

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING
Of The
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of
DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
September 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes Valley Water District was called to order by Chairman Katy Marston (KM) at 7:00 P.M. Other commissioners present were Dana Oppenlander (DO), Tom Jaca (TJ) and Jo Guiney (JoG). Guests present were Mark Pettit and Steve Lelli from D.A. Davidson.

KM asked for public comment. No public present.

JoG moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as presented. Seconded by DO. Motion carried.

Mark Pettit and Steve Lelli from D.A. Davidson gave an investment presentation. Discussion followed.

The board watched a training video regarding Oregon Public Meeting Laws which meets the state requirements for board training.

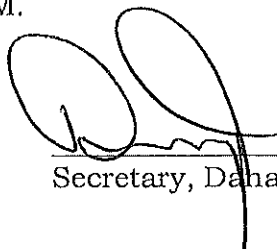
Joel Gehrett (JG) gave the following report:

- Joan took training on unclaimed property so we can get it off the books.
- JG showed the board the new DVWD website created by summer intern.
- Gabriel Havlik gave a letter of resignation effective September 12, 2024.
- Check valve broke in the old pumphouse at Opal Springs. It caused major damage and property insurance was contacted.
- Had a positive sample coliform test, not a routine test.
- Need to hire 2 people up here and 1 down at Opal Springs.

JG discussed a letter he received from an attorney stating the district is responsible for causing the death of 40 head of cattle and that they are requesting \$104,000.00 in compensation. JoG declared a conflict of interest. At the Juniper Butte tank site the District has let a rancher on BLM property use power to run a pump to pump water to their cattle trough. A breaker popped this summer so it was not pumping water. The rancher didn't check his cattle for 10 days and during this time the cattle died. JG said the first step is to send a letter saying the District is not responsible, which the board agreed with, and that in the future the District will not provide power to the ranchers pump.

TJ moved to accept the financial statements, pay the Hydro and General Fund bills as presented and approve next month's payroll obligations. Seconded by DO. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.



Secretary, Dana Oppenlander