MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Strathmore Public Utility District
Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
19626 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA 93267
P.O. Box 425 Strathmore, CA 93267

Meeting in person at:
Strathmore Public Utility District Office: 19626 Orange Belt Dr. Strathmore, CA 93267

ATTENDEES:
Christina Lightner, President
Allaney Briggs, Treasurer
Adrian Ordonez, Board Clerk/Manager
Adele Sanchez, Bookkeeper/Secretary
Dennis Keller, District Engineer
Julia Lew, District Counsel
Richard Davis, Property Owner (item 8a)
Roy Macomber, (item 8a)

Absent: Nicholas Martinez, Vice President

QUORUM? Yes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Review of minutes from the Board's regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026.
Motion to approve minutes: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:
Presented by MRS. SANCHEZ.

5. APPROVAL OF BILL AND PAYROLL PAYMENTS:
Approval of district bills and payroll through June 1, 2026.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. TERMINATION AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF SERVICES:
(a) Review of extensions or waivers of payments requested in writing by delinquent customers.

Account # 10154-00
Motion to grant or deny customer request: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
Description (if customer request granted):
Customer is requesting reversal of late fee in the amount of $7.80.

(b) Review list of customers with delinquent accounts.
Motion to terminate services: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Write off balance for abandoned property.
Account number 20055-00 in the amount of $903.60.
Account number 20079-00 in the amount of $865.41
Motion to write off accounts: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

7. WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2025-2026 & WATER FORECAST 2026-2027:
Monthly usage: **33** acre feet **63** Year-to-date: acre feet.
Engineer Keller will update the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2026-2027. The bureau will allocate 100% of class one water supply.

8. VIOLATION NOTICES EXCESSIVE WATER USAGE:

a. Property 22501 Ave 196, APN: 215-300-020-000 was given a notice of violation of excessive water usage during the month of April 2026. Water usage for the month was 91,400 gallons, 11.21 times the normal usage for residential customers. Mr. Davis provided a letter to the board. He mentioned he has been more conscientious about his water usage since he received violation notices last year. He states he does not have agricultural irrigation on the property. He states he has disconnected his sprinkler system to the yard. Mr. Macomber came as a witness to Mr. Davis stating he doesn't understand how Mr. Davis can use so much water living there himself. Mr. Davis is requesting a meter change for the property and removal of the $300.00 violation fee. The board motioned to suspend the violation fee and replace the meter with a new one. District staff will do weekly reading to see if they notice any change in the new meter.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

b. Property 23101 Ave 194, APN: 215-025-012-000 was given a notice of violation for excessive water usage during the month of April 2026. Water usage for the month was 176,000 gallons, 22 times the normal usage for residential customers. The board motioned to authorize disconnection of services.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

9. WATER STORAGE TANK:
Perigo Welding is currently working on manufacturing parts for repair of the storage tank vent.

10. WATER CAPACITY RIGHT WAITING LIST REQUEST:
Carmen Marisel de Elias is requesting to be placed on the waiting list for water capacity rights on the North/West corner of Ave 196 and Orange Belt Drive. The board motioned to grant the request.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

11. TULARE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTER GENERAL ELECTION:
Director seat 1, Christina Lightner's term expires on 12/4/2026. The county can conduct the election but the district will need to provide certain documents by July 1, 2026. The board may or may not authorize the county of Tulare to conduct the election. Authorize resolution 2026-05-14-11 that authorizes the county of Tulare to consolidate the county election to the state election and candidates pay for their own statement.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

12. WATER TREATMENT PLANT ADDRESS:
The water treatment plant does not currently have an address through the County of Tulare. The District will need to make a request through the planning department. Motion to authorize manager Ordonez to sign the application for an address request.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIOUS

13. WASTEWATER TREAMENT PLANT/PROVOST AND PRITCHARD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT:

District manager received an update from Kirk at P&P. Arlene at Self-help emailed P&P stating to move forward with the selected option on the wastewater project. According to their canvasing of Plainview, the community agrees with the wastewater project and are aware of the cost associated with the monthly bill for sewer. P&P will be scheduling a meeting with self-help, the state and Strathmore PUD. Self-Help has provided a letter on May 4, 2026 stating they currently have no funding available for project. Any work being conducted now is at the consultant's own risk.

14. STRATHMORE PUD AND LINDSAY-STRATHMORE ID AGREEMENT DISCUSSION:

Discussion regarding the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant between Strathmore Public Utility District and Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District. District counsel Lew will also update on the reimbursement from LSID.
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15. PROP 218 BUDGET:

District staff has mailed and posted prop 218 notices to the public and on the district website. The public hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2026 at the Strathmore Middle School.

16. UPDATE/ REPORTS:

17. CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

Time in: 8:00 p.m. Time out: 8:23 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(2): one case, facts not known to potential plaintiff

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(4)] Two cases.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [GC 54956.8]
Property: Water Tower, Strathmore California.
Agency Negotiator: Adrian Ordonez and Julia Lew. Negotiating Parties: Strathmore Public Utility District and TowerPoint.
Under Negotiation: Terms for purchase agreement.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [GC 54956.8]
Property: 22235 Ave 196, Strathmore California.
Agency Negotiator: Adrian Ordonez and Julia Lew. Negotiating Parties: Strathmore Public Utility District and Steve Perigo.
Under Negotiation: Terms for lease agreement.

Action taken: No reportable action.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
Time: 8:24 p.m.

Note: California Government Code § 54957.5 requires all public agencies to make available to the public any documents provided to at least a majority of the agency's elected officials or distributed to those officials within seventy-two hours of a regular meeting. Copies of such documents shall be made available to the public no later than the time they are distributed at the following address: 19626 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA 93267.