

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

Marla Casley, Mindy Kephart, Erik
Westerholm, Doug Keeler, and James
Burrington

STAFF PRESENT:

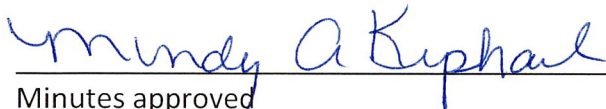
Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, and Eric Carlson

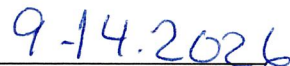
Mindy Kephart opened the Executive Session at 5:30 pm.

Pursuant to ORS 40.225, ORS 192.660(2)(e), ORS 192.660 (2)(f)

Nonpublic executive session with attorney-client privilege; to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions; and to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, including written advice from attorneys.

Mindy Kephart closed the Executive Session at 6:03 pm.


Minutes approved


Date

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

Marla Casley, Mindy Kephart, Erik Westerholm, Doug Keeler, and James Burrington

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:

Ron Davis

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, and Eric Carlson

AUDIENCE PRESENT:

Michael Miller (via zoom) and Byron Trapp

Mindy Kephart Opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from July 8, 2026, were presented for approval. Marla Calsey moved to approve the minutes as presented. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Abstained, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
2. The financial reports for July 2026 were presented for approval. Doug Keeler moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
3. July 2026 Financial Report Review: Mindy Kephart reviewed 3 transactions and approved the July 2026 audit trail report. The missing checks report for July 2026 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 2690 to 2758 and there were no breaks in sequence. There are two new vendors: Text My Gov and Oregon Short Load.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mindy reported that there was no business from LCOG last month.

Doug thanked staff for the quality and depth of information contained in the board packets.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. The annual appreciation banquet has been scheduled for October 8th.
2. Two budget committee members have resigned, leaving vacancies on the budget committee. Jamie contacted Eric Orton and Byron Trapp who have expressed interest in the past about serving on the budget committee. Byron was able to attend the meeting, and the board members interviewed him. Eric Orton submitted a letter of interest that the

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board considered. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-18, A Resolution Adopting a Budget Officer and Affirming and Appointing Budget Committee Members. Marla Casley moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-18. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.

3. Jamie explained that a correction needed to be made to the 2026-27 budget. The original budget showed funds moving from the Water Fund to the Resilience Fund without a budgeted fund transfer. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-19, A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget for fiscal year 2026-27. The supplemental budget includes the budgeted funds transfer. Doug Keeler moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-19. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
4. The Springfield Block Party is going to be held Saturday, September 12. Rainbow is a premium sponsor which also comes with a booth space. Jodi, Marla, and Mindy will work together to decide what should be done with the space. The board agreed on a budget of \$3,000.00 for booth activities, plus the \$2,000.00 sponsorship.
5. Jamie thanked Charles and James for working shifts at the Lane County Fair water booth.
6. The Springfield Utility Board has updated the fiber optic rates agreed upon in the new IGA. The updated rate is approximately \$1800.00 per month.
7. Rainbow has entered into a contract with Text My Gov, a software company that will allow us to communicate with our customers via text, email and voice calls. Customers may also sign up for district alerts and communications. It will also allow customers to text in key words to notify us of problems or to be directed to information.
8. The Springfield Utility Board took the lead on the pipe replacement on Laura Street ahead of the street annexation. They also replaced our four active service lines and billed us for costs as well as stubbed up to five properties that are either vacant or on a private well. If we utilize those five services in the future, SUB will need additional reimbursement.
9. The Q St well experienced voltage problems that caused the electrical panel to overheat and stop working. After extensive troubleshooting, a portable air conditioner was installed to blow cold air directly on the panel and it has alleviated the problem for now.
10. Weyerhaeuser Wellfield went online last week. Half of the canisters have had the carbon replaced and the work on the other half has been scheduled for September. This allowed other wells to be cycled off for breaks and had a positive impact on their individual aquifers ability to recover.

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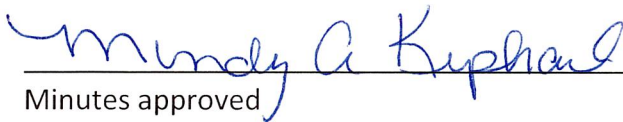
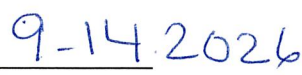
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11. The PFAS feasibility studies for Marcola and Deerhorn have completed, paving the way to apply for grant funds to mitigate PFAS impacts.
12. The Shenandoah system feasibility study should begin next month.

The next Board Meeting will be held September 9th.

Mindy Kephart adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

	
Minutes approved	Date