Somerset Domestic Waterworks District

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6/26/26 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Overview

The Somerset Domestic Water District held a members meeting on June 26, 2026, at 6:05 PM.

The board discussed missing minutes from the prior meeting because the recording contained only about eight seconds; members agreed to reconstruct the minutes from recollection and add a backup recording or note-taking process.

Finances and Grants

As of May 31, the district reported **$78,595.22** across bank accounts, including **$57,136** in capital reserves and **$21,494.86** in checking. January–May revenue was **$58,999.18**, expenses were **$59,895**, and net income was **negative $895.82**, largely due to engineering and grant-writing costs.

The board discussed whether to reduce customer bills or instead use accumulated funds for system improvements while maintaining an emergency reserve. Board agreed to use funds for improvements and emergencies.

The OJT grant application was denied because the program prioritized economic development, job creation, and property-tax growth rather than water infrastructure. The district accepted an offer to connect with another grant writer and planned to pursue additional funding sources.

Operations and Next Steps

Recent improvements included automated river-pump operation, modified raw-water-tank circulation and settling, additional water-quality testing, plant alarm phone notifications, chlorine monitoring that can shut down production when chlorine is absent, and backwash-flow metering. The board discussed pursuing a smaller RO system, a slower pump, replacement valves, residential backflow devices, improved internet connectivity, and continued evaluation of legal and technical requirements for river-water intake.

Operations and Next Steps - continued

The board also planned to prioritize affordable projects that could be funded directly, consider transferring excess checking-account funds into an interest-bearing account, discuss flushing and seasonal water-use policies at a future meeting, and revisit potential water sales only if the required equipment and regulatory approvals were feasible.