

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for the
Scotia Community Services District
Tuesday April 21st, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 5:30 PM

Paul Newmaker, President– Present

Delia Ansted, Director – Present

Nina Sellen, Director – Present

Susan Pryor Vice President- Present

Andrew Perkins -Present

Steve Coppini General Manager, Amber Sandum Board Clerk, Scott McLeran District Legal Counsel,
Public Members- Leslie (via zoom), Nicole Mobley, Kyle Cooper, Courtney Yates and Rod Mikels.
Sony (Via Zoom)

B. SETTING OF THE AGENDA -No Changes

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting March 17th, 2026
2. Approval of RCB Check Registers March 1-31, 2026
3. Approval of Columbia Bank Check Registers March 1-31, 2026
4. Approval of RCB Mastercard Statement – February Statement
5. Approval of Columbia Bank Visa Statement – March Statement

No public comment

Motion: To Approve Consent Calendar

Motion: Sellen **Second:** Pryor

Motion Vote: Ayes Ansted, Sellen, Pryor ,Perkins, Newmaker **Opposed:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

No Public Comment

Motion Carries

President Newmaker reminded the public that public comment is limited to three minutes and there will be a timer used. The Board clerk will remind you if it gets close to time.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT & WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: NONE

E. CLOSED SESSION: NONE

F. PUBLIC HEARING – None

G. BUSINESS

1. New Business – a. Review Draft Budget FY 26/27

Draft Budget was introduced by Amber. No rate increase being proposed. The SDRMA issued their preliminary renewal contribution amounts for Insurance. It is a little higher this year due to increase in employees. The only project is the Winema Theater is still being renovated. The Water and Wastewater treatment plants are still receiving grant funding. Director Sellen had a question regarding the budget, it says 1.1 million for both grants. Obviously not enough money to replace either one of those facilities. What is that money doing? What do they pay? What are they giving us? General Manager explained that Grants at this phase are to pay the engineers and consultants for planning and designing. The Water treatment grant is not for replacing the Plant only upgrading. The Wastewater would be a full replacement because it is in a floodplain. The DFA is now pushing for consolidation studies. To see if it is cheaper for Scotia to join Rio Dell than it is to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant. DFA will fund the studies. Paying for engineers to do studies and starting from scratch it will set us back at least a year.

Director Sellen had a question about Special Use income- General Manager explained it's a disposal that HRC has they dispose on a site up on the hill in the rainy season. Basically, its dirty water that cannot be dumped in the river.

Board Discussed

No Public comment

b. Discussion on potential water bill discount to District customers related to Boil Water Notice

Request from Board Member and Public Members

Director Ansted stated she requested it go on the agenda because of notes from the last meeting and several people requested it.

Not that the Board has to come to a final decision, deserves a discussion about what is feasible, what is known and what's typical. I'm no expert on it, but from what I've read is and most recently, with what's going on in Trinidad and Alder point. I don't know if you guys have heard all of that, but they their water boards are all having issues with water, and what I'm reading is that the emergencies that were called in those two communities, the money that was spent to fix or maintain was a pass through right to the community, where the board did not absorb the extra cost that happened that month. It was passed along to the community. There was never any discussion about a discount. Wanted to talk about that publicly, bring it up, talk and then see if the rest of the board had considered it in the last month, if there were any other comments.

General Manager highlights the financial impact of the boil water notice, noting that District's income is down and expenditures are rising.

Director Sellen calculated the potential impact on customers, estimating a maximum credit of about \$16.00 per residential customer. The money that is spent to

fix or maintain the Water Plant is a pass-through to the community. Discussed what is going on in other Districts like Alderpoint, Trinidad and Ruth Lake. The Public doesn't recognize that the residents are responsible for paying a fee that maintains the system and when there is an emergency the residents pay for it. It is called surcharges to pay for that emergency to maintain the system. Understands that people want a credit, but that isn't the way a Water District works.

General Manager commented the only real expenditure was overtime and the District is absorbing that cost.

Director Perkins did research and water districts don't get refunds for boil water notices. The water is still flowing. It was a notice that was mandatory. Not opposed to one-time credit to the accounts as long as the Board has a clear policy going forward if there is a situation in the future.

Public Comment:

Sony, the owner of the Scotia Lodge spoke regarding the impact that the week of closure had on the business. The weekend we had planned for reopening of the Wonder bar and the kitchen dinner and breakfast and whole bunch of other stuff we had close to \$10,000 worth of food and all kinds of meat and everything else that we that we brought to be sold that weekend, we trashed about \$8,000 worth of those meat and food that we couldn't use because There is a law that we cannot keep meat and few other things more than seven days. Had around 3000 to \$4,000 worth of reservations that were booked got canceled because everybody heard about it. We also had to call and inform our guests that this is happening, and about three to \$4,000 worth of reservations for that week were cancelled. We had a lot of costs towards marketing and sales for that weekend, for that opening, all that money is gone. We pay about \$4,500 a month for water. A week worth of no water, that itself is about 1000 bucks. I still had to pay my staff about \$8,500 for that week. They still had to come in, even though we had zero business, because everything was shut down and we had no guests at the hotel. I'm looking at a massive, don't know if it is massive for you guys, but for me, somebody that just started two months back and trying to bring this place to life. I had about 20 to \$25,000 worth of loss because you guys shut off the water for almost seven days, or five days, whatever that number of days were. I do need a solution. It has a big impact on business.

Legal Counsel reminds Board that it is public comment, they can ask clarifying questions or direct staff to come back on any issue related to public comment. Not the forum to discuss any refund or claim with a customer.

Sony stated he can provide invoices and reservation details that can be submitted to the Board.

Public Member asked when the rates were last raised. The rates were last changed in 2022.

No direction was given to staff

c. Discussion regarding public notification of water testing results

Director Ansted suggested that the water testing results be published on a more regular basis, such as monthly or quarterly, to improve transparency. Aware State has mandates how often water results are published.

General Manager explained that monthly test results are either absent or present for bacteria and yearly test are published in the Consumer Confidence Report.

Public Member asks a clarifying question regarding test results

General Manager stated the test are for bacteria that might be in the water. Other test are more in depth are done yearly or what is scheduled. The results go directly to the State Water Board from the lab and District.

Legal Counsel reminds public that it is not public comment it is discussion for the Board and Staff.

Public Member Leslie: stated there is a public portal for drinking water information. It is drink portal through the State's website and public members can access the information anytime.

No direction was given to staff

d. Discussion on emergency action plan and review of current procedures for notifying the Public.

Board discussed with staff ideas to update the Emergency Action Plan. Staff will contact the consultants to implement ideas and update the ERP.

2. Old Business – None

H. REPORTS –

1. **President's Report:** Nothing to report
2. **Board Director Reports:** Director Sellen reports that she got free compost for the Museum Plaza. Will be attending a plant sale in May with Delia.

3. General Manager's Report:

Theater: There is a problem with the sewer. Has a plan to fix it to keep moving forward. The ramp turned out great. It still needs some finishing work.

Museum: Katie and Mary have been doing work there, won't officially open on a regular schedule until Memorial Day.

Cameras are installed working good. The gate is not closing at night so there is unnecessary traffic down there. Getting a quote to get it fixed. Within the next 4 to 6 weeks there should be the veranda at the dog park. There is one tree that is rotten and dead that will be taken down.

4. Board Clerk's Report: Nothing to report

5. District Legal Counsel's Report: Nothing to report

6. Engineer's Report: None

I. BOARD TRAINING: None

J. ADJOURNMENT at 6:46 PM

Approved:

Paul Newmaker

Paul Newmaker, President

Board of Directors

Scotia Community Services District

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Date

Attest:

Amber Jundum

Board Clerk

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Date