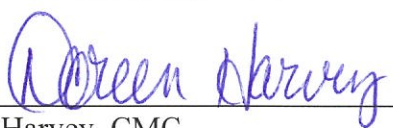
With no further business, Banach moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. p.m., Reichert seconded and the motion was passed.

Doreen Harvey, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: May 14, 2026



Shannon Fagan, Mayor

Attest: 

Doreen Harvey, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer