

The regular meeting of the SJWD Water District Commissioners was held February 17, 2026 at 198 Watershed Way, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Commissioners Present: Buddy Carlton (Chair), Wanda Fowler (Secretary), Barry Frost, Brian Leonard, Frank Nutt

Senior Management Present: Billy Cothran (Chief Executive Officer), Larry Christopher (Chief Administrative and Finance Officer), Jeff Diaz (Chief Information and Services Officer), Bobby Walden (Chief Operating Officer)

Staff Present: Corey Bennett, Katie Clark, Fatima Contreras, Julie Gillespie, Josh Fulmer, Cam Miller, Bradley Norman, Ivonne Osorno

Guests Present: Eddie Tallon (The Tallon Group), Kathryn Richardson (The Tallon Group), Scott Talley (The Tallon Group), David Petty (Town of Lyman Mayor), Andrew Karas (Lyman Mill Village Resident), Troye Mathews (Lyman Lake Resident)

NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with South Carolina FOIA requirements. The agenda was provided to WSPA TV and the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, posted in the lobby of SJWD's Administrative Office, and published on SJWD's website.

Buddy Carlton called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 20, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to approve the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Andrew Karas, resident of 32 Crescent Street, Lyman, South Carolina, voiced his appreciation for the efforts made by the water district to improve his water quality. He also expressed his desire for SJWD and Town of Lyman to work collaboratively on utility upgrades in the Lyman Mill village in the future.
2. David Petty, Town of Lyman Mayor, introduced himself to the Commission and stated his desire to continue a good working relationship with the water district.

CEO'S REPORT

a. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Tallon Group updated the Commission on the South Carolina legislative calendar and several water-related and public utility topics being considered, including an update on legislation related to data centers being considered in both the SC House and Senate.

b. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Billy Cothran updated the Commission on the following Administrative matters:

- Water Rate Study annual update

- Asset Management Maturity Assessment
- SJWD FY2027 Operating and Capital Budget development
- First readings for the General Obligation Bond Ordinance petition and the Taxing Boundary Modification petition were approved by Spartanburg County Council at their February 16, 2026 meeting.

c. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Cam Miller updated the Commission on the completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan and highlighted key conclusions, including projected population and demand growth, future capital projects, and a safe yield analysis.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES

- a. Monthly Financial Report:** Larry Christopher provided the monthly financial report to the Commission for January 2026.
- b. Open Capital Projects Report:** Corey Bennett and Cam Miller updated the Commission on the open capital projects.

DUNCAN REIDVILLE ROAD RAB PROJECT APPROVAL

Corey Bennett presented details of a proposed project related to an SCDOT project to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Duncan Reidville Road and Berry Shoals Road. This proposed project includes the installation of 16-inch and 8-inch water mains at the intersection of Duncan Reidville Rd. and Berry Shoals Rd. to upgrade existing line sizes and to minimize conflicts with the new roadway alignment.

SJWD requested Commission approval of \$1.2 million to complete the project. The project would be funded with line extension funds. Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the \$1.2 million for the Duncan Reidville Road roundabout project. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. To Receive Legal Advice Regarding Potential Litigation (per SC Code Section Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2))**
- b. To Discuss Potential Property Transaction near Pine Ridge Road**
- c. To Discuss Potential Property Transaction along Rosewood Drive**

At 11:30 a.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to enter Executive Session pursuant to SC Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2) to:

- Receive legal advice regarding potential litigation
- Discuss potential property transaction near Pine Ridge Road
- Discuss potential property transaction along Rosewood Drive.

The motion was approved.

At 12:17 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

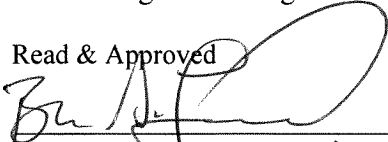
No action was necessary.


MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

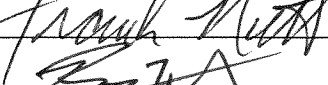
At 12:18 p.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Wanda Fowler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.


The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved









Wanda Fowler
Secretary

