

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING
Of The
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of
DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
August 11, 2025

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

TJ asked for public comment. No public present.

Joel Gehrett (JG) gave the oath of office to reelected board members: Lee Baggett and Tom Jaca.

JG brought up election of officers. JoG moved to keep all officer positions for the upcoming year the same as currently. Seconded by LB. Motion carried.

JoG moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for June and the absence of minutes from July and accept as presented. Seconded by DO. Motion carried.

JoG moved to adopt the Resolution on Investments 2025.08.11-1. Seconded by LB. Motion carried.

DO moved to adopt the Resolution on Fixed Asset Capitalization Threshold 2025.08.11-2 as modified to increase the threshold to \$5,000.00. Seconded by LB. Motion carried.

JG gave the following report:

- Discussed the budget to actuals for fiscal year 2025 and keeping water rates up with expenses and possibly adjusting fees.
- Will be updating the water comparison rates.
- Customer deposits are currently \$100.00. The board wants to keep the deposits at \$100.00.
- Warm Springs attorneys will support the district's transfer of water rights and hopefully we won't have to pay for water mitigation.
- Crews fixed the 24" water main, hopefully the water samples pass.
- The revision of the employee handbook is through section 5.
- Annual hydro shutdown is complete.
- JG met with several people regarding FERC relicensing. One is a retired FERC employee; he can help with the RFP.
- Chelsea Schwerdtferger, a new employee, resigned.
- Austin Sims was hired to work on a crew.

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 DO. Motion carried.

JG informed the board that First Interstate stated we need to reach out to the ACH clearing house to explore receiving bank bill pays as ACH payments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander