

Board of Directors Meeting

March 24, 2026

Present: Kathy Dodd, Alex Rossler, Janette Simons, John Harris, Jay Schenkel, Nanci Essary, Sue Robertson, Jason Gillespie and Tommie Wilson.

Guests: Bobby Simons, Earl Martin

Call to Order: Open Meeting convened at 5:55 pm. President Dodd presiding.

Public Comments: None

Review and Approve Minutes from previous meeting: Vice-President Rossler made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting. Director Harris seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Fire Hydrant Removal: Mr. Martin addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the placement of a fire hydrant located in front of his property entrance at CR 274 and CR 275. He stated that the hydrant obstructs access to his property, particularly when moving large equipment along the already narrow roadway and requested its removal or relocation.

President Dodd explained the reasoning behind the hydrant's placement and emphasized its importance to the District's water infrastructure. She noted that Rose Hill SUD holds an easement allowing for the installation and maintenance of water system improvements as necessary. Mr. Martin acknowledged that he had reviewed the easement and understood the District's authority to install and repair infrastructure.

Nanci further explained that, while such installations may be undesirable for property owners, they are sometimes necessary for the effective operation of the District and provide benefits to surrounding customers, as this hydrant is intended to do. Mr. Martin suggested the hydrant should have been installed on a neighboring property. Ms. Nanci responded that insufficient space between the neighboring fence and driveway prevented installation at that location without causing damage.

Mr. Martin became visibly upset and exited the meeting. He briefly returned to question Nanci about an alleged prior offer to move the hydrant "down." Nanci clarified that no such offer had been made. Mr. Martin then exited the meeting again.

Following his departure, Nanci clarified to the Board that an earlier discussion involved potentially moving the hydrant "back" to its valve and bolting it onto the valve assembly, which would place the hydrant inside Mr. Martin's property.

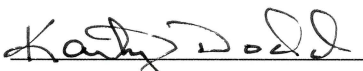
The Board continued discussions with staff to explore alternative solutions. Relocating the hydrant inside the property was deemed impractical due to future operation and maintenance requirements. A potential alternative considered was shifting the hydrant approximately six (6) feet so it would align with trees located in the right-of-way. Nanci advised that the trees would likely not survive due to root damage from excavation.


Nanci recommended that, prior to proceeding, the District obtain approval from all affected parties, including the neighboring property owner, Mr. Martin, and the county, given that the trees are located along the property line within the county right-of-way. She further stated that any agreement should include acknowledgment that Rose Hill SUD would not be held responsible for damage or loss of the trees or any related impacts. Nanci also noted that feasibility of the relocation could not be confirmed until excavation is performed.

Vice-President Rossler made a motion to accept the manager's reports. Director Harris seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

The board reviewed and signed off on the bank statement.

Vice-President Rossler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. Director Harris seconded. All approved. Motion carried.


President, Kathy Dodd


Secretary/Treasurer, Janette Simons