

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING
Of The
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of
DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
June 9, 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). Public present was Scott Surgeon.

KM asked for public comment. Scott Surgeon asked where to find the district's minutes, where the board meeting is announced and where to find the rules for the meeting. Joel Gehrett (JG) said the minutes should be posted on the district's website along with the meeting notice. He's working on fixing a problem on the website. The rules are found online

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

JG gave the following report:

- Successful retirement parties for Kurt and Shane the end of May.
- Linda Dupont is retiring at the end of June.
- Autumn Schlechter, new hire, is replacing Linda. JoG mentioned Autumn's outgoing personality on the phone.
- District has had 6 new hires and 3 retirements. Austin Sims is the recent new laborer hire.
- District will be having a summer picnic down at Opal Springs plus a retirement party for Linda. JoG asked if employees are helping plan the picnic.
- JG showed the water sales for the last 5 years and stated revenues are not keeping up with expenses. Water revenue should cover water expenses and hydro revenue should help cover capital improvements. JG asked the board if they would be interested in a water rate increase. The board wants more financial information.

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(i) was called to order at 7:36 P.M.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

JoG moved to give Joel Gehrett and Joan Moe a 3% raise effective July 1, 2025. Seconded by LB. Motion carried.

LB 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 8:18 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander