

**Sutherlin Water Control District  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
District Office – 7 pm**

**Flag Salute:**

**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 (via Zoom), Frank Egbert, and Richard Vander Velden.

**Staff:** Manager Robert Rippy and Recording Secretary Laci Smith.

**Audience:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Director Terrel, second by Director Vander Velden to approve the minutes of the September 25, 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:**

**Irrigation Report:** Irrigation season is over for the year. The 4x4 gate was closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> to start draining the reservoir. The electrician has come out to look over things to get us a bid on doing a soft start. We are waiting to hear back from him.

**Website:** The website is up and running. We have received a few online payments.

**Dam Rehab:** Greg Allington, our Project Manager, came out last week to inspect the Waite Street ditch and Cooper Creek Spillway. We should be able to remove some saplings from the spillway and move them to the Waite Street ditch allowing great habitat for fish. The annual state dam inspection is on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Cooper Creek:** The County Work Crew has been out working on removing the scotch broom. Mason, Bruce & Girard are contact spraying this week when the weather is nice out. After reaching out to Aaron Swan at the City, we found out that they do have meters. So, we have a base read now.

**Board Vacancy:** Jake Masterfield has resigned from the Board. Ward 2, Position 8 is now vacant. If anyone knows of anyone who is interested, have them call the District Office.

**Board Meetings:** Typically, we move the November meeting up one week due to Thanksgiving and skip the December meeting due to the holidays.

**MOTION** by Director Terrel, second by Director Swesso to move November meeting up one week to November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Egbert to skip the December meeting.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Trainings:** Manager will be taking free classes on Executive Sessions and Regular Meeting Laws. He will also be attending the Annual OWRC Conference the first week of December.

**Business from Audience:** None.

**Next Meeting:**

Board Meeting – November 20, 2024 – 7PM

**Business from Directors:** Director Patoine mentioned that there have been some issues with the Caretaker at Plat I, not taking care of everything that he has been asked to do. The District has been wrote up for the blackberries on the dam, the Caretaker has been asked to remove them several times, and has not done it yet.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approved:

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Robert Rippy, District Manager

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Tom Patoine, Board President

Respectfully submitted,

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Laci Smith, Recording Secretary