The meeting of the SJWD Water District Commissioners was held August 18, 2026, at 198 Watershed Way, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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

Commissioners Absent: Barry Frost

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

Staff Present: Josh Fulmer, Julie Gillespie, Katie Clark, Fatima Contreras, Savannah Bailey, Ivonne Osorno, Bradley Norman, Jake Lancaster, Eric Bennett, Cam Miller, Corey Bennett, Dusty Peace

Guests Present: Marcy Wells, Marsha Madore, Bob Burnett, Patricia Ravenhorst, and approximately 20 other Lyman Lake Residents. Diane Lee with WSPA.

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 10:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF JULY 28, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the July 28, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lyman Lake residents (Patricia Ravenhorst, Marcy Wells, Marsha Madore, and Bob Burnett) addressed **the Commission regarding SJWD's policies governing non**-floating structures on Lyman Lake. The speakers expressed concerns regarding the existing policy requirements affecting non-floating structures. The Commission received the comments for consideration.

CEO'S REPORT

a. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Billy Cothran (Chief Executive Officer) gave an update on the finalization of the FY 2026-27 state budget by the General Assembly.

b. WATER RESOURCES/DROUGHT UPDATE

Bobby Walden (Chief Operating Officer) and Bradley Norman (Director of Water Resources and Treatment) gave an update on the local drought status and impacts on the District's water resources.

c. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**
Billy Cothran (Chief Executive Officer) recognized Ronnie Cox and Mary Dana Gray for their efforts in resolving an issue for a customer. The customer contacted SJWD with high praise for their efforts.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES

a. **Monthly Financial Report:** Larry Christopher provided the monthly financial reports for June and July 2026.

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

FUNDING REQUEST – CUSTOMER LEAK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PILOT

Jeff Diaz presented recent data analysis regarding customer-side water leaks and discussed the potential benefits of a leak management program. Based on the analysis, staff requested funding for a pilot program intended to address identified customer leaks and reduce associated water loss. Staff also reported that HomeServe, SJWD's water service line maintenance partner, committed $10,000 toward repairs of eligible leaks identified through the pilot program. Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve funding match in the amount of $10,000 for the SJWD Customer Leak Management Program. The motion was approved.

LINE EXTENSION CONTRIBUTION REQUEST – HERITAGE LANDING SUBDIVISION(ALONG SNOW ROAD)

Staff recommended that the Commission approve a contribution of $46,000, in accordance with SJWD's line extension policies, toward the developer-installed extension of approximately 1,100 feet of 8-inch waterline along Snow Road to serve the 72-lot Heritage Landing Subdivision. Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve a contribution of up to $46,000. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION TO CORRECT SCRIVENER ERRORS IN THE SJWD BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS PETITION RESOLUTION

Staff reported that four minor tax map numbering errors were identified in the list of parcels included in the SJWD tax boundary modifications resolution approved by County Council in March 2026. The proposed resolution corrects the identified errors and will allow a corresponding scrivener's error resolution to be presented to County Council to formally record the corrected parcel information. Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to adopt the resolution to correct Scrivener errors in the SJWD Boundary Modifications Petition Resolution. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Staff reported that FEMA approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan amendment adding SJWD to the 2022 Spartanburg County Hazard Mitigation Plan, subject to local adoption. Following SJWD's

approval of the resolution, the amendment will be presented to County Council for final local adoption. Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Wanda Fowler, to approve the Resolution to Adopt the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Amendment. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE FINANCING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Larry Christopher (Chief Administrative and Finance Officer) presented a resolution for a financing arrangement in an amount not to exceed $540,000 for the purchase of vehicles and equipment included in the approved FY 2027 capital plan. Staff recommended approval of the resolution authorizing the District to proceed with the financing arrangement. Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the Resolution to Authorize a Lease Agreement for the Financing of Vehicles and Equipment. The motion was approved.

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

At 11:22 a.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, 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. Receipt of legal advice concerning potential litigation regarding a utility damage claim against the District
d. Discussion of negotiations incident to the potential purchase of real property adjacent to Lyman Lake
e. Discussion of negotiations incident to the potential sale of property adjacent to Jordan Creek
f. Discussion of contractual arrangements relative to requested easements along Watershed Way

At 1:56 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 was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting - Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:04 p.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

Read & Approved

Wanda Fowler
Secretary

Brian Leonard (absent)