

KANAWHA WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 12, 2026  
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PRESENT: DIRECTORS: L. BOYD, W. DANLEY, R. LEDERER, R. HANSEN, P. CECCON JR;

ABSENT: NONE;

ALSO, PRESENT: VINCE LAUFER, MANAGER; DEBBIE SCRITCHFIELD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY;  
REBECCA SMITH, DOWNEY BRAND; BILL VANDERWAAL, TCCA;

President Boyd called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

- A. M/S/C: R. HANSEN, R. LEDERER:  
AYES: L. BOYD, W. DANLEY, R. LEDERER, R. HANSEN, P. CECCON JR:  
ABSENT: NONE:

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2026, are approved as mailed.

- B. M/S/C: R. HANSEN, W. DANLEY:  
AYES: L. BOYD, W. DANLEY, R. LEDERER, R. HANSEN, P. CECCON JR:  
ABSENT: NONE:

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the following bills were paid from the General Fund Account. (Attached and a part of these minutes)

- C. Mr. Laufer presented the District Treasurer's Report- Money Market Accounts -Tri Counties Bank- (Land-Based) balance is \$280,318.23 @ 3.90% and Tri Counties Bank account- balance is \$1,247,572.21 @ 3.90%. LAIF balance is \$659,138.45 as of 02/05 @ 3.88%. Total in Reserves \$2,187,028.89. The balance in the Kanawha checking account is \$133,912.24, and Kanawha-KGPFA checking account is \$3,973.35.

The Board reviewed the year-to-date budget comparison.

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1. Mr. Laufer and Mr. Vanderwaal reported on the February Board Meeting at the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (Agenda item #4)
- o Mr. Laufer and Mr. Vanderwaal reported on Delta flow requirements at Port Chicago under State Water Board Decision D-1641, which governs Delta flow standards. Activation of D-1641 has led to increased releases from Keswick Reservoir, lowered reservoir storage levels, and may reduce KWD allocations. They also provided an update on the Bay-Delta Plan and the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program, noting that the State Water Board continues to assess potential implementation pathways. The process remains ongoing due to the scope of statewide impacts, scientific and technical considerations, legal risks, and the need for multi-agency coordination. These regulatory developments could create future uncertainty for Kanawha Water District regarding water allocations, reporting requirements, and potential financial impacts, including higher operational costs related to water supply.
  - o Substantial repairs and maintenance are ongoing due to dry January conditions.
  - o O&M of the repeater tower on the Grapevine, transferring from USBR to TCCA.
  - o Correction of 2026 rates should be available any day, according to Berens, including 2026 irrigation, M&I, and Article 3(f) special rates.

- With the lack of activity in the Willows office, dialogue indicated a possible closure of the Willows NCAO location, exploring the use of TCCA headquarters facilities. Mr. Vanderwall stated that these findings were not true.
  - OUWUA Transfer Legislation is proceeding to the next committee in DC.
  - Water quality: aquatic treatment and material strategy are in place.
  - TC Managers' meetings will be held soon.
  - 3F Water was available.
2. There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board. (Agenda item #1)
  3. Legal items and reports: No Closed Session (Agenda item #2)
    - a) Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)- two cases.
      1. Center for Biological Diversity, et Al. v. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, et al. (E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00706)
      2. North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, et al. (E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:16-cv-00307-DAD-SKO).
  4. Manager's Report: (Agenda item #3)
    1. The water use in January was 57 acre-feet, 57 acre-feet of 3F Tier 2. Also, presented the Historical Water Use by Month.
    2. See attached list of delinquencies.
    3. Update on operations:
      - TC canal is operable;
      - Staff following standard daily protocols.
      - Safety meetings
      - Assessments and land-based charges are trickling in; the reminder due date for these is March, 1st. Mr. Laufer will send out a landowner letter around the 23rd, informing landowners of the initial allocation and deadlines for these district charges.
      - Multiple USA 811 dig tickets processed.
      - Regular safety meetings conducted.
      - Numerous meters pulled for repair or maintenance.
      - Vehicle repairs and inspections completed.
      - TCCA cleaned out the drain crossing along 57 and Rd D at no cost.
      - General electrical inspections at plants.
      - K1 & K4 confined space pit entries conducted.
      - Cathodic rods replaced on pump columns at K1.
      - Testing all pumps and water screens
      - Awaiting phone service upgrade to reduce bill.
    - a) Discussion and possible action: Personnel Policy language revision regarding exempt and non-exempt classifications and clarifications that benefit eligibility applies to all permanent employees, not solely exempt employees.
      - Working with legal counsel to align policies with district practice to change the wording from " exempt " to " full-time.

M/S/C: R. HANSEN, R. LEDERER:

AYES: L. BOYD, W. DANLEY, R. LEDERER, R. HANSEN, P. CECCON JR:

ABSENT: NONE:

The board approved a change in the district policy's wording from "exempt" to "full-time".

5. Mr. Laufer presented the reservoir levels for February 9<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Lake was at 2,050,000 acre-feet compared to last year at 2,021,000 acre-feet. Shasta Lake was at 3,570,000 acre-feet compared to last year at 3,990,000 acre-feet with the 15-year average at 119%. Oroville was at 2,761,000 acre-feet compared to last year at 2,864,000 acre-feet, with the 15-year average at 129%. The total North CVP was at 8,530,000 acre-feet compared to last year at 9,111,000 acre-feet. Rain total October 1<sup>st</sup> to date: 45.72 inches.
6. Mr. Hansen reported on meetings for the Glenn Groundwater Authority. Also, groundwater readings were presented.
7. Mr. Laufer presented the KWD & GWD Joint Resolution 2026-1 Approving the Resolution Honoring The Service of Debbie Scritchfield.

M/S/C: R. LEDERER, W. DANLEY:

AYES: L. BOYD, W. DANLEY, R. LEDERER, R. HANSEN, P. CECCON JR:

ABSENT: NONE:

The board approved the KWD & GWD Joint Resolution 2026-1 Approving the Resolution Honoring The Service of Debbie Scritchfield.

8. No other reports.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

VANESSA SHIPLEY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

APPROVED ON:           *VShipley*            
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