

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING
Of The
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of
DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
January 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes Valley Water District was called to order by Chairman Kathy Marston (KM) at 7:02 P.M. Other commissioners present were Dana Oppenlander (DO) and Tom Jaca (TJ).

KM asked for public comment. No public in attendance.

DO 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 to the Board:

- JG received notification from the county clerk regarding 3 board members up for reelection; Kathy, Dana and Jo
- Notice for the public hearing on Feb. 13th at 6:30 PM was on the utility billing statements
- Fish passage working group met to discuss how fish passage is going. ODFW would like the District to monitor and tag more fish which would cost about \$15,000 more per year. Trying to work out a solution.
- The District should be receiving notice from the union to enter into negotiations. JG would like to hire Steven Shuback to help with negotiations.
- Employee evaluations will be in January
- The District has received more meters, ending the supply issue.
- Electric trucks that were ordered in 2022 may not be delivered in 2023. Looking to purchase another small truck.
- JG is reorganizing the office and moving Joan into her own office.
- The bulk fill station will be on the north side of the District shop.
- JG's focus for 2023 will be the union contract negotiation, water rate increase and working on applying for grants.

DO moved to retain Steven Shuback as the District's negotiation lawyer. Seconded by TJ. Motion carried.

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 7:51 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander