



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – 5:30 P.M.
March 26, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Hawes	Sunrise Water Authority
Kevin Bailey	Sunrise Water Authority
Kevin Williams	Oak Lodge Water Services
Paul Gornick	Oak Lodge Water Services
Michael Milch	City of Gladstone

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Kerr	Sunrise Water Authority
Michael Morrow	Sunrise Water Authority
Ron Weigel	Oak Lodge Water Services
Robert Weber	Oak Lodge Water Services
Eric Butler	City of Gladstone

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamey Pietzold	Sunrise Water Authority
Jennifer Sampson	Sunrise Water Authority
Angie Wilson	Oak Lodge Water Services
Brad Albert	Oak Lodge Water Services

STAFF ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:

Wade Hathhorn	Sunrise Water Authority
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GUESTS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:

Lester Garrison	Clackamas River Water
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1. Call to Order

Chair Milch called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Introductions were made around the room.

2. Elect Budget Committee Chair

Chair Milch opened nominations to elect a Budget Committee Chair. Director Hawes nominated Michael Morrow for Budget Committee Chair. Director Bailey seconded. Morrow agreed to accept the Chair position if elected. Voting Aye: Directors Bailey, Gornick, Hawes, Milch, and Williams; Budget Committee Members Butler, Kerr, Morrow, Weber, and Weigel.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Staff Presentation Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget

Finance Director Wilson presented an overview of the proposed FY2026-27 Budget, highlighting the changes from the FY2025-26 Budget. She distributed a handout with budget highlights, and noted a correction in the General Fund from the previously distributed budget: the Total Requirements were listed as \$6,326,343 but should read \$6,333,843; changing the Total Requirements in both the General Fund and the Plant Reserve Fund to be \$14,517,267 (previously \$14,509,767).

General Manager Hathhorn presented an overview of the Plant Reserve Fund and the anticipated plant improvement projects in FY2026-27 and beyond.

4. Committee Discussion with Public Input/Comment

The Budget Committee asked questions and made comments regarding:

- The budgeted increase in legal fees,
- PERS side account contribution,
- The Plant Reserve Fund,
- Anticipated capital expenditures,
- Water Treatment Plant improvements,
- Estimated water sales,
- Backup generators,
- Water rates,
- Personnel services,
- And contracted services.

Budget Committee Chair Morrow opened the floor to members of the public for comment.

There were none.

5. Consider Motion to Approve/Amend FY2026-27 Budget

Budget Committee Chair Morrow called for a motion. Director Hawes moved to approve the FY2026-27 Proposed Budget as corrected for \$14,517,267. Director Williams seconded. Voting Aye: Directors Bailey, Gornick, Hawes, Milch, and Williams; Budget Committee Members Butler, Kerr, Morrow, Weber, and Weigel.

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6. Adjourn Budget Committee Meeting

Budget Committee Chair Morrow adjourned the Budget Committee meeting at 6:06 p.m.