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), Barry Frost.

Commissioners Absent: Brian Leonard

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, Jake Lancaster, Eric Bennett, Cam Miller, Corey Bennett, Dusty Peace, Sierra Salters, Lisa Hart, Silvia David, Steven Birch, Jaclyn Langella, Jamie Jordan

Guests Present: Andrew Karas, Patricia Ravenhorst and approximately 15 other Lyman Lake Residents

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 AUGUST 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Wanda Fowler, to approve the August 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Karas (32 Crescent St.) spoke to the Commission regarding the water quality at his residence. Mr. Karas requested that the letter he read (attached) be included in the meeting minutes.

Patricia Ravenhorst **addressed the Commission regarding SJWD's policies governing non**-floating structures on Lyman Lake. Ms. Ravenhorst expressed appreciation that the Commission was considering policy changes and urged the Commission to continue listening to residents around Lyman Lake.

The Commission received the comments for consideration.

CEO'S REPORT

a. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Eddie Tallon (The Tallon Group) gave a brief update on the potential temporary suspension of the South Carolina gas tax.

b. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Billy Cothran (Chief Executive Officer) recognized Jaclyn Langella as SJWD's new Director of Asset Management.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

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

DISCUSSION OF LYMAN LAKE NON-FLOATING STRUCTURE POLICY

Billy Cothran presented two alternative policy drafts for consideration by the Commission. One that kept the 2046 sunset date and another that removed the sunset date. Both drafts included potential exemptions for habitable structures, a non-conforming structure permitting program, and variance and appeals processes. Policy drafts will be brought again to the Commission for approval in the coming months.

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

At 11:08 a.m., Barry Frost 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 regarding potential claims related to previously approved District policy
b. Discussion of negotiations incident to a proposed easement agreement concerning District policy located along Middle Tyger River
c. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale of real property near Robin Lake Road
d. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale of property adjacent to Jordan Creek
e. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of real property near Lyman Lake
f. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of real property near Mount Lebanon Road
g. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of real property along Watershed Way

At 12:30 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to move forward with legal action against the property owners of 202 Ellison Rd. regarding policy violations related to unpermitted construction on the District's property. The motion was approved.

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to move forward with negotiations for an easement agreement related to a sewer line **crossing the District's property along the Middle Tyger River. The** motion was approved.

Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to move forward with negotiations for sale of a **portion of the District's property along Jordan Creek. The motion was approved.**

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting - Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:39 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

Read & Approved

Wanda Fowler
Secretary

Brian absent