

RRWD Annual Meeting January 8, 2026

Meeting called to order by John Carnathan at 7:04 pm

In attendance:

John Carnathan President
Jack Chernus VP
Jan Chernus Secretary
Joanne Houseworth Treasurer
Phil Roach BOD Member at Large
Bob Smethers System Operator
Liz Hammack Alternate BOD Member
Steve Houseworth
Gordon Rabing
Chris Seigneur
Stephen Hellweg
Greg Giberney
Todd Pilger
Derrick Christianson
Laura Christianson

The following members sent proxies:

Agnew
Baker
Barton
Venner
Bechor
Butler
Calcagno
Campagna
Cedargreen
Daugherty
Doty
Freeze
Fuller
Hamm
Hanson
Harris
Hart
Huntzinger
Johnson
Klein
Latimer
Levine

Macmurchy
Mayer
Moore
Oconnor
Petersen
Roberti
Rouse
Saporta
Silver
Stronk
Van Zandt
Vrvalo
walker
Webber
wickwire
Wiedeman
Wilson

40 members must be represented either in person or by proxy to have a quorum. We met quorum requirement with 50

Three current office holders' terms are up.

Lynn Van Zandt has elected to step down from the Treasurer position. We acknowledge her hard work over many years.

Volunteer Joanne Houseworth to take over that position.

Motion to approve Joanne - approved

Jessica Hart, Lauren Felton and Liz Hammack terms have ended.

Financial report - Repair on Riverbend should have cost \$20k not including the other two breaks last year on Riverbend. Northwest Earth Movers only charged the district \$17k for all three. We are very lucky to have Northwest Earth Movers on our side.

Water rates were increased because of the increasing cost of repairing our aging infrastructure, increases in power, insurance, and projected increases in that will take effect later this year.

PGE 2.5-5% possible increase depending on utility commission approval.

We are to have one individual dedicated to RRWD account.

Insurance covers:

Liability

Sexual Misconduct

Auto used on district behalf

Property – which include storage tank, pump house and wells Not pipes
Earth Movement
Flood
Equipment Breakdown Certificate
Cyber
Crime

We were given a 4% Discount for the classes that John Carnathan took on behalf of the water district.

Workers Comp gave a credit.

Budget is on the web site

Aging - Six customers will be in the 91-120 day past due category as of Feb 1, 2026. Rules state the district can charge 1.5% interest. Over 180 days district can turn off their water.

Liens for water charges are unenforceable. Only remedy is to turn off water.

At 90 days they get a gentle reminder mail and email. 180 day certified mail sent as well as calls to assess and ask the situation.

We lost one member of the district. They elected to drill their own well.

\$2389 owed. \$1975 paid ahead.

Auto pay has helped alleviate late pay.

\$8000 in savings account, \$11,000 in checking, \$51,429 in Fidelity account earning 4% annually.

Systems Operator report – Bob Smethers - Posted to the RRWD.org web site.

Chemical testing - most recent posted through the state and testing schedule.

Flushed the lines, ran generator and changed the chlorinating filter.

End of September started the new water usage year. Measured once per month and reported to the state. Water use graph also available via link on web. We are on lower end of water usage. Used less water this year than last.

Sprinkler usage planned out. Saved water. We have always operated within our water right.

Consumer confidence reports filed with the state. 2025 available soon.

49 households with back flow devices - 3 different styles - report filed with the OHA.

Checked the static well level before the spring before biggest usage.

8-9 inches of sediment - come out early this year to clean.

Inspector found spots of exposed rebar (tank built in 60's). Will epoxy. Detailed videos and reports available

New well pump installed.

New chlorine monitoring system. Good for 18-19 years.

Back up generator - need someone for regular check. John found someone. Only needs checking every five years.

Will look into a back up generator for the well field.

Water leaks in January, July and early December. Repaired in a day or two. On Riverbend. Oldest pipe in the system. \$90-100k spent on pipe replacement on part of Riverbend previously. Older pipes not able to sustain the high pressure. Need to change from 3" to 4" pipe. Designed to handle earthquake. Could cost \$40k to replace the rest of the pipes.

Crew removed and cleaned the reservoir roof. Pump house roof replaced and pump house painted.

Metal roof with strong flashing. New roof should handle the falling limbs better than the tile.

State has been encouraging vegetation removal from around the tank. RRWD has easements but does not own any land. Residents aware of easements.

We are using the states guidelines for record retention. Digitizing info by John and back up to the cloud.

Question about individual water meters. Estimated cost upwards of \$80k per house. Challenge to install.

Question - Were all back flows working - two needed repair. One needed replacement.

Question - how do we filter out the mud? Had a district filter in the past. Green sand filter as large as a room. Iron sediment - not dirt or mud. Is there another filter we can look into? Chlorine precipitates out and then gets into individual home filters. Polyphosphate helps hold it in suspension. Hot water takes it out of suspension. Limiting factor - where to put it? Easement used up. Question to learn what homeowners are doing for water filtration.

Question about grants- need meters. Also need to spend the money and then hope to get the money granted.

Adjourned at 8:16 pm.