

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Strathmore Public Utility District
Thursday, April 9, 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

Absent: Nicholas Martinez (Vice President)

QUORUM? Yes

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 P.M.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Patty Tirado, Plainview Mutual board president, commented to the board that she is the last standing board member for PMWC. She has reached out to Self-Help and notified them of the board member situation and their struggle with finances. She is seeking out who might be able to help and possibly take over Plainview Mutual Water Company. She is considering raising rates or possibly getting a loan to keep PMWC running. She is seeking other individuals to join the board, but the community is hesitant to join due to the past relationships between the community and the Plainview board. She is requesting Strathmore PUD to be able to help out in any way to shed light or guidance with the Plainview situation. She asked if Strathmore could continue to bill and receive payments for Plainview.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Review of minutes from the Board's regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026.
Motion to approve minutes: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 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 May 1, 2026.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

6. **TERMINATION AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF SERVICES:**

(a) Review list of customers with delinquent accounts.

Motion to terminate services: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

7. **WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2025-2026 & WATER FORECAST 2026-2027:**
Monthly usage: 30 acre feet 30 Year-to-date: acre feet.
Engineer Keller updated the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2026-2027. The bureau has given a 100% allocation for water but that number is most likely to decrease to 70%. Craig Wallace, manager for LSID, is willing to cover Strathmore with water for the year. Strathmore still has some water credit with LSID, once the credited water is used, LSID will sell the needed water for \$90.00/acre foot.
8. **WATER/SEWER SERVICE ABANDONMENT:**
Time in: 6:50 p.m. Time out: 6:50 p.m. No public present for hearing.
a. Property 19670 Road 230, APN: 215-080-009-000 abandonment of water and sewer service. The Board authorizes abandonment of water and sewer service.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

Time in: 6:52 p.m. Time out: 6:52 p.m. No public present for hearing.
b. Property 19651 Road 232, APN: 215-080-032 abandonment of sewer service only (water service is paid to Lindsay-Strathmore ID). The board authorizes abandonment of sewer service only. Note: change will need to be made with the county stating abandonment for sewer only.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
9. **WATER STORAGE TANK:**
The board will discuss the options of repair or replacement of the tank. Direction is needed by engineer Keller if grant monies should be pursued through the state or the county for repair of the tank or building of a new storage tank. Authorization will be needed as to who the authorized signer for the project will be.
Motion to authorize manager Ordonez to be the authorized signer.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
10. **CANAL DEWATERING FOR MAINTENANCE:**
The canal is scheduled to be dewatered for maintenance and repair in November. Engineer Keller will update the board with a repair that will impact the storage of the district. The canal will be down for a period of about 4 months with a restart date of February 1, 2027. When the canal is down for maintenance, the district will dewater the clarifier for cleaning and repair of the rake arm and mixer motor.
11. **PORTERVILLE CITRUS/LINDMORE AGREEMENT:**
Engineer Keller updated the board with information in regard to the Lindmore Irrigation agreement for the Porterville Citrus expansion project. A similar wheeling agreement will need to be drafted for Lindmore as the wheeling agreement that was made for LSID. Engineer Keller will draft the agreement and provide it to counsel Lew for review before it is presented to Lindmore Irrigation.
12. **IMPERIAL MARKETING CONCEPTS INTERNET SERVICE:**
A representative from Imperial Marketing Concepts has approached the district in regards to lowering cost of the current internet provider. Attached please find the order receipt and cost for the first and second year, after the two year contract, a new contract will need to be signed. The board authorized to sign the order receipt for a two year contract.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
13. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT 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 Self-Help's canvassing of Plainview, the community is in agreement with the wastewater project and is 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.

14. **WASTEWATER MONITORING WELL WORK PLAN:**
 SWRCB has given the district a deadline of June 29 to reply with a work plan for the monitoring wells at the wastewater plant. Engineer Keller updated the board with information and how to reply to the state. The foreseeable problems for the District can see are the wastewater plant project which could have a new monitoring program, will the new plant be moved to a location in Plainview, do we spend the money to install new plants. Direction given to engineer Keller to draft a letter requesting a meeting with the state.
 Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
15. **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. Manager Ordonez, engineer Keller and counsel Lew met to discuss key points needed for the agreement on loan repayment and operation and maintenance. Counsel Lew will continue to work on the draft agreement.
16. **PROP 218 BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS:**
 Engineer Keller is finalizing the engineering report and rate structure. The notice will need to be posted 60 days in advance. Public hearing for prop 218 will be held at the Strathmore Middle School on June 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
 Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS
17. **PLAINVIEW MUTUAL WATER COMPANY:**
 District counsel Lew will update the board on the potential dissolution of the Plainview Mutual Water Company.
18. **UPDATE/ REPORTS:**
 Jaribu Nelson has completed the State Controllers Report.
19. **CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**
 Time in: 7:42 p.m. Time out: 8:36 p.m.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(2): Two cases, 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.
- 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.
- Personnel item (Gov. Code Section 54957). Positions: outside employee

Action taken: No reportable action.

20. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 2-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

Time: 8:37 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.