

**Sutherlin Water Control District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
District Office – 7 pm**

Flag Salute:

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

Roll Call: Present: Directors Robin Braun, Tom Patoine, Jess Terrel, Jim Allen, Carol Swesso, Arika Tenbrook, Frank Egbert, and Richard Vander Velden.

Staff: Manager Robert Rippey and Recording Secretary Laci Smith.

Audience: Adam Sarvoski.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Director Terrel, second by Director Vander Velden to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025, Board Meeting as amended.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Business From Manager:

Plat I: Jet ski races will be held at Plat I in June. District Attorney added an extra clause to the contract between the District and the Jet Ski Association.

Irrigation Report: The 4x4 gate was closed on the 15th, and the reservoir is filling for the upcoming irrigation season. The 25 HP pump gate valve has been repaired. We received a bid from North River Electrical for \$1,800 to install a manual start and stop switch on each pump. We are waiting for a second bid from Central Electrical. There is one leak and two low flows at the corner of Plat I and Nonpareil that will be addressed before the season. The last two payment requests for the 2024 irrigation season have been mailed out, as well as a copy delivered by hand. We have received payment on one of them.

Resolution #2025-001: Resolution Authorizing 2025 Irrigation Contracts was read to the Board in full.

MOTION by Director Terrel, second by Director Vander Velden to adopt Resolution #2025-001 as presented.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Dinner Meeting: The annual dinner meeting will be held at the Yummy House on March 26, at 5:30pm.

Labor Committee Meeting: The Labor committee met prior to the board meeting. All feedback was positive on the employee evaluations.

MOTION by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Allen to approve the Labor Committee recommendations of a 4% raise for each the Manager and Finance Officer, and a 3% raise for the Caretaker. In addition, Manager will continue to receive health insurance and cell phone reimbursement, and Caretaker will continue to receive housing and utilities.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Cooper Creek: The reservoir is full and spilling over. We had an economics meeting with NRCS and the City of Sutherlin for the Dam Rehabilitation project on February 12th. We have a test for the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) with the State, County, and City on April 16th. It will be an all-day event. The County is applying for a grant to make improvements at Cooper Creek. They are asking the District for a letter of support and any funds that we would like to contribute. The District will provide a letter of support, but does not have any funds to contribute.

Trainings: Rob attended the OWRC District Manager's Workshop in Newport March 5th-7th. Laci is taking online budget classes. Rob will be taking the required Board Member meeting laws and regulations class tomorrow.

Financial Statement: The Financial Statement ending December 31, 2024, was reviewed.

MOTION by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Allen to accept the Financial Statement ending December 31, 2024, as presented.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Elections: Elections are coming up in May. Terms expiring this year are Position 2-Director Patoine, Position 3-Director Terrel, Position 5-Director Swesso, Position 6-Director Tenbrook, Position 8-Vacant, and Position 9-Director Vander Velden. A candidate District filing form will need to be submitted to the County before March 20th, for those interested in being re-elected.

Budget Committee: We need to re-appoint two committee members this year. Dean Ewell and Laura Anderson terms have expired. Pat Greer would not like to be re-appointed, so we will have one vacancy on the committee.

Business from Audience: None.

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting – March 26, 2025 – 7PM

Business from Directors: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved: _____
Robert Rippy, District Manager

Tom Patoine, Board President

Respectfully submitted,

Laci Smith, Recording Secretary

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