

**Sutherlin Water Control District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
District Office – 7 pm**

Flag Salute:

President's Statement: Vice President Terrel asked for conflicts of interest w/agenda items. (None Presented).

Roll Call: Present: Directors Jess Terrel, Carol Swesso, Arika Tenbrook, Frank Egbert, Adam Sarnoski, and Richard Vander Velden.

Staff: Manager Robert Rippy and Recording Secretary Laci Smith.

Audience: None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Sarnoski to approve the minutes of June 24, 2026, Board Meeting as submitted.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Terrel, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, Sarnoski, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Business From Manager:

Plat I: The pumps are doing great. We will have enough water for the rest of the irrigation season. We will have to rebuild the dock this winter. It is rotting and starting to come apart. Manager got a quote from the company that did the new docks at Cooper Creek, and they wanted \$80,000 to build new ones. Manager also reached out to the Oregon Marine Board, and has a meeting with them on August 12th. There are two scotch pine trees that we would like to remove from the park. They are causing a lot of debris. North River Electric has submitted our grant for VFD's at Plat I. We are now just waiting to hear back from them.

Irrigation Rates: We are currently working on compiling numbers to present irrigation rate increases. Director Vander Velden wants to know if we can expand the District as housing is expanding around town. Manager will follow up with the County, and find out if new homes that are built within the District are automatically taxed for the District.

Director Patoine arrived.

Cooper Creek Update: The reservoir is at 8.5', which is reasonable for this time of the year. The east parking lot is finished with new pavement and a really nice new dock. They are working in the west parking lot now. It is closed while they are working on it and should be finished by Labor Day weekend. We are waiting to get the County Work Crew there until after the parking lot is finished.

NRCS: We are still waiting for the contract to be finished. Hopefully, it will be completed by our next meeting.

Board Appointments:

MOTION by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Swesso to keep the current Board President, Board Vice President, and Budget Officer for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Patoine, Terrel, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, Sarnoksi, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

Resolution #2026-005 Resolution Adopting Revised Water Rates for the Valley View Waterline was read to the Board in Full.

MOTION by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Terrel to adopt resolution #2026-005 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Patone, Terrel, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, Sarnoski, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Business from Audience: None.

Executive Session:

Board recessed into Executive Session as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2) (a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

OPEN SESSION: Board resumed open session at 7:49 p.m.

MOTION by Director Tenbrook, second by Director Swesso to approve the starting wage for the new District Manager to \$55,000 DOQ.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Patoine, Terrel, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, Sarnoski, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting – August 26, 2026 – 7PM

Business from Directors: Director Vander Velden asked if 1/3 of the money for the Dam Rehab project could be set aside for the Plat I dam rehab project. The money cannot be separated. It is all lumped together for the dam rehab project as a whole.

Adjournment: There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Approved:

Robert Rippy, District Manager

Tom Patoine, Board President

Respectfully submitted,

Laci Smith, Recording Secretary