

**FAIRVIEW WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES
WATER RATE STUDY | FEBRUARY 21, 2026 | 1:00 PM
403 MAROLF LOOP ROAD, TILLAMOOK, OREGON**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair John Casteel called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

2. ROLL CALL

- a) Board Members Present: John Casteel
Gary Bond
James Huffman
- b) Board Members Absent: Boyd Rulifson
Dustin Burdick
- c) Staff Present: Michael Ostensen, General Manager
Melissa Rondeau, Office Manager
- d) Visitors Present: Richard Obrist

3. DISCUSSION OF WATER RATE STUDY AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS

The Board of Commissioners held a workshop to review the water rate study completed by Oregon Association of Water Utilities and to discuss future revenue needs for the District. Discussion focused on current revenue sources, including water rates and tax support, and differences in consumption patterns between residential and agricultural users.

The Board reviewed potential rate structure concepts presented by several participants, including base rate adjustments, meter-based rate variations, and consumption expectations. Members discussed the possibility of a simplified rate structure, the relationship between meter size and base rate charges, and options for addressing out-of-district customer rates.

Public comment reflected general concern regarding increasing costs affecting agricultural operations.

No decisions were made. Discussion and development of potential rate recommendations will continue.

4. ADJOURNEMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM