

Special Preliminary Budget Meeting Minutes: Southside Water and Sewer District

Meeting Information

- **Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2026
 - **Time:** 4:30 PM
 - **Location:** District Maintenance Shop – 1670 Lakeshore Drive, Sagle, ID 83860
 - **Meeting Chair:** Jack Howard
 - **Minutes Prepared By:** Julia MacDonald
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **4:30 PM**

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** Jack Howard was present via remote access, Kass Larson, Doug Bopp, Greg Keibler and Brett Babcock
- **Staff and Consultants Present:** Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Barnhart and Treasurer/Administrator, Julia MacDonald

2. New Business (Action Items)

2026-27 Preliminary Budget Review:

The Board reviewed infrastructure replacement needs and approved a transition toward an itemized capital budgeting framework. Mr. Barnhart presented a list of capital project priorities for sewer and water, highlighting approximately 117 galvanized water service connections requiring probable replacement. The total replacement cost is estimated at \$1 million, which the Board noted should be phased over several years to ensure water operational stability.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of keeping patrons informed of these ongoing infrastructure challenges. He further noted the necessity of pursuing potential grants and alternative funding, reiterating that the full scope of the project must be defined before finalizing any financial approach.

The Board reviewed preliminary budget estimates, exploring potential new revenue streams and cost-reduction strategies. Management confirmed that operating expenses have already been reduced wherever feasible. The Board discussed the need to transition away

from utilizing cash reserves for routine operating expenses, highlighting the importance of accounting for asset depreciation.

As presented, the preliminary budget includes a minor tax levy rate increase from 0.000205 to 0.000208 of net property value, incorporating new construction values as permitted by statute. The Board is scheduled to meet on July 22 to finalize capital improvement and operational expense figures and adopt the budget. This timeline will facilitate the scheduled public hearing on August 19.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **5:51 PM**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Certification of Minutes

These minutes were Approved by the Board on July 22, 2026.

Minutes Submitted By: _____

Approved By: _____ **Date:** _____