

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY, ITEMIZED BUDGET COMPARISON, ASSESSMENTS
RECEIVABLE, BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR
JANUARY 2026**

The budget should be 33% for January and the Income is 10% and Expenses are 38%. It is normal to have the expenses higher than the income since the annual billing was sent out at the end of January.

WATER SUPPLY

Manager Derry stated that as of today, the reservoir levels are as follows:

Howard Prairie	47,367 acre feet or 78%
Hyatt Lake	12,359 acre feet or 76%
Emigrant Lake	17,810 acre feet or 46%
Total	77,536 acre feet or 67%

We received some snow the week of February 16th which was rained off on February 23rd and 24th which helped the reservoirs out. The outlook currently doesn't look like there is much precipitation in the near future.

**BETH PIETRZAK FROM OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WATER
QUALITY PROGRAM AS THEIR REGIONAL WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST FOR
SOUTHWESTERN OREGON**

On February 5th the district received an email from Ms. Pietrzak requesting to give a presentation and have a discussion with the Board regarding agricultural water quality and how we may be able to work together to achieve mutual goals.

Beth introduced herself and said she has held her position for 14 years. In 1993 the Oregon Legislature passed the Agricultural Water Quality Management Act. It requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to prevent and control water pollution from agricultural activities.

As a result, ODA worked with local advisory committees to develop Water Quality Management Area Plans and Rules throughout the state. Plans are reviewed and updated by ODA and the local advisory committee every 2 years. The original Inland Rogue Area Plans and Rules were approved by ODA in 2001.

Beth explained that ODA is responsible for cattle and other livestock not polluting waters of the state. They want to make landowners aware of the rules to have better water quality where the runoff enters streams. She also mentioned the importance of having riparian vegetation along streams to help with temperature control on streams. They have a compliance program to follow up with farmers directly to solve the problems; they are not heavy handed. They also connect farmers with financial resources.

President Winters explained that his family has been in the cattle business since the 1960s and he has never heard of this program until today. He asked why there has not been any outreach to the irrigation districts in the past and Beth stated they have never done outreach to irrigation districts until now. President Winters asked where he can get a copy of the Agricultural Water Quality Plan and Beth stated it is online. President Winters requested Beth mail him a paper copy to the district office to his attention.

Beth talked about doing outreach to the district patrons by including information in newsletters and Consulting General Manager Hampson stated that this type of information can get overlooked in newsletters. It would be best to include links on the districts website and to have handouts available in the district offices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Matt Borman – Bear Creek Orchards Manager and MID Board Member

Matt stated that as far as the soil moisture he is confident that it is normal down to 32” and it is looking good for the seasonal prospective down to 48”. The trees are waking up earlier, closer to what happened in 2023. The blooms are also coming a little bit earlier. He will be interested to see what happens in the next couple of weeks. Consulting General Manager Hampson asked him if he thinks they will need water sooner this year and Matt stated that he is not expecting to need water earlier. He stated the water saturation is close to full for their tree root zones and he expects the grapes are close to the same.

Matt let the Board know that they will be removing some low producing trees in several areas, but that does not mean Bear Creek Orchards is going out of business as the valley rumor mill will probably assume.

John Funke – Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd. with .60 irrigated acre. John is also the Green Springs Power Plant Operator

He reminded the Board that the plant is going down for its’ spring maintenance starting March 9th and ending on March 19th. Dam Operator Bergren mentioned the plant bypassing water while they are down for maintenance and John said they cannot bypass any water because of the type of maintenance being done.

CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Manager Derry reviewed with the Board a portion of the work completed in February, as follows:

1. Nine staff members attended the Bureau’s Emergency Action Plan Tabletop Exercise in Medford on February 4th.
2. We are currently cleaning the East, Ashland and West canals.
3. Patched the Cook Spillway from top to bottom.
4. Made repairs on the East Low on the Crowder property.
5. Started cleaning laterals on the Talent Canal.
6. Completed the OVIC’s on all dams and the monthly Snow Survey.
7. Cleaned out the culvert below Gaerky Creek where the canal topped last summer.
8. The 312DL was delivered to the Jackson County Expo for the auction this month.
9. Motor mounts have been ordered for #121, Kubota excavator.
10. Installed brakes on #37, the 2014 F-150.
11. Replaced batteries in #7, the dump truck.
12. Ordered more headgates, snap gates and slide gates for inventory.

Dam Operator Bergren asked if the 312DL Excavator that was taken to the Expo Auction had a bucket taken with the machine. No one knew this answer and the Board asked Dam Operator Bergren to call Foreman Wilson to find out. If no bucket was sent, we need to take a bucket over and attach it to the machine today.

UPDATE ON RBWUC, INC. ISSUES

General

Prepare and participate in annual meeting.

Jordan Ramis invoice through January 31, 2026, \$1,695.00 ÷ 3 = **\$565.00 per district**

Biological Opinion

Monthly call participation and recent updates on Jenny Creek.

Jordan Ramis invoice through January 31, 2026, \$772.50 ÷ 3 = **\$257.50 per district**

Adjudication

Monitor case management; prepare general legal update, etc.

Jordan Ramis invoice through January 31, 2026, \$2,850.00 ÷ 3 = **\$950.00 per district**

Water Right Regulation

Preparing general legal update for annual meeting.

Jordan Ramis invoice through January 31, 2026, \$570.00 ÷ 3 = **\$190.00 per district**

Total of all invoices = \$1,962.50

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER 26-1

Manager Derry stated the City of Ashland is transferring water rights to irrigate the Mountain View Cemetery at 440 Normal Avenue in Ashland. It is on the corner of Normal and Ashland Street.

They are spending tens of thousands of dollars each year to irrigate the property with city water and have finally decided to transfer TID water to it. This transfer has been in discussion since 2021, and they finally had someone working in the city who followed through with submitting the paperwork.

The “To” lands will be sprinkler irrigated with the existing watering system. They plan on only irrigating at night from a storage system that will be filled from Cemetery Creek. The water use will be metered.

- 26-1 FROM: City of Ashland** property located at the Gun Club on Emigrant Creek Road
39-2E-07 Tax Lot 800 2.00 acres
- FROM: City of Ashland** property located at the Gun Club on Emigrant Creek Road
39-1E-12 Tax Lot 400 2.50 acres
- FROM: South Ashland Business Park, LLC** located at 601 Washington Street
39-1E-14AB Tax Lot 2800 5.00 acres
- TO:** City of Ashland Mountain View Cemetery located at 440 Normal Avenue
39-1E-10DD Tax Lot 100 11.50 acres

A motion was made by Director Bohn to give preliminary approval to water right transfer 26-1 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

INFORMATIONAL

O&M Work Completed

The Board was supplied with the spreadsheet from the Smartsheet program of all jobs completed since the January 6th board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(a)

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:20 a.m. and President Winters announced the board will meet in Executive Session held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) “to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.”

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. At the end of the executive session, we will return to the open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

President Winters adjourned the regular board meeting and called the Executive Session to order at 7:20 a.m.

Discussion took place on employee responsibilities as related to financial information presented to the auditor to conduct his annual audit.

At 8:27 a.m. President Winters asked Secretary Manager Derry and Executive Director Burns to leave the room.

Consulting General Manager Hampson discussed personnel issues with the Board.

The executive session adjourned and returned to general session at 9:40 a.m. Secretary Manager Derry and Executive Director Burns were invited back to the meeting.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Board of Directors directed Consulting General Manager Hampson to contact Special Districts Association of Oregon regarding personnel issues.

REDUCE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS ON MONTHLY MINUTES

Manager Derry asked the Board if we could reduce the number of signatures that sign the approved monthly minutes from the current six down to two. The two signatures would be the Board President and the Consulting General Manager. Following a short discussion, Vice President Hogan made a motion that the board meeting minutes, once approved by the Board, only be signed by the Board President, and the Consulting General Manager. The motion was seconded by Director Bohn and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT STAFF

President Winters obtained documentation for the potential purchase of additional insurance coverage for entity liability, employment practices liability, fiduciary liability and premises pollution. These coverages would be in addition to the coverage already provided through Special Districts Association of Oregon. It was the decision of the Board in a motion made by Vice President Hogan and seconded by Director Bohn to table this item until next month's board meeting. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

**SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTRACTING GENERAL MANAGER
HAMPSON**

Contracting General Manager Hampson requested the Board authorize him as a signer on all banking accounts and all official documents of the district. A motion was made by Vice President Hogan to make Contracting General Manager Hampson a signer on all district bank accounts and all official documents of the district. The motion was seconded by Director Bohn and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Official Minutes: Approved as presented: X
 Approved as amended:
 (If marked here, see minutes of the next meeting for text of amendment(s).

DATE: April 7, 2026

ATTEST:



Consulting General Manager Brian Hampson



President Mike Winters