

## RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: January 8, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Doug Keeler, Marla Casley, Mindy Kephart, Jim McLaughlin, and Lou Allocco  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: James Burrington, Ian Kimball, and Devin Thompson  
STAFF PRESENT: Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, Brian Scott, and Eric Carlson

Doug Keeler opened the Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

No added items.

### **REVIEW ITEMS**

1. The minutes from December 11, 2024, were presented for approval. Marla Casley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. The financial reports for December 2024 were presented for approval. Mindy Kephart moved to accept the financial reports. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
  - a. Marla asked about the aging report, and if there is concern that the accounts over 90 days are growing larger. Per Jodi, those are deleted accounts for customers that have moved out of the district. Future reports will indicate active and deleted accounts.
3. December 2024 Financial Report Review: Doug Keeler reviewed 3 transactions and approved the audit trail report. The missing check reports were reviewed and approved, check numbers are 1479 to 1528 (Summit Bank) and there were no breaks in sequence. There were no checks written on the Key Bank checking account. There were no new vendors.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD**

Jim McLaughlin reported that there have been no LCOG meetings.

Lou Allocco recognized Doug Keeler for his appointment to his 10<sup>th</sup> term as a member of the board of directors for the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission. Congrats Doug!

### **OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

1. Jamie showed pictures of the third new fire hydrant installation on Hayden Bridge Road. Brian gave a brief summary of the scope of the project.

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2. Jamie officially gave notice to Pauly Rogers, CPA, that we are going out to bid for an auditing firm. Jamie and Jodi will be working on the Request for Proposal.
3. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has filed a petition against the EPA in regards to PFAS regulations. They are challenging the EPA's methods used to establish the maximum contaminant levels for PFAS.
4. There are housing developments being considered in the area of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Hayden Bridge Road.
5. The claim for the 2024 January ice storm damage has been approved by FEMA. Jamie and Jodi are having a meeting this week to formally move the claim to the State Office of Emergency Management. Next step will be a payout of the claim.
6. The City of Eugene has been considering assessing a new fire service fee. The concept of adding a fee based on a properties square footage was proposed. Due to strong opposition, Springfield is not proposing a similar fee. Eugene has tabled the issue for decision at a future meeting.
7. Jamie showed a graph of how reserve funds in the LGIP have been growing. There has been a lot of effort and success in growing reserves in the last few years.
8. International Paper is still working on the plans for draining the backwash tank for the Weyco Water Treatment Plant. Jamie has been making contact, so they know the plant needs to be operational by June.
9. The crew repaired a main break on New Years Eve that kept them working until 7:30 pm.
10. Jamie was successful in securing \$85,000.00 in grant funds for the Deerhorn Community Water Association and \$65,000.00 for Marcola Water District for the purpose of conducting PFAS remediation studies.
11. The Rainbow crew assisted Shangri-La in replacing check valves in their system, saving them \$3,000-\$4000 in costs. Jamie has also been working with the Shangri-La board on rate studies. They need to consider raising rates to cover their rising costs.
12. Jodi and Jill have taken over the billing and payment collection for the Shenandoah HOA.
13. Blue River Water District is planning a meeting in February to discuss the water system design and construction that will begin in 2025.
14. Jamie presented a review of the history of the Weyerhaeuser Wellfield. Rainbow Water District and the McKenzie Highway Water District (MHWD) originally jointly owned the wellfield. The wells were drilled and the office building constructed by 1957. The Springfield Utility Board (SUB) acquired the MHWD, and we became joint owners of the wellfield with SUB. There are five wells, three of which are active, and are operational during the summer months only. The transmission main runs from the wellfield, under the slough, levee, and 42<sup>nd</sup>

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Street to the main office location. The Army Corps of Engineers will be studying if there are any impacts to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street levee since the main runs underneath. Weyerhaeuser built the treatment plant for the wellfield as a response to the pentachlorophenol contamination from the mill on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The treatment plant is currently maintained by International Paper.

- 15. The Blue River Water District officially declared their old generator as surplus property and has offered to sell it to Rainbow for \$1,000.00. Jamie asked for board approval through a consensus for the purchase of the generator. The Board approved.

Rainbow Water District and Springfield Utility Board will be holding a joint board meeting on February 11, 2025.

The next Rainbow Water District regular board meeting will be held February 12, 2025.

Doug Keeler adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

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Minutes approved  \_\_\_\_\_  
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