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Board of Directors
Position 1 - Joe Spendolini
Board Chairman
Position 2 - Kenneth DeCrans
Position 3 - Michael Koger

District Manager/Secretary
Brett Blofsky

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026 @ 10:00am
South Suburban Sanitary District Office

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Roll Call of Directors - Chairman Joe Spendolini, Director Kenny DeCrans and Director Michael Koger present. Also present: Brett Blofsky (SSSD District Manager), Nicki Strain (SSSD Finance Director), Jason Morrow (SSSD Collections Supervisor), Sally Bratton (SSSD Treatment Plant Supervisor), Jon Lee (SSSD Treatment Plant Operator), Justin Hawkins (SSSD Treatment Plant Operator) and Dan Scalas (Adkins Engineering). Brady Fuller & Steve Worley (Jacobs Engineering) attended virtually.

Review of Today's Agenda, Board Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026 & July 2026 Monthly Financials - **Motion by Director DeCrans to approve Today's Agenda, Board Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026 & July 2026 Monthly Financials as presented. Seconded by Director Koger. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Input/Comments - no one from the public was present.

Engineer Report

100% Design/Cross Cutters/Permits Update - Jacobs Engineering

Brady reported that he has received comments from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the design. He explained the comments received and how he plans on responding to them. The addendum should be to Brett by the end of this week.

Steve gave a status update on the permits needed for the facility upgrade project. The Department of State Lands (DSL) has the files that they need and are reviewing them right now. He then reported that the Army Corp of Engineers is taking jurisdiction over a portion of the ditches outside of Pond 2. There will now need to be some core testing done and the project will need to be phased out due to this.

Brett reported that he and Dan spoke with Andrea Rabe with Rabe Consulting regarding this new development. She is in agreement with the path presented.

Chairman Spendolini asked if this new determination by the Army Corp of Engineers opens any funding opportunities. It was generally agreed that it does not.

The value engineering will be stamped by Jacobs Engineering and submitted to DEQ.

EWA & GMP Updates - Slayden Constructors

Erik Brahmer is currently on vacation. Brett reported that everything is in the queue waiting on DEQ approval.

District Updates - Adkins Engineering

Dan reported that he is currently working on a Collections project with Jason.

The rate study should be finalized soon and will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Department Updates

Administration – Nicki reported that the LGIP accounts earned \$129,212.71 in interest during the month of July. The interest rate remains at 4.00%.

Treatment - Sally gave her report for the month of July. She discussed some BOD compliance issues and the various things that are being addressed to resolve the issues.

Collections - Jason gave his report for the month of July. He gave a summary of the various projects the Collections crew has been working on.

District Manager - Brett discussed the prior fiscal year agreement with Southern Oregon Solutions (SOS). Chairman Spendolini declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Brett recommended that the District renew the contract with SOS for another year to assist with the ongoing funding challenges related to the mandated facility upgrade project.

Motion by Director Koger to renew the contract with Southern Oregon Solutions for fiscal year 2026/2027 as presented. Seconded by Director DeCrans as presented. Chairman Spendolini was not in the room and therefore abstained. Motion passed.

Brett then discussed items he is currently working on with the Energy Trust of Oregon.

Chairman Spendolini reported on a recent call he received from Congressman Cliff Bentz. Congressman Bentz will be in Klamath Falls on Thursday of this week. Chairman Spendolini and Brett will be meeting with him.

Chairman Spendolini discussed the potential of selling the North Poe Valley property. Brett described the current lease and how it does not cover the costs associated with the property each year.

The Board agrees to allow Brett to list the North Poe Valley property for \$5 million.

Items before the Board of Directors - Old & New Business

N. Poe Valley newer house rental - Current tenants interested in purchasing

Brett explained his conversation with the current house tenants. Brett is going to research the pros and cons of selling this portion of the property separately vs. selling the property in its entirety.

TriplePoint aeration upgrade for Pond 3 & Pond 4b - Capital Project GL #99140

Brett asked the Board for approval to move forward with this capital project that has already been approved in the budget.

Motion by Chairman Spendolini to proceed with the aeration upgrade for Pond 3 & Pond 4b as presented and approved in the current fiscal year budget. Seconded by Director Koger. Motion passed unanimously.

WaterSMART Title XVI Feasibility Study in process with The Ferguson Group (TFG)

Brett gave an update on this. The Ferguson Group (TFG) will be sending out a kickoff meeting email.

BizOR Water/Wastewater Loan update

Brett reported that due to a recalculation of qualifications, the District now qualifies for this loan at the low interest rate and \$750k forgiveness.

Director Koger indicated that there may be grant money available for fencing around the District property through the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO). Brett will reach out to the ETO on this and the additional items he is working on with them.

Next meeting scheduled for September 15, 2026 at 10:00am

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am

ATTEST:

Brett Blofsky, Secretary

Joe Spendolini, Chairman

Date