

**REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING**  
Of The  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Of  
**DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
January 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes Valley Water District was called to order by Chairman Kathy Marston (KM) at 7:00 P.M. Other commissioners present were Dana Oppenlander (DO), Tom Jaca (TJ) and Jo Guiney (JoG).

KM asked for public comment. No public present.

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

Joel Gehrett (JG) gave the following report:

- Tom and Dana are up for reelection in 2025. The first day to apply is February 8<sup>th</sup> and last day is March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Please be timelier on depositing checks.
- Gave update on pumphouse repairs and showed pictures. Bought valves but they need to be installed.
- Opal Springs has been producing maximum energy for the past 2 weeks.
- Health insurance premiums increased by 29% for 2025. The District only budgeted 10%.
- Property insurance premium increased by about 18%.
- Dawn Claus retired on December 31, 2024 and her retirement party will be January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Showed graph of possible years till retirement for employees. Looking to fill the following jobs: office help, GIS, crew member with water works experience and possibly someone to fill Kurt's position.

DO asked about the person who was hired as a hydro operator. JG said the hydro operator is supposed to start March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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Secretary, Dana Oppenlander