

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

August 20, 2025

Attendance: Chairman Ron Holladay, Vice Chairman Carol Watson, Philip Baer, David Bisher, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver, Tim Schooler

Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent)

Guest: Edward Mroosian, Austin Frantz

Ron Holladay called to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no changes to the agenda.

Minutes – David Bisher moved to approve meeting minutes for June 25 and July 16, with second of Joe Kline. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Customer Service

Joe Kline reported ten customer service reports for the month of July 2025.

4 water quality	3 South CR 600N District
	1 Historic District
4 billing/usage	4 North CR 600N District
1 service verification in historic district	
1 leak	North CR 600N District

Four reports are possibly still open as of August 19, 2025

Water Superintendent Report

The department continues to work on meter exchanges and flushing residential lines as needed.

The water barn office wall is complete and the heat/air system is working well.

Testing for tri-halo methanes passed, also the radio-nucleotide test. The results of the PFAS test has not come back yet. There is no repeat test required.

A resident on Gallegos requested a dead tree in the well field property line be removed, and sent a letter complimenting the department on quick action to take down all of the trees that threatened to fall on his house and barn.

Financial Clerk

Joe Kline **moved** to approve the register of claims \$151,773.52 and the July escrow transfer \$93,566.99. Second of Carol Watson, motion carried with unanimous vote. The clerk requested a motion to dismiss aged account receivable invoices, one for an ordinance violation and one for property damage on Warrior Drive. At the time these invoices may have been collected by legal action, the board did not have an attorney other than District Plan revision. Joe Kline moved to dismiss A/R invoices 44 and 45, with second of David Bisher. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Rick Oliver volunteered to write a policy for debt collection going forward.

Old Business

The current rate ordinance update for 2025 was added to the billing program. Clerk Georgia Jones recommended the Conservancy align with the Wastewater Utility and participate in a rate review for the next ordinance in 2026. This would set up a program for increases that are necessary, supported with data, and be able to advise customers in advance how their service rates will be affected. Joe Kline moved to approve the expense for financial and rate review, sharing expense with the Sewage Utility, with second of Rick Oliver. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

New Business

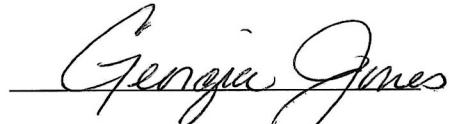
Carol Watson reviewed the draft 2026 budget and discussed expense and revenue expectations. The committee met with Dan to work out payroll and benefits, and set up plans for continuing expenses for the lead and copper remediation. One capital expense will be replacing a problematic section of old 8" pipe on 300 East. The reserve account can be used for capital projects that are not annual expenses.

Concerning revenue, it is the desire of the board to keep the property tax revenue at the same rate for another year. Joe Kline moved to retain the .115 rate, with second of David Bisher. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Guest Comment

Austin Frantz shared with the board his experience with rust at his home on Lookout Drive. He will set up an appointment with Dan to flush the service line and check the water filters he is using.

Joe Kline **moved** to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. with second of David Bisher.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



Ron Holladay, Chairman of the Board

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: August 20, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: David Bisher, Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver, Tim Schooler, Carol Watson

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian, Austin Frantz

Guest Present virtually:

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Youtube.com

Attest:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgia Jones".

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk