

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:	Marla Casley, Doug Keeler, James Burrington, Mindy Kephart, and Erik Westerholm
BUDGET MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ron Davis
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jamie Porter, Eric Carlson, Jodi Sanders, and Ross Williamson

Marla Casley opened the board meeting at 5:31 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

No added items

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from February 11, 2026, were presented for approval. Doug Keeler moved to approve the minutes as written. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
2. The minutes from February 17, 2026, were presented for approval. Doug Keeler moved to approve the minutes as written. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
3. The financial reports for February 2026 were presented for approval. Mindy Kephart moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
4. February 2026 Financial Report Review: Marla Casley reviewed 3 transactions and approved the February 2026 audit trail report. The missing checks report for February 2026 was reviewed and approved; check numbers are 2369 – 2454 and there were no breaks in sequence. There was one new vendor: Spec Lab LLC.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD.

Mindy attended an LCOG meeting. There were several presentations and they announced that they helped 763 households with the LIHEAP program.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. We are still waiting on the audit report for FY 2024-25.
2. Jamie is still working on the letter to customers from the Board updating current projects, PFAS, and settlements.

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- a. Mindy noted that there is a lot of misinformation on social media surrounding PFAS and asked if we can include an easy-to-understand explanation of the current limits.
 - b. Jamie has been coordinating with SUB's media team about joint statements and how in-depth things should be explained in the letter.
3. Eugene Springfield Fire and Life has scheduled a meeting the end of April with RWD and its other contract districts to explain the changes that they are considering in the organization.
4. Jamie presented Marcola Water District with the opportunity to purchase our old truck #8 if they are interested. Rainbow's board may be asked to declare it surplus.
5. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-02, A Resolution Opting to Limit Liability for Certain Public Claims Arising From The Use Of Public Trails Or Structures In Public Easements And Unimproved Rights-Of-Way Pursuant To ORS 105.668. This resolution allows for "recreational immunity" from lawsuits resulting in injuries that happen on District property. Doug Keeler moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-02. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.

Meeting paused for about five minutes to restore internet and reconnect Zoom Link.

6. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-01, A Resolution Appointing a Budget Officer and Affirming and Appointing Budget Committee Members. Mindy Kephart moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-01. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Doug expressed his thanks to the budget committee members. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
7. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-03, A Resolution Awarding a Contract to OS Engineering for Ignition SCADA Upgrade. This is the first major upgrade to the SCADA system since its implementation. Doug Keeler moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-03. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
8. The Oregon State Legislature is conducting a short session. There are a couple of pieces of legislation Jamie is tracking. One is HB4108, which allows for annexation of a property even if it does not share a common boundary. Another is additional guidance allowing for food and beverages for public officials.
9. EWEB and Lane Electric have finalized the customer purchase of the McKenzie Valley customers. Lane Electric has started installing their facilities and the customer transfer will take effect as of May 1st.

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- 10. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-04 for consideration, A Resolution Opposing Ballot Measure 20-373. After board discussion, there was no motion/no vote on this Resolution.
- 11. Jamie asked if the Board would be interested in Rainbow Water District branded merchandise. General consensus is yes, and Jamie will draft a policy.
- 12. We are still exploring what to do with the generator we purchased from Blue River Water District. We may mount it to a trailer and use it or sell it to a contract district.

The next Board and Budget Committee meeting will be April 8, 2026.

Mara Casley adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

 4/8/2026
Minutes Approved Date