

**REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING**  
Of The  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Of  
**DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

October 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) and Jo Guiney (JoG). Guests present were Amy Fenerty and Lindsay Godfrey from Aldrich CPA's and Advisors. Public in attendance was Scott Surgeon.

KM asked for public comment. None at this time.

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

Lindsay Godfrey from Aldrich CPA's and Advisors presented the 2025 annual audit report. JoG moved to accept the presented 2025 annual audit report. Seconded by DO. Motion carried.

Joel Gehrett brought up Joan's employment contract. JoG asked that this be postponed until November's board meeting.

JG discussed water rates and asked the board if they would consider a rate increase. After discussion, the board would like to review rates in November and have a public meeting in December.

JG gave the following report:

- District will be receiving a SDAO dividend for \$1200.00
- Autumn Schechter parted ways with the district. Brandy Stewart was hired and will start October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Preliminary health insurance premium update: rates could increase by about 29% effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- SCADA solution is to revert back to the districts old system. We will be using a modem instead of radios and the cost is possibly \$20,000 per year for 5 years.
- The employee handbook is almost complete.
- District had a positive bacteria sample with a level 1 investigation. Investigating why we seem to have a positive sample this time every year.
- Gary Dinkel's memorial service is October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- Customer brought in a root wad from a leak we notified him about. He's very happy we contacted him.

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 JoG. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

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Secretary, Dana Oppenlander