

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD AND BUDGET HEARING

Date: June 11, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

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

Marla Casley opened the Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

Jamie presented Resolution No. 2025-21 to consider during the meeting.

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from May 14, 2025, were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. The financial reports for May 2025 were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. May 2025 Financial Report Review: Marla Casley reviewed 3 transactions and approved the May 2025 audit trail report. The missing checks report for May 2025 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 1765 - 1833 and there were no breaks in sequence. There was one new vendor, Geo-Logic Associates, the parent company of Summit Water Resources.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Congratulations to Jim McLaughlin on his retirement from the Board and his last meeting as a Board Member.

James Burrington was elected to Board Position #5 in the May 2025 election. James read his oath of office as the newest incoming Board Member, effective July 1, 2025.

Lou Allocco announced his retirement from the Board, with his last meeting to be in August 2025.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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1. Rainbow and SUB staff are working on starting up the Weyerhaeuser Wellfield and the treatment plant. They are running into obstacles with water quality and have been working on getting the treatment plant operational for about two weeks. They are making progress, and the treatment plant should be at least partially operational this week.
2. The first PFAS litigation settlement check will be arriving tomorrow.
3. The Fourth of July Light of Liberty Celebration that SUB hosts is being postponed due to the work on Mill Street by the Island Park.
4. Eric has purchased an additional hydrant meter for customers that want to purchase a bulk water permit. Jamie has also updated the policy that will be reviewed later in the meeting.
5. The well rehab at I5 #2 has been completed and it is back in operation and pumping better than expected.

Marla opened the Budget and Water Rate Hearing at 6:04 pm and called for public comments. Hearing none, Marla asked for any updates from the Budget Officer.

Jamie noted that the overall Budget increased to \$11,810,595.

- Resilience Fund beginning balance increased due to the PFAS settlement check that arrived in FY 24-25 with corresponding increases in the Reserved for Future Expenditure column. The PFAS settlement income for FY 2025-26 was deleted since no more PFAS settlement deposits will be made into the Resilience Fund. Any future payments will be directed to the Capital Reserve Fund.
- The General Fund had an increase of \$77,000 from last month due to an increase in the proposed water rate from 13% to 14.5%. There was a corresponding increase in the water operating contingency budget.
- The Capital Reserve Fund has an increase in PFAS settlement income with a corresponding expenditure increase for I5 well rehab or well replacement design & construction.

Marla Casley closed the Budget and Water Rate Hearing at 6:20 pm.

Jamie Porter presented the Budget Resolutions as follows:

- 2025-14 A Resolution Adopting a Budget for FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$11,810.595. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 2025-15 A Resolution Making Appropriations for FY 2025-26. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Mindy Kepkart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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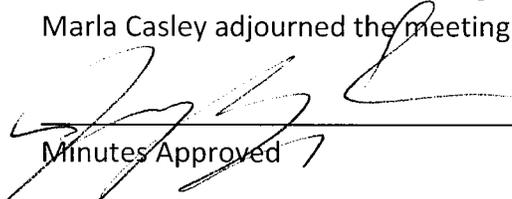
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- 2025-16 A Resolution Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for FY 2025-26. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 2025-17 A Resolution Authorizing Transfer from the Fire Protection Fund to the Water Operating General Fund in the amount of \$148,216. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 2025-18 A Resolution Authorizing Transfer from the Fire Protection Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$375,000. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 2025-19 A Resolution Regarding Water Rates. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 2025-20 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Rainbow Water District and the Shangri La Water District. Shangri La has requested that Rainbow expand its service to include billing, bookkeeping and office functions due to Wendy's retirement. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 2025-21 A Resolution Establishing Fire Hydrant Usage Fees and Procedures. The current Hydrant permit fees and procedures have not been updated since 1998. This new policy brings Rainbow's fees and procedures current with industry standards. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie requested a Board motion to fund the FY 2025-26 HRA employee accounts in the amount of \$33,000.00 as of 7/1/2025. Marla Casley moved to approve the HRA funding. Jim McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Doug Keeler left the meeting at 6:30pm.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held July 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Marla Casley adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.


Minutes Approved

7/9/25
Date