

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: March 12, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Doug Keeler, Marla Casley, Jim McLaughlin, and Lou Allocco
BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Mindy Kephart
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: James Burrington
STAFF PRESENT: Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, and Eric Carlson

Doug Keeler opened the Board Meeting at 5:32 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

No added items.

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from the February 11, 2025, RWD/SUB joint work session were presented for approval. Marla Casley moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
2. The minutes from the February 12, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
3. The minutes from the March 3, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. Marla Casley moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
4. The financial reports for February 2025 were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to accept the financial reports. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
5. February 2025 Financial Report Review: Doug Keeler reviewed 3 transactions and approved the audit trail report. The missing checks report was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 1588 to 1657 and there were no breaks in sequence. There were no new vendors.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Jim reported no new information from LCOG. Jamie asked if we would be interested in remaining in the LCOG liaison position after his board term ends on June 30. Jim agreed to remain in the liaison position.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Jamie asked the board if they like seeing the extra detail he has been including in the customer billing and aging report. They do like the extra detail, and he will continue to include it in the board packet.

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2. Lane county has instituted a new fee assessed when utilities have projects in the right of way. This will not apply to main breaks, only planned maintenance, or new infrastructure improvements.
3. We have several communications items being included in the bills for the next few months. Jame has reached out to Consor regarding additional consulting on the 2024 CCR and an updated letter regarding PFAS plans.
4. Jamie has submitted a letter in opposition to Senate Bill 247 a bill that would require the state to consider "stream diminishment" as a factor in approving water right transfers. This would affect how water systems apply for and transfer water rights.
5. The new truck purchased to replace #9 has been received.
6. There was a dispute with the Royal Caribbean security staff that made it difficult to access the I5 wellfield. When Royal Caribbean was built in 2005, the owner granted the right to pass through the property in exchange for vacating the utility right of way through the property. We were able to locate that document and have resolved the problems in getting through the property.
7. The pump for I5 well #2 has been ordered. We are awaiting the price and installation schedule.
8. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2025-07, A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for a Professional Auditing Services to Isler CPA. The audit review committee reviewed 4 proposals that were submitted on time and have recommended entering into contract with Isler CPA. Marla Casley moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-07. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
9. Jamie and Jodi met with representatives of the Shangri-La Water District. They are interested in updating their IGA and having Rainbow take on additional billing and accounting duties starting in July 2025.
10. Marcola Water District has just completed a SDC and rate study with Steve Donovan of Donovan Enterprises. Jamie was impressed with his work and has contracted with him to do a rate study and cost of service analysis for Rainbow.
11. Jamie presented an overview of the Oregon PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability, which is the gap between the benefits owed and the payments made into the system by the employer on an individual company basis. The amount of the UAL will affect the PERS rates that Rainbow pays and are updated every two years. There is an Employer Incentive Fund for employers that have a UAL more than 200% of payroll, which can be established to lower lower the UAL. Rainbow is at 192% and may qualify for the second round of matching funds.

The next Board Meeting has been scheduled for April 9, 2025.

Doug Keeler adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Minutes approved

4/9/2025

Date