

**Sutherlin Water Control District  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
District Office – 7 pm**

**Flag Salute:**

**President's Statement:** President Patoine asked for conflicts of interest w/agenda items. (None Presented).

**Roll Call:** Present: Directors Robin Braun, Tom Patoine, Carol Swesso, Arika Tenbrook, Frank Egbert, and Richard Vander Velden.

**Staff:** Manager Robert Rippy and Recording Secretary Laci Smith.

**Audience:** Auditor, Jeff Cooley.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Egbert to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, Labor Committee Meeting as submitted.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Braun, Patoine, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Swesso to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, Board Meeting as submitted.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Braun, Patoine, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Business From Manager:**

**Audit:** Auditor, Jeff Cooley, of Neuner Davidson & Co, presented the Audit Report ending June 30, 2024, stating the books are very clean and there are no concerns that the Board needs to worry about. He reviewed and explained pertinent sections of the report with the Board.

**MOTION** by Director Egbert, second by Director Vander Velden to accept the Audit Report ending June 30, 2024.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Braun, Patoine, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Dinner Meeting:** The annual dinner meeting was held prior to the meeting at Yummy House. It was good.

**Cooper Creek Update:** The reservoir is full and spilling over. We did not have to activate the secondary spillway during the flooding. The County is applying for a grant to repave the parking lot and the boat docks. They have asked for a letter of support and any donations. We will give them a letter of support. We also need to sign a new IGA with them for them to apply for the grant.

**MOTION** by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Egbert to approve Manager to enter into IGA with the County for the paving grant.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Braun, Patoine, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**County Work Crew:** We will need to sign a new IGA with the County Work Crew for this year. Their rates have increased slightly to \$150/hr.

**MOTION** by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Egbert to approve Manager to enter into a new IGA with the County Work Crew.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Braun, Patoine, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Irrigation Report:** The reservoir is full and spilling. We had to activate the secondary spillway during the flooding. Everything ran smoothly, other than we lost the transducer pipe again. We are preparing for the upcoming irrigation season. The manual restart switch has been installed, and a couple of other minor repairs in the line have been fixed. The temporary irrigation transfers have been completed and submitted to the Watermaster's Office.

**NRCS:** Our biweekly meetings have been switched to monthly meetings due to staffing for the project.

**Budget Committee:** We need to re-appoint two committee members this year. Dean Ewell and Laura Anderson terms have expired. Pat Greer would not like to be re-appointed, so we will have one vacancy on the committee.

**MOTION** by Director Vander Velden, second by Director Swesso to reappoint Dean Ewell and Laura Anderson for a 3-year term on the Budget Committee.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Directors Braun, Patoine, Swesso, Tenbrook, Egbert, and Vander Velden.

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

**Elections:** Elections applications have been submitted to the County Clerk's Office.

**Business from Audience:** None.

**Next Meeting:**

Board Meeting – March 26, 2025 – 7PM

**Business from Directors:** Director Vander Velden would like Manager to look into dropping the number of Board Members down from 9 to 5.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Approved:

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Robert Rippy, District Manager

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Tom Patoine, Board President

Respectfully submitted,

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Laci Smith, Recording Secretary