

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

August 10, 2026

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

Joes Gehrett (JG) informed the Board Mike Snyder has withdrawn his name for consideration as a board member. KM asked Scott Surgeon why he is interested in serving on the board. Scott has worked for Deschutes Valley Water District for 30 years and he wants to still be involved in the district. He has kept up with all his certificates, and he is currently on the Board for the Fire Department as well. He wants to see that the district continues to grow. LB and TJ asked if there is going to be any conflict of interest since he is a former employee. Scott said there are no conflicts of interest, he can separate between being a former employee to a Board member.

KM moved to appoint Scott Surgeon as a new board member. Second by TJ. Motion carried.

JG had Scott Surgeon recite the Oath of Office.

JG informed the board that the district was able to help support the recent fires, with the use of our bulk fill station and the hydrant meters. JG asked if the Board would consider allowing credit card payment methods for deposits that are over one thousand dollars with a 3% administrative fee to cover the cost of the bank fee.

LB moved to approve a 3% administrative fee on credit card transactions for deposits over one thousand dollars. Second by SS. Motion carried.

JG was contacted by Josh Baily from North Unit; he is looking for more ways to provide water for the farmers next year and asked if the district could consider providing some water next year. The district has provided some water in the past, but it put a strain on our system. JG asked the Board what their thoughts are. The Board decided that at this time we aren't going to provide water.

JG let the board know that our Programmable Logic Controllers were compromised on July 26th, 2026, and the issue was resolved within 10 hours. It did cause two of our water towers to overfill. He is looking for ways to improve our Programmable Logic Controllers, so this does not happen again.

The annual hydro plant shut down for inspection went great except for when they tried to start the plant back up which caused the plant to be down for a few extra days. The plant is back up and running on August 10,2026

JG hired Jacob Carpenter to fill the Hydro Operator Position. He starts Monday August 17, 2026.

JG presented the board with the results from Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services. Deschutes Valley Water District has successfully met the criteria for Outstanding Performance during the water system survey conducted on July 15,2026.

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660: to review and evaluate the employment-related performance for the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing, was called to order at 8:06 P.M. All Board members attended.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:36 P.M.

LB moved to approve 12.5% wage increase for JG and 3.25% wage increase for Joan Moe. Seconded by SS. Motion carried.

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 TJ. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Secretary, Dana Oppenlander