

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD AND BUDGET HEARING

Date: June 10, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:	Marla Casley, Doug Keeler, Mindy Kephart, and James Burrington (arrived late)
STAFF PRESENT:	Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, and Eric Carlson
AUDIENCE PRESENT:	Michael (via zoom)

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

AGENDA REVIEW

No new items

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from May 13, 2026, were presented for approval. Doug Keeler moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Absent, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
2. The financial reports for May 2026 were presented for approval. Mindy Kephart moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Absent, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
3. April 2026 Financial Report Review: Marla Casley reviewed 3 transactions and approved the April 2026 audit trail report. The missing checks report for April 2026 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 2575-2627 and there were no breaks in sequence. There were no new vendors.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Rainbow Water District and Springfield Utility Board have approved the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Urban Services Agreement. The Urban Services Agreement is on the agenda for City of Springfield council review at their June 15th meeting.
2. The EWEB general manager has been working for about a month, and SUB's new general manager is expected to start June 25th. Jeff Nelson will be retiring June 30th.

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3. A new mental health facility is being planned for an area North of Game Farm Road. The facility will be in the city limits, but it's water demand will be met by Rainbow in the North System.
4. The City of Springfield is renewing work on the National Hazards Mitigation Plan. Jamie is anticipating Rainbow's involvement will begin in 2027.
5. Eric has been planning with International Paper and SUB to replace the carbon in the Weyco Treatment Plant. The carbon will be removed allowing for tank inspections before fresh carbon is replaced. That work should start by the end of the month.
4. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-07, A Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for the Design of Chase Production Well No. 6 to Shannon & Wilson, INC. Shannon & Wilson will be designing the well, which includes well depth and screen locations. They will work with RH2 engineering, who will design the pump, piping, and connections. Mindy Kephart moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-07. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Absent, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
5. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-08, A Resolution Adopting Inflationary Adjustments to Systems Development Charges for Water and Water Meter and Main Installation and Inspection Fees. The fees decreased by 2.13% to adjust for inflation from July 2024 to June 2026. Doug Keeler moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-08. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Absent, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
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Marla Casley closed the regular meeting and opened the Budget and Water Rate Hearing at 5:48 pm.

James Burrington arrived at 5:50 pm.

Marla called for public comments. Hearing none, Marla asked for any updates from the Budget Officer.

The LB1 has been published and there are no changes to the budget since the May Budget Committee approval. After budget committee discussion, the water rate increase will be capped at 7.5% for this year and will be a combination of base rate and consumption charge increases. The 1" meter base rate will increase at 12.5% to match SUB's rate more closely.

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

Jamie Porter presented the Budget Resolutions as follows:

- 2026-09 Resolution Adopting the Budget in the amount of \$15,330,000. Mindy Kephart moved to approve the Resolution. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-10 Resolution Making Appropriations for FY 2026-27. Doug Keeler moved to approve the Resolution. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-11 Resolution Imposing and Categorizing Taxes. James Burrington moved to approve the Resolution. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-12 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from the Fire Protection Fund to the Water Operating General Fund. Doug Keeler moved to approve the Resolution. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-13 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from the Fire Protection Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. Mindy Kephart moved to approve the Resolution. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-14 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from the Water Operating General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. James Burrington moved to approve the Resolution. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-15 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from the Water Operating General Fund to the Resilience Fund. Mindy Kephart moved to approve the Resolution. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.
- 2026-16 Resolution Regarding Water Rates. Doug Keeler moved to approve the Resolution. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.

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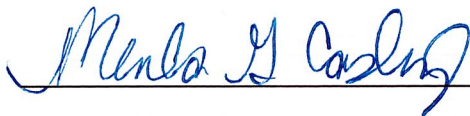
Jamie asked the Board if they would like to participate in the City of Springfield's 2026 Block Party. General consensus is to sponsor a booth or activity. Jamie and Jodi will reach out for more information.

Eric and Jamie discussed the request by the Chase Orchard neighbor to use water from Chase to irrigate his property. Doug would like to review the RWD/SUB IGA to see if there is any language that would prevent us from serving them, since they are not in our district. Jamie and Eric will review.

Jamie requested a motion from the board to fund the employee Health Reimbursement Account with an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00. Doug moved to approve the HRA funds. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Absent, Kephart – Aye.

The next scheduled meeting is July 8, 2026.

Marla Casley closed the meeting at 6:25 pm.

 7/9/2026

Minutes approved:

Date: