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**Board of Directors**  
**Position 1 - Joe Spendolini**  
**Board Chairman**  
**Position 2 - Kenneth DeCrans**  
**Position 3 - Michael Koger**

**District Manager/Secretary**  
**Brett Blofsky**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2026 @ 10:00am  
South Suburban Sanitary District Office

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Roll Call of Directors - Director Kenneth DeCrans and Michael Koger were present. Chairman Joe Spendolini attended virtually. Also present: Brett Blofsky (SSSD District Manager), Nicki Strain (SSSD Finance Director), Jason Morrow (SSSD Collections Supervisor), Jon Lee (SSSD Treatment Plant Operator) and Justin Hawkins (SSSD Treatment Plant Operator). Brady Fuller (Jacobs Engineering), and Erik Brahmer (Slayden Constructors) attended virtually. Dan Scalas (Adkins Engineering) absent.

Review Today's Agenda, Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2026 & February 2026 Monthly Financials - **Motion by Director Koger to approve today's agenda, February 13, 2026 meeting minutes and the February 2026 monthly financials as presented. Seconded by Chairman Spendolini. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Input/Comments - No one from the public is present.

### **Engineer Report**

100% Design & Cross Cutters update - Jacobs Engineering

Brady reported that the 100% design should be done by the end of April. The dike improvement design has been submitted in draft form for review. The meeting regarding this will be rescheduled due to illness. He then gave an update on the cross-cutter portion of the design. There is work that will need to be done by Rabe Consulting before we can move forward. Chairman Spendolini asked about the routing of the effluent in the current design. He had questions about the next steps if the results of the studies taking place are not in the Districts favor. Sally had a suggestion about the routing of the pipe that could potentially strengthen the dike. Brady indicated that this route would take a lot more pipe and most likely would not be a cost savings. Chairman Spendolini would like for Brady to present a summary of the various effluent design ideas that were previously discussed.

Early Work Authorization Updates - Slayden Constructors

Erik gave an update on the early work package and the RFP that is being prepared to be put out for bid after DEQ review.

District Updates - Dan was absent.

### **Department Updates**

#### **Administration –**

**The Ferguson Group (TFG) –** Brett, Chairman Spendolini and a representative from TFG had a conference call with Senator Merkley's and Wyden's staff on March 9<sup>th</sup> regarding funding for our mandated facility upgrade project. Chairman Spendolini will be attending the Town Hall meeting with Senator Merkley on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at OIT.

**DocAccess** – The Department of Justice is requiring all government websites and documents to be ADA compliant by April 2027. All documents posted on our website must be remediated to make them ADA accessible. DocAccess will take our current documents as well as any new documents we add to our website and immediately remediate them. If the Board chooses to move forward, DocAccess would begin remediation work on our website immediately. Monthly invoicing would not begin until July 2026.

**Motion by Director Koger to proceed with the DocAccess contract as presented. Seconded by Chairman Spendolini. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Residential Rates for 2026/2027** – This discussion was tabled until the rate study is completed by Adkins Engineering.

**LGIP Interest** – The LGIP accounts earned \$112,625.89 in interest during the month of February. The interest rate remains at 4.00%.

**Treatment** - Sally gave her report for February. Xylem and District personnel tested the Texum pump vibration issues. There has not been any determination on what needs to be done to remedy this. Discussion followed on the cost differences of the various options.

SCADA communications seem to be working better after some troubleshooting work by Iternal Networks. Communication with Texum pump is better but still an issue.

Sally then discussed the current state of the ponds with the drastic temperature changes. The buoys have been reinstalled.

**Collections** - Jason gave his report for February. There was TVing work and GIS work performed. The flush truck had a water leak during the course of the winter. The leak was repaired by SWS Equipment. He then discussed the storm drain work performed with the County on Austin Street.

**District Manager** - Brett wanted to confirm our Budget Committee members for the upcoming budget cycle.

**Items Before the Board of Directors - Old & New Business**

Recap from Chairman Spendolini and Brett’s visit to Capitol February 16th-20th updating Legislators on progress of upgrade - Brett and Joe gave an update. Brett thought the meetings went great and that the District made a great impression. Chairman Spendolini agreed and reported that he and Brett were announced on the Floor of the Senate.

Discuss Lower Klamath Renaissance Tour from March 12th - Brett stated the history of how this event came about. Brett and Chairman Spendolini attended the event. Chairman Spendolini also spoke at the Running Y reception at the end of the day.

Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 10:00am.

Adjourned at 10:38am

ATTEST:

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Brett Blofsky, Secretary

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Joe Spendolini, Chairman

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