

Debra Foster shared about her persistence with asking the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacant seat. She also requested an update on the Ramona Water District's potential merger with the Ramona Cemetery District.

6. TRUSTEE DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, REPORTS:

7. REOCCURRING DISTRICT MATTERS

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for February 10, 2026 were submitted for approval.

Board Action: MOTION – *Secretary, Pete Smith, moved, “To approve the minutes as presented” Acting Chair, Joe Stupar seconded the motion. Motion carried - Yeas: 2, Nays: 0, Absent: 0*

b. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND SUBSEQUENT BILLS:

March pending expenses we presented. An explanation of how the request for warrants (checks to pay bills) are processed, requested from the county, and paid. Joe Stupar moved to approve as presented. Pete Smith moved to amend the motion to pay all but the invoice for legal. Pete Smith read out loud the letter he sent to the District Manager with his concerns. Discussion was had regarding the charges, authorization of work performed, authorizations for paying bills and budget totals.

Board Action: MOTION – *No motion taken*

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

Information on Special District Leadership Conference was given. Manager shared several thank you cards were received at the office from families that were served.

d. MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Manager gave a general overview of the services done thus far for the month. Included in information presented were Sales Report, Balance Sheet, Interment Report, and Fiscal Year To Date Budget Report.

8. ONGOING AGENDA MATTERS

a. RESPOND TO AUDIT DEFICIENCIES:

Manager shared the findings from the meeting that she and Brian Hughes, legal counsel, had with Mr. Vengler, where evidence of payments for healthcare premiums in 2023 were presented. A request for Board approval was made to direct the Auditor's to make appropriate accounting corrections that accurately reflect the proper treatment of this transaction in order to finalize the audit. There was a discussion that included a question of potential violation of policies and potential inappropriate transactions. Comments were then made by Mr. Vengler giving additional clarification and information of the premium transactions. Mr. Vengler asked that his comments in regards to the wasting of tax payer monies with these transactions from 2023, which are continually being

discussed in 2026 be noted in the minutes. Mr. Vengler ended with a request for this issue to be put to rest.

Debra Foster also commented on this issue and addressed Mr. Vengler and the Board. She also addressed the lack of a third Trustee being a disservice to the community, as it creates deadlock on voting. Mrs. Foster also commented on the merger of the Ramona Municipal Water District with the Cemetery District, as well as the legal fees.

An unknown community member commented the lack of a third Trustee as well as the legal fees.

Board Action: MOTION – *Acting Chair, Joe Stupar, moved, “To request the Auditor to make accounting correction to Audit” Secretary, Pete Smith did not second.*

b. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION FOR CHASE BANK:

A Resolution to move District banking from Bank of America to Chase bank was presented.

Board Action: MOTION – *Secretary, Pete Smith, moved, “To approve” Acting Chair, Joe Stupar seconded the motion. Motion carried - Yeas: 2, Nays: 0, Absent: 0*

c. WAGE COMPARISON FOR GROUND CREWS:

Wage comparison worksheet presented which included Ramona Municipal Water District wage rates and benefits.

d. BUDGET INCREASE FOR LEGAL OF \$57,000 FOR FY TOTAL OF \$67,000:

Due to above discussion of bills, it was deemed this was not necessary.

Board Action: MOTION – *No motion taken*

9. NEW AGENDA MATTERS

a. TREE REMOVAL PROPOSAL:

Discussion on a leaning tree at front of property was had. Proposals for tree removal were presented.

Board Action: MOTION – *Secretary, Pete Smith, moved, “To approve \$3,900 to remove tree and stump” Acting Chair, Joe Stupar seconded the motion. Motion carried - Yeas: 2, Nays: 0, Absent: 0*

b. REQUISITION FOR CASH TRANSFER WITH COUNTY (results of Audit FYE 6/30/24):

The Requisition for Cash Transfer form was presented to the Board. The form authorizes the transfer of funds from General Fund into the Endowment Fund.

Board Action: MOTION – *Secretary, Pete Smith, moved, “To approve the transfer as presented” Acting Chair, Stupar seconded the motion. Motion carried - Yeas: 2, Nays: 0, Absent: 0*

c. CEMETERY FEE COMPARISON:

A worksheet comparing local cemetery fees was presented for consideration of an increase in fees.

d. SELLING OLD EQUIPMENT:

The Manager requested authorization to sell off old, broken, unused equipment to clean up the shop area and use the funds to purchase new burial equipment.

Board Action: MOTION – *Acting Chair, Joe Stupar, moved "To sell the old equipment and purchase new casket lowering device. Secretary, Pete Smith seconded the motion. Secretary, Pete Smith, added a second motion "to purchase new tractor" Acting Chair, Joe Stupar, seconded the motion.*

Motion carried - Yeas: 2, Nays: 0, Absent: 0

e. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

Manager gave an update on the development of the new burial section. Manager requested authorization to use the remaining Capital Improvement monies in the Budget to insulate and update room in shop for Ground Crew.

Board Action: MOTION – *Secretary, Pete Smith, moved, "To approve expenditure as presented" Acting Chair, Joe Stupar seconded the motion.*

Motion carried - Yeas: 2, Nays: 0, Absent: 0

f. DISTRICT POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT:

Discussion was had on policies and lack of policies at the District. Discussion on accepting Credit/Debit cards as payment for burial services was had.

10. FUTURE AGENDA MATTERS:

- a. Merger with Ramona Municipal Water District update

11. DISTRICT TRUSTEE COMMENT PERIOD:

Secretary, Smith, commended the ground crew on a job well done with the old tree stump removal and repair of the road.

12. CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:

- a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) Title: Interim District Manager**
- b. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Gov. Code section 54957 (b).) - Tabled**

13. CLOSED SESSION MATTERS REPORT OUT:

Board Action: *Due to a family commitment, Secretary, Smith had to leave. Was not present for Closed Session Matters. Nothing to report out.*

14. CONFIRM NEXT BOARD MEETING:

April 14, 2026

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.