

The meeting of the SJWD Water District Commissioners was held May 19, 2026, at 198 Watershed Way, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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

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

Staff Present: Corey Bennett, Josh Fulmer, Julie Gillespie, Jamie Jordan, Cam Miller, Katie Clark, Fatima Contreras, Katie Balog, Savannah Bailey

Guests Present: William Crawford, Dr. David Whitner, Tiffany Darling, Marsha Madore, Lawson Watson, Tricia Ravenhorst, Maureen Kelleher

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 APRIL 21, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Darling(493 Lyman Lake Road, Lyman) expressed concern over the current Floating Structure Policy. Mrs. Darling requested the Commission reconsider the policy’s restrictions for existing floating structures.

CEO’S REPORT

a. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Billy Cothran gave a brief update on legislative matters.

b. STRATEGIC PLAN 2030 UPDATE

Billy Cothran gave a brief update on the progress on the development of the strategic plan. He anticipates final presentation of the plan to the Commission later this summer.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

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

- c. **FY2027 Operating Budget and Capital Budget:** Larry Christopher highlighted for the Commission any updates and key factors of the FY2027 draft budget since the April 21, 2026 meeting.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve a public hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget Amendments.

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

At 11:58 a.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, 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. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed property transaction near Pine Ridge Road
- c. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed property transaction near Compton Road

The motion was approved.

At 12:54 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

SJWD BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OFFICER ELECTIONS

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to make no changes to current officers. The motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting - Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:58 p.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

Read & Approved

Frank Nutt
Brenda Cantor
BFA

Wanda Fowler
Secretary

Wanda Fowler

Betsy absent in April

