MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Strathmore Public Utility District
Thursday, September 10, 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
Nicholas Martinez, Vice President
Adrian Ordonez, Board Clerk/Manager
Adele Sanchez, Bookkeeper/Secretary
Dennis Keller, District Engineer
Julia Lew, District Counsel
Naomi Rodriguez

Absent: Allaney Briggs - treasurer

QUORUM? Yes

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. Review of minutes from the Board meeting on Monday, August 13, 2026.
Motion to approve minutes: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:
Presented by MRS. SANCHEZ.

5. APPROVAL OF BILL AND PAYROLL PAYMENTS:
Approval of District bills and payroll through October 1, 2026.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

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

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

(c) Review of accounts eligible for initiation of abandonment proceedings.

Account No. 30080-00, 40055-00

Motion to initiate abandonment proceedings: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

7. ABANDONMENT APN# 215-141-014-000

TIME IN _____ TIME OUT _____

Property 19522 Road 230, APN# 215-141-014-000, abandonment of water and waste / water services motion to approve or deny. Customer paid to restore service. Motion to release abandonment.

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

8. WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2025-2026 & WATER FORECAST 2026-2027:

Monthly usage: **45** acre feet **239** Year-to-date: acre feet.

Engineer Keller updated the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2026-2027 and the disposition of the Cross Valley Canal water. The allotment from the Westside has increased from 20% to 25%. The water will be able to be pumped into the San Luis Reservoir next month. Transfer approvals will be needed to move the water into the District.

9. CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM SERVICES:

The board may or may not adopt the Cross-Connection Control Program. Motion to authorize Manager Ordonez to sign the Cross-Connection Control Plan and submit the plan to the State.

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

10. STRATHMORE PUD INCLUSION TO WASTEWATER NEEDS ASSESMENT LIST:

The State Water Resources Control Board has provided a letter to the District notifying that they have identified Strathmore PUD as a district to be included in the Wastewater Needs Assessment List.

11. PORTERVILLE CITRUS:

PCI will be having a board meeting on September 17, 2026 for final approval. They have purchased 2 more properties and are still moving forward. Manager Ordonez mentioned the District is working on a draft agreement with Strathmore PUD, PCI and Lindmore irrigation and will send a copy to the parties once the draft agreement is ready for review.

12. STAND-BY FEE REQUEST:

Various customers have inquired about a stand-by fee for services not being utilized. The Board can discuss the possibility of making the requested changes. Engineer Keller provided a breakdown of fixed cost for a proposed water and sewer stand-by fee. Based on calculations, the proposed fees would be: Water $87.01 Sewer $30.96 a total stand-by fee of $107.97. This amount is above the current base rate of water $55.00 and sewer $38.84.

13. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Manager Ordonez spoke with Kirk Koester from P&P and they are still waiting for a reply from the State in regards to funding for the project.

14. RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT FROM WATER TO SEWER:

Resolution No. 2026-7-20-13 to pay back sewer from water for payment of monies borrowed. The board may or may not authorize the payment. Water owes Sewer $109,485.98. Motion to hold of repayment until the January 2027 meeting.

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

15. WATER TREATMENT PLANT STORAGE TANK REPAIR:

Engineer Keller is requesting direction on searching for financial help to make repairs or replacement of the storage tank at the water treatment plant. Engineer Keller has drafted the letter for technical assistance request to the State. The letter has been signed and mailed to the State.

16. 22903 AVENUE 196 STANBY-FEE REQUEST:

Customer Kukar Harbans is requesting a stand-by fee for a second building not being utilized on the property.
No action taken. Please refer to item 12 for additional information.

17. LEASE AGREEMENT FEE:

District staff is requesting direction for late lease agreement payment penalty fees. The Board can discuss and direct staff if fees should or should not be assessed. District Counsel Lew will research if a late fee can be assessed to commercial lease properties.

18. HIRING OF OFFICE ASSISTANT:

District staff has interviewed and selected candidates for the office position. The board can review and give direction for hiring of an office assistant. Starting pay rate $20.00/hr to 24.00/hr depending on experience.
Action taken in closed session

19. UPDATE/ REPORTS:

20. CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

Time in: 7:27 p.m. Time out: 7:51 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)] Three 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.

Action taken: Reportable action taken, Motion by LIGHTNER Seconded by Martinez to authorize hiring Anayeli Tapia for the office assistant position with a starting rate of $20.00 which will be reevaluated at the 3 month mark.

21. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
Time: 7:52 p.m.

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