SDWD Board Meeting 9/11/2026 Minutes

This recording is a **Somerset Domestic Water Works District Board Meeting** held on **September 11, 2026 at about 6:20 PM (Colorado time)**. The board confirmed a quorum, deferred review of the Treasurer's report until printed materials were available, and then discussed operational, compliance, infrastructure, billing, and community issues.

Key Decisions and Motions

- **Project priorities were approved** in this order:

    1. Cameras/security system
    2. 5-gallon-per-minute pump
    3. Non-chemical testing/chlorine analyzer
    4. Pipeline to the river
    5. Pressure differential system
    6. Check valves/backflow-related house improvements
    7. RO system

    The board also approved moving forward with the **first three projects**: cameras, the 5-gallon-per-minute pump, and non-chemical testing.

- **Water usage limit is 20,000 gallons per month year-round**, with a plan to notify residents and explain why increased water use may help with water rights and water quality considerations.

- **June 26 meeting minutes were approved**, and the treasurer reported balances of **$17,058.51 in checking** and **$72,651.23 in the money market account** as of the end of August, though a technical issue prevented a full net-income report at the meeting.

- The board approved pursuing alternatives to the current **Streamline website contract**, including exploring whether Nick could provide website services if conflict-of-interest requirements can be resolved.

- The board decided **not to add Zelle** or other new payment methods, keeping existing payment options to avoid added administrative complexity.

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Main Discussion Topics

- **Backflow/check valves:** The group discussed whether every house needs a check valve or backflow device. State and county contacts reportedly did not identify a mandatory requirement, but the board agreed it could still be a system improvement and may be required or considered for new pits or future work.

- **Tap fees and moving taps:** The board discussed whether water taps can be moved between lots. Members stated existing bylaws do not allow taps to be removed or moved, while new taps may be added if requirements are met, including possible Gunnison County consultation.

- **Plant and water-quality projects:** The board discussed the river pipeline, 5-gallon-per-minute pump, pressure differential automation, cameras, non-chemical chlorine testing, and a possible RO system. The 5-gallon pump was viewed as beneficial for slower treatment through filters, while non-chemical testing was expected to reduce reagent and maintenance costs over time.

- **Security and conduct:** Members discussed disrespectful interactions with community members and agreed board members and staff should not be expected to tolerate abusive conduct. The board also voted to include **office camera security** in the camera project scope.

- **Operations and maintenance:** The board discussed divers for tank inspection, emergency repair approval thresholds, spare parts, contractor lists for water-main breaks, inventory needs, and a possible new lock system for district facilities.