REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETING
Of The
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of
DESCHUTES VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
October 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 7:00 P.M. Other commissioners present were Dana Oppenlander (DO), Lee Bagget (LB) and Scott Surgeon (SS). Guests present were Amy Fenerty and Lindsay Godfrey from Aldrich CPS's and Advisors. Public present none.

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 LB. Motion carried.

Lindsay Godfrey from Aldrich CPS's and Advisors presented the 2026 annual audit report. KM moved to accept the presented 2026 annual audit report. Seconded by DO. Motion Caried.

Joel Gehrett (JG) Received one proposal for a relicensing partner from Meridian Environmental; this company is qualified for the relicensing process. JG would like to get legal advice to ensure the RFP went out correctly; but would like the board to approve the current proposal on contingents, everything was correct. LB would like to see the RFP resubmitted. The board agreed.

JG would like the board to approve sole source procurement for upgrading the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) at Opal Spring. The district is currently running Voith PLC's that are 27 years old and no longer supported. DO asked if it would be worth contacting Voith to find out if they foresee another upgraded in the next year due to all the new AI technologies. LB would like to see a graph showing how much the new upgrade would improve the system. JG would like to replace the PLCs in August 2027 to mitigate down time; therefore, would need to have approval in November. Board would like to wait before approving until they have more information.

Board members completed Public Meeting Law training. Learning the district must provide an interpreter for constituents who requested at least 48 hours before scheduled meetings. Board members could be subjected to fines. Completing public meeting law training is a requirement for elected officials once every election cycle. This training also qualifies the District for a small discount on SDIS insurance premium.

JG gave the following report:

- The district received SAIF divided $1,400.00
- Received the truck body on the service truck.
- The district is looking to sell three pieces of equipment. The old service truck, a Colorado and the old crew truck.

JG talked to the board about a constituent that hit one of the districts main lines while doing field work. Discussion followed. The board agreed not to charge for the water loss and going forward have a set policy for future cases.

SS 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 8:46 P.M.

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Secretary, Dana Oppenlander