

**Bear Mountain Water District**  
**Minutes-Commissioner Board Meeting 12/17/25**

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Meeting at Chelan Fire Station commenced 1:00pm

**Present:**

Dale Watkins, Jim Batdorf, Kevin Palmer, Ben Behrle, Tim Rizzo, Doug Willcox,

Prior minutes of 10/22/25 Board Meeting reviewed, accepted without any changes noted.

1) Board approved October expenditures of \$34,317.81

**2) 2026 Operating Budget**

a) 2026 Operating Budget (including a 5% rate increase) approved by Commissioners

**3) DOH Water System Plan**

a) Tim and Ben still working on Financial section (Chapters 8 and 9)

b) Completion expected late January, early February

c) Sheri Miller, our primary DOH contact, may be leaving DOH

**4) Discussion of Commissioner Terms**

a) Kevin Palmer (appointed for Paul Warner) will be up for a 4 yr term in Nov 2027

Dales Watkins 6 yr term will end Nov 2029

Jim Batdorf 6 year term ending 2025, has automatically extended until 2031

b) per Stephanie at Chelan County Elections office

**5) Sage/Network Upgrade**

a) Second Sage access is needed for Ben

b) Will provide remote access to Shop/Office

c) Estimate \$3K to \$4K

d) Install s/b completed mid December

**6) Maintenance Work**

a) ITC (\$60,000K) at Golf Course nearly complete, waiting for panel parts

b) Approved - Liquid Vision work to clean three tanks (\$10,358 plus WSST)

**7) Water Utility Field Technician**

a) Some Resumes looked promising, wide ranges of experience

b) Ben will call best candidates in for interviews

c) Commissioners will talk with best candidate(s) before offer is made

**Financial Report**

**1) Financial Statements**

- a) Revenues on BMWD Mgmt. Statement were \$49,646 for November 2025 and \$630,952 YTD
- b) BMWD Operating Income (before Depr and Interest) was \$26,476 for November 2025 and \$314,418 YTD
- c) Total BMWD **Book Surplus** was \$3,584 for November 2025 and \$35,222 YTD (incl Interest + Depreciation)
- d) YTD Revenues were \$61,155 over Budget, November 2025 YTD Operating Expenses are \$16,891 under Budget. YTD. Operating Surplus (before Interest and Depreciation) was \$78,046 greater than Budget.
- e) Overall Net Deficit was \$96,117 less than Budget
- f) Segment Operating Statements were also presented.
- g) Balance Sheet \$482,736 in Cash, A/R \$116,752, CIP \$242,678
- h) Current Liabilities \$12,873, LT Debt \$1,411,857 Equities \$2,632,081

**Meeting Adjourned 2:45pm**

**Next Meeting 1:00pm 1-28-26 at Chelan Fire Station**

**Tim Rizzo, Secretary**