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DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday March 4, 2026

Present: James Driscoll, Cam Cachat, Daniel Filiault, Thomas Murray, Melanie Roucoulet, Robert Benlien, Dennis Coughwell,

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm

Driscoll explained that the meeting was called just to look over the preliminary budgets and see if there is any big changes.

Bob Benlien from the water department explained a few small increases due to the increase in computers, electricity, and water testing/lab equipment. Benlien again mentioned that he would like to increase water rates so that he can start working on projects that need to be done. Filiault asked if we should have a computer replacement line in case our computers start to go. All the computers were brand new in 2023 when we added a new server to the district. Dennis Croughwell stated that he believes we should start Capital Project lines for an apparatus replacement, and a equipment replacement.

For the Admin budget mostly, everything is level funded other than postage that went up by \$1,000 due to residents not paying their bills and several notices needing to go out to these residents trying to receive payment. Roucoulet mentioned the possibility of receiving a Pitney Bowes stamp machine to help with the stamping of thousands of bills at a time. Driscoll gave Roucoulet permission to investigate this. Roucoulet also mentioned that she will need a new copier in the next few years, Driscoll asked her to investigate the cost of leasing a copier and bring the numbers to the next meeting. Roucoulet mentioned that with adding 2 more commissioners we will have to budget an additional \$83,799.60 for health insurance in case the 2 new commissioners decide to take our insurance.

Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 3:58, Cam Seconded, passed unanimously

The next working budget meeting will be Monday March 9, 2026 at 3pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Roucoulet
Treasurer/Clerk