

**South Fork Water Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 25, 2026**

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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Bialostosky** called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 (CEO); Christa Britton, Business Manager, Mark Cage, Operations Manager; Sebastian Diringner, Capital Projects Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting

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

**WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE**

**Business Manager Britton** presented an update on the Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP), a state-required planning document that South Fork Water (SFW) has been coordinating with Oregon City and West Linn. She briefly reviewed the WMCP's components and next steps, noting SFW's recommendation that West Linn amend their municipal code on curtailment to align with the WMCP for consistency throughout the region. The draft plan is expected in April for a coordinated review by SFW and the two cities.

## **WATER QUALITY UPDATE – ALGAL BLOOM PREPAREDNESS**

**Capital Projects Manager Durringer** presented information on Algal Bloom Preparedness, reviewing the natural water storage cycle, snowpack monitoring, cyanotoxin monitoring, options for addressing cyanotoxins, the use of powder activated carbon (PAC) as a near-term solution, and next steps.

Board Members discussed the plan to implement ozonation as a long-term solution, the impacts of snowpack and snowmelt, the issues with keeping PAC on hand, and preparedness planning for algal blooms.

## **AUTHORIZATION OF ACTUATOR REPLACEMENT PURCHASE**

**Operations Manager Cage** briefly described the condition of the 20-year-old actuators and their critical role in the filtration system, noting that funding for the purchase is included in the current budget and that the contract amount exceeded the CEO's spending limit so the Board was asked for approval.

**Board Member Baumgardner moved to authorize the CEO to purchase Beck actuators in accordance with the attached quote in the amount of \$175,915.00. Vice Chair McGriff seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Smith, Baumgardner, Bryck, Mitchell, McGriff, Bialostosky.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion Carried: 6 to 0.**

## **BUSINESS FROM THE CEO**

### **1. Operations & Maintenance Update**

**CEO Parno** commended the Operations Team for maintaining the plant's reliability, advancing capital projects, and doing additional maintenance.

**Operations Manager Cage** updated the Board on intake dredging and inspections, the Pipeline B meter replacement, the davit arm replacement, and rebuilding Division Street valve number two.

### **2. Financial Update — Modeling and Policies**

**CEO Parno** reported that South Fork Water is working with LRB Public Finance Advisors to develop a comprehensive long-term financial pro forma, update rate models, and refine financial policies to support the Long Term Water Reliability Program. This work will provide the financial framework for evaluating funding strategies, including future borrowing options, and will be introduced to the Board at the April meeting, with a more detailed presentation of findings planned for May. The Board agreed to reschedule the May 27 meeting to May 18 to accommodate LRB's schedule.

**CEO Parno** also noted that upcoming Board meetings will include focused discussions on major Long Term Water Reliability Program components, including the Water Quality

Systems Building, the raw water line upgrade, and broader capital planning efforts. These discussions will help advance the Board's work from conceptual master planning into more detailed facilities planning, design development, and clearer long term implementation direction.

**BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD**

**Chair Bialostosky** reported on West Linn City Council's meeting with representatives in Washington D.C, and the feedback he received regarding WIFIA funding, noting there did not seem to be any concern about the availability of money.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.