

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

January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes Valley Water District was called to order by Chairman Kathy Marston (KM) at 7:10 P.M. Other commissioners present were Jo Guiney (JoG) and Dana Oppenlander (DO).

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.

DO moved to accept the following recommended 3-year water rate increases:

- Beginning February 1, 2026, 5%
- Beginning January 1, 2027, 2.5%
- Beginning January 1, 2028, 2.5%

Seconded by JoG. Motion carried.

Joel Gehrett (JG) gave the following update:

- 2025 year in review
 - Working on replacing problem water lines.
 - By Depot Rd, pipe has been in ground for over 75 years. Replacing over 1 mile of pipe which should be completed within a couple of months.
 - New SCADA system is complete. Mike Barry was instrumental in making that happen.
 - Completed a new employee handbook which is being reviewed by HR Answers and our attorney.
- 2026 look ahead
 - Major railroad crossing across Hwy 26 and Lee St.
 - Start plans to replace water tanks.
 - Olivia MacRostie brought in Bob's old briefcase which had a 30 year look ahead.
 - SDAO annual conference is Feb 6-8th, asked board members if they would like to go.
 - JG would like to go to a couple of conferences this year. The board said he should go.

Matt Cutlip and Bao Le from MJC zoomed in to give a presentation regarding Opal Springs Hydroelectric FERC relicensing.

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations was called to order at 7:55 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:05 P.M.

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 DO. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander