

Water District 19
Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 13, 2026

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Commissioner Zuckerman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Angela Marshall, Commissioner Robin Pfohman, General Manager John Martinak, Operations Lead Armin Wahanik** and **Office Administrator Heidi McWatters**. Guest in attendance were Eliza Hitchcock, Kim Goforth, and Ignacio Ordonez-Garcia.

6:02PM Call to order - **Commissioner Zuckerman**.

Election of Board Officers - Angela Marshall sworn into office 6:04pm. Commissioner Zuckerman will continue as president and Commissioner Pfohman will take over as the secretary.

Guest Eliza Hitchcock shared the ongoing hardship of having limited access to her home due to the landslide on Soper Rd in August 2025. She enquired as to the possibility of the District or the insurance company (WSRMP) purchasing a small vehicle for her to access her home until restoration of the roadway has been completed. Ms. Hitchcock was informed that neither the District nor WSRMP could purchase a vehicle for her. She was encouraged to file but a claim to compensate for damages, including improvements to accessibility of her home, Ms. Hitchcock expressed frustration in working with WSRMP and delays in restoration efforts. **General Manager Martinak** will follow up on restoration status and offered to assist Ms. Hitchcock in navigating the claim process with WSRMP.

Guest Kim Goforth & Ignacio Ordonez-Garcia shared plans for an affordable housing project within District boundaries. The project would include one single-family residence and thirty-one units of multi-family housing. The parcel to be developed currently has nine water units attached to it. Ms. Goforth was asked to provide water use projections (prepared by a professional engineer) for District review.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Zuckerman** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, **Commissioner Pfohman** seconded. The motion carried.

Review of Vouchers/Warrants/Electronic Payments – Maintenance Fund Vouchers numbered 28372 to 28397 totaling \$36,638.77. **Capital Improvement Vouchers** numbered 12365 to 12367 totaling \$94,876.43. **Deferred Comp** payment in the amounts of \$500 paid on January 20th, 2026. **Dept. of Revenue** payment totaling \$6,164.15. **Dept. of Retirement**

payment totaling \$7,556,83 paid on January 15th, 2026. **Payroll Direct** deposits in the amounts of \$25,348.20 & \$37,381.95. **Payroll EFT** payments in the amounts of \$9,379.98 & \$14,834.60.

System Operations Report – Operations Lead Armin Wahanik – Information Item – Water quality sampling for December remained satisfactory and the Surface Water Treatment Plant remains TOPS optimized. Precipitation for November was below normal, December was wetter than normal. The SCADA alarm system (Win911) was successfully updated. Reporting software is currently being evaluated to meet District needs. DOH has asked that G&O revise the algae treatment proposal, reverting to the original plan to treat recycled water pre-filtration. DOH also suggested that enhanced algae monitoring procedures would lessen the need for potassium permanganate treatment.

Financial Report – General Manager Martinak – Information Item – 2025 ended with income outpacing expenses by approximately \$42,000 (not including interest income for December), operating ratio of 1.04 for the year. Projections for 2026 carry a number of unknowns: final cost of algae treatment system, potential cost overruns of 216th main replacement, cost of Soper Road claims, and known expenses such as server replacements for the treatment plant (SCADA) and the office. A more thorough budget analysis will be provided prior to the February meeting.

New Business:

- **Accountability Audit Results** – The routine audit covering years 2022-2025 concluded with an exit conference on 12/19/2025. The District received high marks in all categories, with no recommendations made by the auditors.
- **Administrative Staffing– Information Item** – Melody Snyder will be retiring on 01/30/2026, concluding 25 years of dedicated service. Several promising resumes have been received for a part-time position to assist Heidi with administrative duties, interviews to begin soon. The Board approved a COLA increase of 2.7% for all office staff, matching the increase provided to IUOE represented field staff.

Old Business:

- **Proposed Encroachment Settlement – Information Item** – District legal counsel believes it is reasonable to ask for payment prior to signing of the final agreement. The Board agreed to the attorney’s recommendation to insert language stating that the purchaser will pay the District’s legal fees up to the specified amount.
- **216th Main Replacement Project– Information Item** – Phase 1 is nearing completion., the new pipe is being connected to the existing main and service connection are being connected to the new main. Adjustments are being made to address problems encountered during Phase 1: more consistency on job site/less rotation of District inspectors, adapting more proactive strategies, holding the contractor to identified job specifications and schedule.
- **Collection of Franchise Fee: Flat Fee vs Linked to Usage – Commissioner Zuckerman** – Tabled for future meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 10th, 2026

Commissioner Pfohman made a motion to adjourn the meeting end at 7:48.
Commissioner Zuckerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.