

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

September 17, 2025

Attendance: Chairman Ron Holladay, Vice Chairman Carol Watson, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver. David Bisher and Tim Schooler did not attend.

Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent), Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk).

Guest: Edward Mroosian

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

Public Hearing 2026 Budget

Carol Watson moved to open a public hearing to consider the advertised budget, with second of Joe Kline. Motion carried with unanimous vote. The total budget is \$1,190,648 with \$150,000 of the total in the capital outlay fund. Assessed values in the district did increase, and the decision was made to keep the rate the same as the 2025 budget. Directors reviewed line items having the largest increase over prior years. Motion to close the hearing by Joe Kline, with second of Rick Oliver. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Minutes

Philip Baer moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 25, with second of Rick Oliver. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Customer Service

Joe Kline reported these service calls for August:

1 billing/usage	Historic District
1 miscellaneous	North CR 600N District (tree removal at property line)
1 meter	North CR 600N District
4 irrigation	2 River Bluffs/Yellowknife District
	2 North CR 600N District
2 pressure	North CR 600N District, and Historic District
1 water shutoff	Historic District

Water Superintendent Report

Dan Gemmecke advised the board of seasonal flushing for the lower system currently and the upper system the week of September 22. He and Kevin attended district conference.

Dan is preparing to order meters for inventory and will talk with the sewer department about sharing the cost.

Financial Clerk

Carol Watson **moved** to approve the register of claims \$124,174.92 and the August escrow transfer \$79,416.87. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The financial clerk advised the board of necessary appropriations transfers. Philip Baer moved to approve the transfers dated September 12, 2025 with second of Joe Kline. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Old Business

Debt collection – Discussion deferred to future meeting.

Rate Review – Discussion deferred to future meeting

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding – The attorney for Town of Battle Ground suggested it would be appropriate for the water and sewer utilities to exchange letters or email stating the departments would occasionally provide mutual support for a variety of activities, with locates specified in particular. This is to establish that such assistance is approved, in the event there is accidental damage or loss of some type. Dan Gemmecke and Ron Holladay are responsible to complete this exchange.

Sewer project conflict – Recently it was discovered that a water main is located in an area of conflict with the lift station placement at Shawnee Ridge and Hawks Nest subdivisions. The most expedient resolution and also the most costly plan requires relocating a section of water main. There are no existing valves to isolate the section, so a company that specializes in valve insertion on a pressure line would be used. Decisions will be made regarding what company and what schedule will be arranged.

Guest Comment

Edward Mroosian asked if customers would lose water pressure when the valves are installed. Dan said customers should not have any interruption of service during the work.

Carol Watson moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. with second of Rick Oliver. Motion carried.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



Ron Holladay, Chairman of the Board

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: September 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver,
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

Guest Present virtually:

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Georgia Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk