



**SOUTHWEST LINCOLN COUNTY WATER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT  
(SWLCWPUD)**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA  
21 April 2026 – 10:00 AM**

The regular meeting will be held at the District Office, 7740 Hwy. 101 North, Yachats, OR

- 1. REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
  - a. Determine Quorum Present
  - b. Conflict of Interest Declarations
  - c. Agenda Changes and Agenda Approval – Action Item
  - d. Note Guests Present
  - e. Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Action Item
- 2. DISCUSSION WITH VERDANTAS (CIVIL WEST ENGINEERING SERVICES)**
  - a. Waterline Project Update
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT – Public Input (limited to 5 minutes per speaker)**
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - a. Review and Approval of Disbursements – Action Item
  - b. Monthly Financial Report – Action Item
  - c. Monthly Reconciliation Report – Action Item
  - d. Treasurer Report/Update
- 5. MANAGERS REPORT**
  - a. List of Issues
- 6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**
  - a. Water Rates
- 7. OTHER OLD BUSINESS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**
- 9. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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<b>1. REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER</b>	President Cuellar called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
a. Determine Quorum Present	President Cuellar deemed that a quorum was present: President Cuellar, Vice President Tucker, Director Sommer, and Director Sherkow. Ms. Angela Vogl, PUD Manager, and Gabe Greenwood, Field Staff Member were also present.
b. Conflict of Interest Declarations	None
c. Agenda Changes and Agenda Approval – Action Item	President Cuellar requested adding Item #2b related to Verdantas and USDA loan program, adding a new Item #5b related to FEMA grant application, and adding a new Item #6b related to ADA compliance for the PUD website. Director Sherkow moved and Director Sommer seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
d. Note Guests Present	None
e. Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Action Item	Vice President Tucker moved and Director Sommer seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of a typo in Item #5e, paragraph 1. Motion passed unanimously.
<b>2. DISCUSSION WITH VERDANTAS (CIVIL WEST ENGINEERING SERVICES)</b>	
a. Waterline Project Update	<p>It was reported that the plans, specifications, and engineer’s estimate would be available next month. The schedule going forward will include the bid package, advertising outline, and review of the construction contract. DM Vogl is in discussions with Mr. Pete Gintner, PUD Attorney, in order to clear all remaining easements included in the project area prior to the release of the bid package.</p> <p>She has also been contacting several local financial institutions recommended by USDA to establish a line-of-credit or series of short-term loans so that the prospective construction contractor can be paid prior to reimbursement to the PUD by BizOR. One such institution quoted an interest rate of 5.15%.</p>
b. USDA Loan Application	<p>DM Vogl reported that she and Mr. Keven Shreeve (Verdantas) talked with staff from USDA about a prospective loan application by PUD. USDA noted that PUD’s application could recognize TAG and WesTech activities as sole-source (and therefore, will not be subject competitive bidding). DM Vogl is working Verdantas on the contract (scope, cost, schedule) for the preliminary engineering work required for the loan application. Gabe noted that the cost of the loan is higher than just the new filter at Blodgett due to the inclusion of the SCADA items.</p> <p>DM Vogl also noted that the project will include environmental clearance (Cat. Ex.) and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO) clearance for work beyond the Blodgett Water Treatment Plant building. USDA also wanted the existing loan and new loan to be under the PUD. It is likely that the Water District property used for collateral on the existing loan will be transferred to the PUD.</p>

<b>3. PUBLIC INPUT – Public Input (limited to 5 minutes per speaker)</b>	None
<b>4. TREASURER’S REPORT</b>	
a. Review and Approval of Disbursements – Action Item	Director Sherkow moved to approve the March Disbursements. Director Sommer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
b. Monthly Financial Report – Action Item	Director Sherkow moved to approve the March Financial Report. Director Sommer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
c. Monthly Reconciliation Report – Action Item	Director Sherkow moved to approve the March Reconciliation Report. Director Sommer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
d. Treasurer Report/Update	DM Vogl noted items in the Cash Flow report.
<b>5. MANAGERS REPORT</b>	
a. List of Issues	<p>DM Vogl briefed the Board noting that the Water System Paster Plan is scheduled to be drafted by June 2026. The Board had a short discussion about Annexations and Boundaries. It was suggested that the DM contact any that are PUD customers and believed that they are inside the PUD boundary but do not show up on County records. Those customers should be asked if they wish to process the paperwork necessary to make that change. It is a complicated process that will culminate with the approval of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>In terms of Starlink installation, it was suggested that the administrative functions of the PUD be tested annually for operation using the Blodgett facilities and Starlink access. Work was proceeding with CLPUD to extend electrical power to the Wakonda PRV vault. DM Vogl and Gabe noted that the diesel tank at Blodgett had been completed and is waiting to be filled. It will be used throughout the year. Work continued on the Weather Station connection.</p> <p>Work was being done to prepare for certification testing by PUD field staff.</p>
b. FEMA Grant	<p>Verdantas notified DM Vogl about a FEMA grant opportunity coming up shortly. This was available to agencies based on their Hazard Mitigation profile. For the PUD, the number one project was the Dick’s Fork Water Tank replacement. Pre-applications were due by the end of the month. DM Vogl was ready to submit a pre-application immediately. If accepted for further action, the PUD will be notified by May 8, 2026. The full application will be submitted in July. Verdantas could conduct a site survey for about \$30,000.</p> <p>Director Sherkow moved that the FEMA pre-application be submitted as soon as possible. It was seconded by Director Sommer. Motion passed unanimously</p>
<b>6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</b>	
a. Water Rates	<p>Vice President Tucker discussed material that he had developed related to water rates and, in particular, the base rates (exclusive of water use). He collected information from other water utilities by a comparison. He noted that other utilities use the base rate to cover the ongoing operations and maintenance expenses. DM Vogl said that research she did appeared to show that the base rate and use rate concept currently in place was adopted at the start of the USDA loan.</p> <p>Director Sherkow distributed some excerpts from three Budget Builder scenarios showing possible water rate increases to address future loan obligations. After some discussion, it was suggested by President Cuellar that Vice President Tucker and Director Sherkow develop recommendations for the June PUD meeting on the water rates and its structure.</p>

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b. ADA Compliance	President Cuellar introduced the topic. It was noted that some companies and public agencies were being sued for not having their websites in compliance with ADA requirements. DM Vogl provided material listing three options that could address this matter. After some discussion, the Board consensus was that the DM implement one of the options and report back at a future date (TBD).
<b>7. OTHER OLD BUSINESS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</b>	Vice President Tucker asked if the PUD had a payment plan for customers who were having difficulties making their payments. DM Vogl said that the PUD had established payment plans in some cases. In other cases, customers were referred to churches or other sources that might assist them make payments.  Gabe noted that the recently-acquired small tool for exercising valves was working well and was a great aid to staff enabling them to accomplish more work with better outcomes. The Komax Static Mixer (approved in the March PUD meeting) had been ordered.
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS</b>	None
<b>9. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST</b>	None
<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>	President Cuellar adjourned the meeting at 11:48 AM

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Board President  
Roxie Cuellar, Director Subdivision 1  
Date 6/23/26

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary  
Franklin Sherkow, Director Subdivision 4  
Date 6/23/26