

KANAWHA WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 9, 2026

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PRESENT: DIRECTORS: L. BOYD, W. DANLEY, R. LEDERER, R. HANSEN, P. CECCON JR;

ABSENT: TAYLOR STRAIN, DOWNEY BRAND;

ALSO, PRESENT: VINCE LAUFER, MANAGER; VANESSA SHIPLEY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY;
GREGORY KRZYS, ORLAND UNIT WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION;

President Boyd called the regular meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.

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

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

ABSENT: NONE:

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2026, are approved as mailed.

B. M/S/C: R. HANSEN, L. BOYD:

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). The balance is \$487,477.24 @ 3.72%, and the Tri Counties Bank account balance is \$1,154,439.79 @ 3.71%. LAIF balance is \$659,138.45 as of 04/07 @ 3.826%. Total in Reserves \$1,641,917.03. The balance in the Kanawha checking account is \$469,816.68, and the Kanawha-KGPFA checking account is \$3,968.35.

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

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1. There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.
 2. Legal items and reports: No Closed Session ON 1 and 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).

3. c)

(i). Mr. Krzys presented the discussion and possible participation in the Stony Creek MBK Hydrology Study:

- Background on Stony Creek and Black Butte Dam
- Operable Spillway Gates on the Spillway
- Hydrology of the System
- Stony Creek vs. Sacramento River
- Irrigation Cycles
- Water Availability
- Black Butte Water Rights
- Water Supply Issues
- Exploring Alternatives
- Cost Share Structure
- Spillway Funding

Mr. Krys left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

4. Manager's Report:

- a) The water use in March was 804 acre-feet, including 895 acre-feet of 3F Tier 2. Also included is the Historical Water Use by Month. Water usage was higher in March than it has been since 2015 due to dry, warm conditions with no rain.
- b) Kalkat's delinquent assessments and land-based payments have been redeemed after appearing in the paper. Spooner is managing the orchard and has applied for water, but delivery is contingent on receipt of their 25% deposit.
- c) Update on Operations:
 - The period from April 1st to 6th is reserved for water applications, but the deadline is the 30th or prior to the first irrigation.
 - The board has discretion to accept applications after the deadline, especially in a 100% water year.
 - Draft encroachment agreement for BHE Solar: Awaiting their draft plans to tailor the agreement. The agreement will be circulated with the Board once drafted.
 - District O&M:
 - Deliveries are ramping up.
 - Field staff are wrapping up the winter project list and creating a summer list.
 - K4 Canal 4 cathodic rod installations are complete.
 - Plants have been sprayed and cleaned.
 - Handling 811 dig tickets and regular safety meetings.
 - Pulling, repairing, and maintaining meters.
 - Applications and Deposits: Started making phone calls early to avoid a rush, and they are about 90% through. This provided early operating funds, avoiding the need to dip into savings for bureau payments.

5. Mr. Laufer reported on the February Board Meeting at the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

- The seventh liquid copper application to the canal was completed. The first Teton treatment is scheduled for the 21st.
- TC received approval for \$15 million for projects.
- Funds will go towards new motors at the pumping plant.
- Glide 3 is on the list for a trash rack.
- Kanawha One is included in the second tranche of projects based on O.M. input.
- 3F water was shut off on April 5th, and they are now under contract water.

6. a) 2026 Budget and Water Rates

i) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of WY 2026 USBR contract water-scheduled payments.

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

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

ABSENT: NONE:

b) Mr. Laufer presented the reservoir levels for April 6th – Trinity Lake was at 2,236,000 acre-feet, compared to last year's 2,141,000 acre-feet. Shasta Lake was at 4,121,000 acre-feet, compared to last year's 4,209,000 acre-feet, with the 15-year average at 116%. Oroville was at 3,163,000 acre-feet, compared to last year's 3,069,000 acre-feet, with the 15-year average at 124%. The total North CVP was 9,875,000 acre-feet, down from 10,074,000 acre-feet last year. Rain total from October 1st to date: 43.5 inches.

c) Water Transfers

i) **Item moved prior to Manager Report**

7. Report on Glenn Groundwater Authority. The meeting was canceled, and there was no report

8. Other Report

9. Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

VANESSA SHIPLEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

APPROVED ON: May 14th, 2026

V. Shipley