

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

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

Doug Keeler opened the Board Meeting at 5:31 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

Jamie added Resolution 2024-19 to the agenda.

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from September 11, 2024, were presented for approval. Mindy Kephart moved to approve the minutes as amended. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. The financial reports for September 2024 were presented for approval. Marla Casley moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. September 2024 Financial Report Review: Doug Keeler reviewed 3 transactions and approved the audit trail report. The missing check reports were reviewed and approved, check numbers are 1286 - 1347 (Summit Bank) and there were no breaks in sequence. There were no checks written on the Key Bank checking account. There was one new vendor, West Coast Print, for staff shirt embroidery.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

1. EWEB conducted an emergency accident and spill training drill, which gave staff the opportunity to test our procedures.
2. The Rainbow audit will be conducted this week.
3. FEMA is working through their review of our claim for the January ice storm.
4. Verizon has chosen not to move forward on the cell tower on Moe Hill.
5. Rainbow's reserves are building nicely.

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6. Eric and Brian represented Rainbow at the Clean Water University, an event for school children hosted at the wastewater facility in Eugene.
7. Springfield Utility Board has a full roster of five board members. SUB and Rainbow will begin having monthly IGA meetings going forward.
8. There is a 2" private galvanized service line on Aspen that is going to be replaced this month. The district meter is located down the private service line, which makes it appear that Rainbow has ownership of the line. The meter will be placed out at the street to clearly indicate that the service line on the customer side of the meter is the customer's responsibility.
9. International Paper is working on a solution to discharge the backwash tank into their own mill effluent pipe that runs through the property at the office.
10. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2024-19, Resolution Awarding Additional Funding to Characterize the Chase Wellfield PFAS Contamination to Holt Services, INC., Shannon & Wilson, INC., and Eurofins Eaton Analytical. The resolution is asking to increase the budget for the PFAS and soil investigation at the Chase Wellfield to \$400,000 to allow for 2 additional bore holes to be drilled and evaluated. The state of Oregon has agreed to increase the grant award to \$350,000.00 due to the increased scope of the project. Lou Allocco moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-19. Marla Casley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
11. Jamie has been working on our emergency preparedness with winter weather coming up. Cots, sleeping bags, and food have been purchased for storage at the office and at the Chase Plant. Eric and staff have also been researching and testing flood barriers at the Chase Water Treatment Plant in case of a flood situation. The plant currently only sits two feet above the 100-year flood level.
12. Two additional mental health treatment facilities are coming to Springfield, to be built near Riverbend Hospital.
13. With SUB and RWD monthly meetings resuming, Jamie asked for a Board Member to be a volunteer to back up Doug in case he is unavailable. Lou has volunteered.

The next Board Meeting will be held November 13, 2024.

Doug Keeler adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.