

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING
Of The
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of
DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
February 10, 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), Lee Baggett (LB) 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 DO. Motion carried.

Joel Gehrett (JG) gave the following report:

- Green Drive 4" update for the Locke's has been completed.
- Retired employee, Ron Phifer, passed away, his funeral is 2-22-25.
- Employees' annual evaluations are done, the employees would like to have more company meetings.
- Installing new lockers for the guys with shelving. Contacted the high school to see about having a mural painted.
- Hired a new employee for the crew, Chelsea Schwerdtfeger. Still looking for another new hire.
- David White, new employee for Opal Springs, starts March 4th.
- Tom Jaca and Lee Baggett are up for reelection this year.
- Customer, Fred Farner, came to see JG. He has high bills due to leaks and last summer due to fire prevention on Elk Drive and would like a credit for excess usage. JoG said to look at Elk Drive fire time frame and give credit for just during this time. LB moved to calculate and give credit for excess usage for just during the fire on Elk Dr. Seconded by TJ. Motion carried.
- JG has a meeting tomorrow with Bend's water conservation manager.
- Received the study back from the City of Madras, but it's only the cost of infrastructure for \$11,705,069.00. JG wants to see their water usage and revenue. City of Madras is asking if our board is willing to consider taking over their water district. JoG said we can consider anything. LB suggested a shared partnership.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander