

The meeting of the SJWD Water District Commissioners was held March 24, 2026, at 198 Watershed Way, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**Commissioners Present:** Buddy Carlton (Chair), , Brian Leonard, and Frank Nutt.

**Commissioners Absent:** Wanda Fowler (Secretary) and Barry Frost

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

**Staff Present:** Steven Birch, Fatima Contreras, Silvia David, Julie Gillespie, Jamie Jordan, Cam Miller, Ivonne Orsorno

**Guest Present:** *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 10:31 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the March 2, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

**CEO'S REPORT**

**a. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Billy Cothran updated the Commission on various data center bills being considered by state legislators.

**b. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Billy Cothran updated the Commission on staffing changes and strategic plan development efforts.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**a. Monthly Financial Report:** Larry Christopher provided the monthly financial report to the Commission for February 2026.

**b. Open Capital Projects Report:** Cam Miller updated the Commission on the open capital projects.

**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a. Companywide Easter Luncheon – Tuesday, April 1, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.
- b. Commissioner Workshop – Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- c. Next Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting - Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (*Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)*)**

At 11:07 a.m., Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to enter Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss the following matters.

- a. Receipt of legal advice and discussion of a matter involving potential claims related to a previously approved policy
- b. Receipt of legal advice regarding potential regulatory impacts on the District
- c. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed purchase of property near Pine Ridge Road

The motion was approved.

At 12:09 p.m., Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

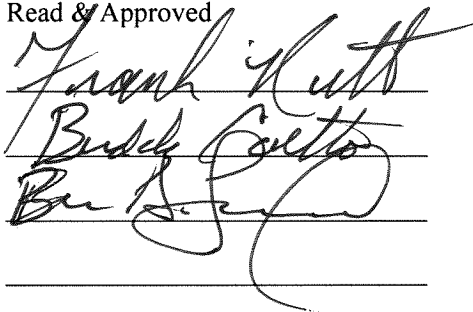
**ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No action necessary.

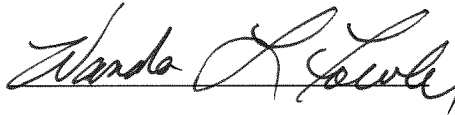
**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:09 p.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

Read & Approved



Wanda Fowler  
Secretary



*Barry Frost absent*