

**South Fork Water Board
Meeting Minutes**

June 18, 2026

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bialostosky called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Mike Mitchell, Oregon City Commissioner

Staff Present: Wyatt Parno, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Christa Britton, Business Manager

Others Present: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes of the April 22, 2026 Board Meeting

Approve minutes of the May 18, 2026 Board Meeting

Vice Chair McGriff moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Board Member Baumgardner seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0. (Ayes: Smith, Bryck, Baumgardner, McGriff, Bialostosky; Nays: None.)

RESOLUTION 26-01 – ADOPTING 2026-2029 EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

Business Manager Britton reported that at the employees' request, one addition had been made to the draft employee agreement presented at the May meeting. Section 4, Item E was added to clarify pay for the employee appointed to serve as the interim Direct Responsible Charge (DRC) in the certified operator's absence, formalizing an existing practice that had not previously been documented.

Board Member Baumgardner moved to approve Resolution 26-01, adopting the 2026-2029 Employee Agreement. Vice Chair McGriff seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried: 5 to 0.

Chair Bialostosky noted all the remaining revisions and updates to the employee agreement had been reviewed in detail at May's meeting.

METER RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH CLACKAMAS RIVER WATER

CEO Parno stated the Meter Relocation Agreement with Clackamas River Water (CRW) addresses relocating the outdated wholesale water meter from South Redland Road and Anchor Way to CRW's nearby pump house, where it will be more secure. CRW owns the existing meter and will fund the relocation and installation, while South Fork Water will verify the decommissioning of the existing vault and installation of the new meter. He confirmed South Fork Water will continue to have access to read and inspect the meter.

Vice Chair McGriff moved to approve the Meter Relocation Agreement with Clackamas River Water as presented. Board Member Bryck seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried: 5 to 0.

BUSINESS FROM THE CEO

1. Summer Meeting Schedule

July 22

August 26

The key agenda items for the July and August meetings were noted, and Board members confirmed their availability for both meeting dates as proposed. An August meeting placeholder will be sent to the Board.

CEO Parno reported coordinating with Oregon City and West Linn staff to provide updates to the City Commission and City Council and discuss South Fork Water's partnership with each City on water management and conservation planning and potential water curtailment measures. Based on current conditions, he does not anticipate water supply shortages but noted water curtailment measures could be implemented if the State's cubic feet per second threshold is not met.

Board discussion addressed public communication, complaint-driven enforcement should curtailment become necessary, as well as how code enforcement is handled in their respective cities.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Business Manager Britton updated that a contractor had been selected to replace the treatment plant's electronic access and security systems. Contract negotiations were complete, and installation is expected in August.

Vice Chair McGriff shared that discussions at a League of Oregon Cities regional meeting included concerns from another jurisdiction about having minimal Clackamas River water rights and the challenges of obtaining additional water rights.

CEO Parno reported that Canby had contacted South Fork Water to explore options to meet its long-term water needs and that Estacada had also expressed interest in South Fork Water's water rights. He emphasized both discussions were preliminary and speculative and would be brought to the Board if either jurisdiction pursued a formal proposal.

Vice Chair McGriff expressed concerns about providing water to other cities with their own urban growth boundaries, noting South Fork Water already has long-range plans for serving its existing communities.

Chair Bialostosky added that any proposal would require an evaluation of the financial and legal implications.

Board Member Bryck noted that maintaining permitted water rights requires demonstrating beneficial use during the permit period. She explained that if growth in West Linn and Oregon City does not occur as projected, partnering with another jurisdiction could help demonstrate beneficial use and support renewal of those permits.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.