

Riverbend-Riverbank Water Improvement District Board Meeting

July 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Attendees:

John Carnathan, President
Jan Chernus, Secretary
Bob Smethers, System Operator
Liz Hammack, Member at Large
Phil Roach, Member at Large

Financial Report:

On Point account: \$55.00
Regular Savings account: \$8,000.00
Money Market account: \$9,849.00
Fidelity account: \$55,276.00

Collections this month were worse than last month. Four homes are late paying. Email reminders have been sent. One home is over 120 days past due. A registered letter has been sent. After an additional 30 days of non-payment a registered letter will be sent advising when water will be turned off.

The budget cycle starts in October and ends in September. The insurance company needs the info before the end of the cycle. This year's budget was put into the categories they asked for and became a proposed budget, not final. This was approved by insurance company.

Budget details:

Hookup fees – budgeted \$600 on target
Interest and dividends – these have been combined and should yield \$1,080
Last year \$26,000 was spent on repairs. John expects \$11,000 expenditure for epoxy coating on tank. Other repairs on tank will not be necessary next year so budget for next year will be less.
Higher budget for postage is anticipated if laws change to send out two additional mailings.
Web – problems due to lack of security. Increased security will cost more than \$200 budgeted amount.
Insurance costs are going up.
Subscriptions, water testing, accounting services, PGE and bank fees are all increasing. (Large increase coming from PGE.)
The new pumps and controllers that were installed are more efficient.
The System Operator wage will increase.
The budgeted reserve amount will be moving from \$2,000 per month to \$1,000 per month.

System Operator Report:

OHA (Oregon Health Authority) required new report format and content. This has been finished and is compliant with requirements.
Every three years sampling from five homes is required for lead and copper testing. In process. Water from kitchen sink.

Other business:

The summer watering schedule is working well.

The water board is saving \$ to replace ABS pipe on Riverbend.

John is still working on digitizing all records.

Storage tank sealers anticipated to arrive last two weeks of August or first two weeks of September.

Plants have been installed to hide the tanks.

There is a blow-off valve in need of repair and a new cover needed. The valve is still functioning. Repair would require shut down of entire section.

The electrical box at the well head still needs to be repaired.

The wooden box by the tennis court (Riverbend HOA) should be repaired by those who created the problem by covering the area with dirt.

The hose bib on the side of the pump house has been repaired.

Storage tank painting request was denied this year. The latest quotation is \$10,000. Possible with future funds.

Noise from pumps taken care of with sound insulation and dry wall sound barrier.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next BOD meeting schedule October 22, 2026