

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mindy Kephart

BUDGET MEMBERS PRESENT:

Devin Thompson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Porter, Eric Carlson, Brian Scott, and Jodi
Sanders

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

AGENDA REVIEW

No added items

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from January 14, 2026, were presented for approval. James Burrington moved to approve the minutes as written. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Absent.
2. The financial reports for January 2026 were presented for approval. Doug Keeler 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 – Absent.
3. January 2026 Financial Report Review: Marla Casley reviewed 3 transactions and approved the January 2026 audit trail report. The missing checks report for was reviewed and approved; check numbers are 2314-2368 and there were no breaks in sequence. There was one new vendor: PNC Benefit Plus

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD.

None

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Jamie presented a draft of the February newsletter, A Glimpse Behind the Curtain Regarding Repair Procedures. This newsletter will be included as the next bill stuffer.
2. Jamie presented a draft of the board letter, Looking ahead 2026 – and Beyond. This letter to customers from the board reviews the SUB water supply changes, the future of rate structures, and the pending federal water quality standards for PFAS. The board approved the letter by consensus.

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3. Erik W., James, and Eric C attended the 2026 SDAO conference last month. They all agreed the conference was well done and shared take aways from the conference.
4. Brian gave an update on the work at Chase Well #5. Routine maintenance picked up a vibration on the pump. Additional investigation revealed that the motor was the issue and not the pump, as suspected. McDiarmid was contracted and were able to balance the motor.
5. Brian gave an update on routine maintenance that checked for thermal hotspots in all of the electrical panels in the district. No problems were reported.
6. Jamie is monitoring the fire department conversations between the Cities of Eugene and Springfield. Nothing new to report at this time.
7. Jamie and Eric are consulting with SUB and IP regarding the Weyco WTP carbon filtration system. They are determining if the carbon will need to be replaced as they are preparing the plant for the summer season.
8. EWEB has hired a new general manager, and SUB is in the screening process of the finalists for their general manager.
9. Development of the Lane Stabilization Center mental health facility is progressing.
10. James is a member of the American Society of Safety Professionals and presented a request to the Board for Rainbow to become a sponsor for their annual conference in Eugene. Discussion followed. Doug made a motion to approve the sponsorship at the \$250.00 level. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Recused, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Absent.
11. Jamie presented applications from four Rainbow residents for the two vacant budget committee positions. The candidates answered questions about their experience, training, and qualifications for holding the position, their specific contributions to the Rainbow community, their involvement in community groups and activities, and topics of concern to them in relation to Rainbow’s Budget Committee. Board discussion followed. Doug Keeler made a motion to appoint Ron Davis and Manuel Balesteri to the Budget Committee. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion carried. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Absent. Jamie will notify all candidates of the results.
12. Jamie shared the agenda for the Rainbow Water District and Springfield Utility Board Joint Work session to be held on February 17th. There were no changes suggested.
4. Jodi mentioned that if we increased the American Society of Safety Professional sponsorship a little, we could have the Rainbow logo included in marketing materials. Doug Keeler moved to amend his sponsorship nomination to \$275.00. Erik Westerholm

