

**Sutherlin Water Control District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 26, 2024
District Office – 7 pm**

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President’s Statement: President Patoine asked for conflicts of interest w/agenda items. (None Presented).

Roll Call: Present: Directors Tom Patoine, Jess Terrel, Carol Swesso, Arika Tenbrook, Frank Egbert, and Richard Vander Velden.

Staff: Manager Robert Rippy and Recording Secretary Laci Smith.

Audience: None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Egbert to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024, Board Meeting as amended.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Patoine, Terrel, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Business From Manager:

Board Appointments:

MOTION by Director Egbert, second by Director Vander Velden to retain the current President, Vice President, and Budget Officer for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Patoine, Terrel, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Irrigation Report: The irrigation system has been down for a few days this month. It all started with the power going on and off, which stirred up a lot of stuff in the lines. A mainline across from Plat I also blew out, which took some time to repair. Manager is going to look into an emergency switch.

Plat I: Manager had a discussion with DFPA about taking water out of Plat I. This came about after seeing their trucks come in and out multiple times a day, for weeks, removing non-emergency water. We will be applying for the security grant through SDAO, for security cameras at Plat I.

Cooper Creek: Manager spoke to SDAO first before contacting our District Attorney regarding the City water issue. This is an ongoing issue that we will continue working on. We would like the City to install a meter, so we know how much water is being used. The County Work Crew will begin working for a few days at \$1000/day. We received a new quote from Mason, Bruce & Girard for the spraying and replanting at Cooper Creek. New signs have been printed for trail closures.

Website: The contract has been signed for the website development project.

Business from Audience: None.

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting – August 28, 2024 – 7PM

Business from Directors: Director Terrel would like to know why the fire department can't use Plat I. It's not that they can't use it, but they shouldn't be using it for non-emergency purposes, due to the water already being sold to irrigators. They could use Cooper Creek for non-emergency purposes, and wither reservoir for emergency purposes. Director Swesso would like to know why we are moving forward with a website after all these years. Simply because we found someone who specializes in small districts and who is affordable. In addition to being able to keep our customers updated when needed.

Adjournment: There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Approved:

Robert Rippy, District Manager

Tom Patoine, Board President

Respectfully submitted,

Laci Smith, Recording Secretary