

**South Fork Water Board
General Board Meeting Minutes**

February 25, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bialostosky called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rory Bialostosky, Chair, West Linn Mayor; Denyse McGriff, Vice Chair, Oregon City Mayor; Mike Mitchell, Oregon City Commissioner; Carol Bryck, West Linn Councilor; Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner; Mary Baumgardner, West Linn Councilor

Excused: None.

Staff Present: Wyatt Parno, Chief Executive Officer; Christa Britton, Business Manager; Mark Cage, Operations Manager; Sebastian Durringer, Capital Projects Manager

Others Present: Matt Zook, SFWB Finance Director; Rob Cummings, Clackamas River Water

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Board Meeting

Vice Chair McGriff moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Board Member Baumgardner seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0. (Ayes: Smith, Bryck, Mitchell, Baumgardner, McGriff, Bialostosky; Nays: None.)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Finance Director Zook presented an overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The auditors Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP issued an unmodified or "clean" opinion with no material weaknesses or deficiencies. The net position of South Fork Water Board increased by \$1.25 million, reaching a total of \$28.7 million, and SFWB operated within the two-year budget cycle with no compliance issues. Zook noted that South Fork is in a strong financial position.

Questions from Board Members were addressed.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – WATER QUALITY SYSTEMS BUILDING

CEO Parno noted the Board awarded the design refresh contract to Consor Engineering last month and that Capital Projects Manager Diringger, Operations Manager Cage, and CEO Parno had been working with Consor on a thorough review of the plan set and specifications to keep the project moving forward.

Capital Projects Manager Diringger presented the Water Quality Systems Building (WQSB) Design Refresh Update via PowerPoint, reviewing the work done since the January Board meeting, how potential conflicts between the site layout and utilities are being addressed, ongoing discussions related to equipment and systems, steps being taken to achieve project goals around neighborhood impacts and sustainability, project details addressed and refined with the City of Oregon City, and next steps. The project remains on schedule with design refinement and permitting coordination underway.

CEO Parno emphasized the importance of operational review of the engineering designs and noted that South Fork had been in contact with Oregon City staff early to support their review process and schedule, and the meeting was appreciated. **Vice Chair McGriff** praised that approach. Other questions and comments from Board Members were addressed.

AUTHORIZATION OF INTAKE SCREEN CLEANER REPAIR

CEO Parno noted the operational significance of the intake screen cleaner and that authorization was being requested because the repair costs exceeded his spending authority.

Operations Manager Cage presented a request for approval of repairs to the intake screen cleaner, a critical 30-year-old operational asset. He explained that the cleaner removes algae and debris buildup from the intake screens, which keep debris and fish out of the water intake system. South Fork has money budgeted for the repair.

Questions from the Board were addressed.

Vice Chair McGriff moved to authorize the CEO to enter into an agreement with Energy by Native American Design for intake screen cleaner repairs in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Board Member Smith seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bryck, Baumgardner, Smith, Mitchell, McGriff, and Bialostosky

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 to 0

BUSINESS FROM THE CEO

1. Operations & Maintenance

CEO Parno introduced the Capital Improvement Fund Budget handout distributed to the Board and commended South Fork's Maintenance Crew for their work in completing so many projects in six months.

Operations Manager Cage briefly presented an overview of the Capital Improvement Projects on the handout, including those already completed, as well as the grants received and other cost savings. He explained that the push for completing projects quickly was to allow the crew to focus on the upcoming building project.

2. AWWA ACE26 in Washington, DC, June 21-24, 2026

Business Manager Britton requested Board members confirm who will attend the ACE26 conference so reservations can be finalized, noting that the cost of sending four Board members and one Staff person, as in prior years, will exceed the amount budgeted for this conference.

Following discussion, it was confirmed that Vice Chair McGriff and Board Member Smith will attend the conference.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

CEO Parno addressed questions about the WQSB design, timing of the raw water line project, and the impacts of low snowpack levels on water supply. He will return to the Board with a report on the State-required Water Management and Conservation Plan, as well as more information on water rights and financial modeling.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.