

Agenda Item 5B

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DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

DSPUD Office, 53823 Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs, California

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cathy Preis called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: General Manager Steven Palmer, Chief Plant Operator Jim King, Assistant Plant Manager Justin Vosburgh and Legal Counsel Geoff Evers.

3. CLEAR THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar included the following items:

- Approve Finance Report for May 2026
- Cash Disbursements – General, Month of April
- Cash Disbursements – Payroll, Month of April
- Schedule of Cash and Reserves, March
- Accountants' Financial Statements, March
- Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2026
- Safety Minutes, April 2026
- Approve Auditor Engagement

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Vice President 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, April

Report presented by Chief Plant Operator Jim King.

7. INFORMATION

7A. Third Quarter Budget Report

Report presented by General Manager Steven Palmer.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8A. Public Hearing: Adopt Ordinances 2026-01 and 2026-02 Implementing New Water and Wastewater Rates

ACTION: *Motion to receive rate study by Director Parkhurst. Second by Vice President Kaufman.*

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment was opened and comments opposing the rate increases were provided by:

Shawn Forry
Andrea Broaddus
Kelly Perry
Barb Altenberg
Denis Carroll
Fritz Schrichte
Tom Lippe
William Martini
Chris Blanchard
Billy Brown
Joan Gilman
Steve Cohan-online

The public comment and protest period were closed and a recess called at 7:15pm to allow for the counting of the protests. Schaelene Rollins from Rollins PR Consulting conducted the count. The meeting resumed at 7:58pm. Director Parkhurst reported that the preliminary count revealed 200 protests for water and 201 protests for wastewater, which are less than the required threshold of 204 for water and greater than the required threshold of 185 for wastewater. Director Parkhurst also reported that this count is preliminary and the protests were not reviewed for compliance with all requirements outlined in the Proposition 218 notice, and more time was needed to validate all the protests. Board President Preis continued the item to 6:00pm on June 2, 2026 without the Board making a finding regarding a majority protest and without action on the ordinances to adopt the proposed rates. The Board offered to make the validation open to the public and customer Shawn Forry volunteered to attend.

8B. Review and Provide Direction on Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

ACTION: No Comments and no action.

8C. Agreement for Soda Springs Mountain Resort to Reimburse the District \$35,000 for Improvements to the Recycled Water System

ACTION: Motion to approve by Vice President 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.

8D. Agreement with Sugar Bowl Corporation for Waterline Relocation

ACTION: Motion to approve by Director Combs. Second by Director Gamick.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

9. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Gamick thanked the community for coming out.

10. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn by Vice President Kaufman. Second by Director Gamick.

Vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Steven Palmer, General Manager
Donner Summit Public Utility District

Approved by the Board of Directors: _____