

Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Minutes

August 10th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:08 PM

Present Board Members: Pat O'Grady, Mike Fruehling, Kyle Seeker

Absent: Lisa Moore, Kent Lindgren, Lisa Miller- Accounts Manager

Also Present: Carl Gifford – Superintendent

District Business

Approval of August Minutes: Kyle S. motioned to approve, Pat O. 2nd, unanimous.

Approval of Expenses: Kyle S, as Vice Chairman to lead the meeting, read through the financials.

Carl explained that there is a reimbursement check from Business Oregon for expenses on the Plant Upgrade project in the amount of \$35,551.

Superintendent Report: No questions

Board Survey / Training SDAO has a Best Practice program to give 10% off property / liability insurance. Carl informed the Board of a training video and short survey the Board must complete as part of this program. Carl gave handouts to Board containing login information.

Coastal Storage / Bob Magee Update Last Board Meeting, the Board was presented information on Coastal Storage and had questions for Bob Magee regarding RV Rentals. Carl had emailed these questions to Bob, Bob had responded that he is working with the County and will send information to the Board as it becomes available.

Sustainable NW Grant. Carl informed the Board that the District is working with Sustainable NorthWest on securing Grant funding for projects related to the Intakes. Projects that could be included are a Watershed Management Plan, Land Acquisition, Bridge Installation, and Flow Monitoring. Early stages, will keep Board informed.

Whitsett Leak Adjustment. Zachary Whitsett of 92184 L&C Road had a large leak. Whitsett had already used 2 leak adjustments in the calendar year. The previous leak adjustments were \$36.61 and \$23.87. Zachary contacted the office and asked if the District could reverse the adjustment for \$23.87 and give the larger leak adjustment for roughly \$265. Carl presented this information to the Board, there were a few questions. Kyle wondered why there were so many leak adjustments, and if the Board were to allow his request, if it were to set a bad precedence. The Board agreed and directed Carl to gather more information from Zachary, including if the waterline was repaired by a professional or replaced, and if there is a potential for additional breaks in the future. Board moved to table the issue.

Water Rights. Pat O'Grady had asked Superintendent Carl if he had approached Astoria regarding water rights at Youngs River Falls, which he did not. Pat mentioned that he might attend a meeting with Astoria and ask about obtaining some water rights in trade for the District maintaining the Falls park.

Adjourn: 6:39