

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

April 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes Valley Water District was called to order by Chairman Kathy Marston (KM) at 7:00 P.M. Other commissioners present were Tom Jaca (TJ), Lee Baggett (LB) and Dana Oppenlander (DO). Public present was Scott Surgeon.

KM asked for public comment. None at this time.

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

LB moved to appoint Joel Gehrett as budget officer for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 biennial budget. Seconded by DO. Motion carried.

TJ moved to appoint Mike Cloud and Jim Hutchins to the budget committee for the term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030. Seconded by LB. Motion carried.

LB moved to purchase a F-600 service truck with cab and chassis from Kendall Ford, not to exceed \$62,784.00. Seconded by TJ. Motion carried.

Lee asked about purchasing an engine driven VMAC air compressor for the F-600.

DO moved to purchase a truck box for the new service truck, not to exceed \$42,000.00. Seconded by LB. Motion carried.

Joel Gehrett (JG) gave the following updates:

- The Union is ok with the new employee handbook; it will be implemented in a couple of weeks. JG feels we can leave the wording regarding veterans preferences as is.
- The RFP for FERC relicensing will be issued around Oct. 2027 to file notice of intent. MJC feels the district should do a traditional relicense. JG hopes the relicensing cost is under \$1,000,000 and it will take 5 to 6 years to complete.
- The crews have finished a 1.5 year project on Commercial and Cleveland Street, having a company lunch to celebrate.

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 7:37 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 P.M.

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 LB. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander