

Special Meeting Minutes: Southside Water and Sewer District

Meeting Information

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 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, Kass Larson, Doug Bopp and Greg Keibler. Brett Babcock via remote access
- **Staff and Consultants Present:** Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Barnhart
- Treasurer/Administrator, Julia MacDonald was present via remote access.

2. New Business (Action Items)

Water Facility Building

Chairman Howard presented slides to highlight the water storage, distribution and well connection (attached). He recommended a pivot to "Plan B", proposing that the district utilize USDA Rural Development funding instead of DEQ SRF to avoid costly regulatory requirements. He detailed a plan to use existing engineering to install distribution lines that would interconnect both tanks for a total of 200,000 gallons of storage, ensuring fire protection and allowing offline tank maintenance.

The transition to this alternative plan follows the rejection of the \$1.3 million DEQ SRF loan that exceeded the judicial confirmation. The new strategy for the well connection, estimated at \$390,000, focuses on connecting the artesian well to the existing pump house and upgrading the deep well as a backup, a move Chairman Howard noted has DEQ support. While \$150,000 was spent on previous engineering, the Chairman confirmed that much of that work remains recoverable and will be repurposed for this revised scope.

The Chairman updated the Board that all original plans remain tabled, and the previous loan acceptance has been withdrawn. The Board then discussed the technical feasibility of these updates and agreed to proceed with plans for the artesian well connection strategy and Plan B storage and distribution improvements, pending final regulatory approval.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **5:45 PM**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Certification of Minutes

These minutes were Approved by the Board on May 20, 2026.

Minutes Submitted By: _____

Approved By: _____ **Date:** _____