

**DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

DSPUD Office, 53823 Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs, California

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Cathy Preis called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:** President Cathy Preis, Vice President Joni Kaufman, Secretary Dawn Parkhurst, Director Craig Combs, and Director Phil Gamick.

**Staff Present:** General Manager Steven Palmer, Chief Plant Operator Jim King, and Legal Counsel Geoff Evers (participating by Zoom).

**3. CLEAR THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar included the following items:

- Approve Finance Report for March 2026
- Cash Disbursements – General, Month of February
- Cash Disbursements – Payroll, Month of February
- Schedule of Cash and Reserves, January
- Accountants' Financial Statements, January
- Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2026
- Safety Minutes, February 2026

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Director Kaufman. Second by Director Parkhurst. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**6A. Administration – Steven Palmer, General Manager**

Report presented by General Manager Steven Palmer.

**6B. Operations and Maintenance Summary, January**

Report presented by Chief Plant Operator Jim King.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**8A. Review Draft Rate Study and Authorize Proposition 218 Notice**

Catherine Hansford of Hansford Economic Consulting presented the draft rate study to the Board.

Five members of the public attended the meeting, asked questions, and provided comment on this item. Two members of the public identified themselves: Dr. Andrea Broaddus and Mr. Brown.

**ACTION 1:** Motion by Director Gamick to accept the rate study and authorize mailing the required public notice (Proposition 218 Notice). Second by Director Combs.

**Vote:**

- President Preis – Aye
- Vice President Kaufman – Aye
- Director Combs – Aye
- Director Gamick – Aye
- Director Parkhurst – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION 2:** Motion by Director Kaufman to hold the public hearing on May 19, 2026. Second by Director Parkhurst.

**Vote:**

- President Preis – Aye
- Vice President Kaufman – Aye
- Director Combs – Aye
- Director Gamick – Aye
- Director Parkhurst – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**8B. Approve Annual Engagement Letter with Barnard Vogler & Co. for Professional Accounting Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$37,200**

**ACTION:** Motion by Director Kaufman. Second by Director Combs.

**Vote:**

- President Preis – Aye
- Vice President Kaufman – Aye
- Director Combs – Aye
- Director Gamick – Aye
- Director Parkhurst – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**9. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

No Director reports.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn by Director Gamick. Second by Director Combs. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

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Minutes prepared by:



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Steven Palmer, General Manager  
Donner Summit Public Utility District

Approved by the Board of Directors: Board approved at April 21, 2026 meeting