



**Johnsville Public Utility District
Board of Directors
Draft Minutes
Date: June 6th, 2026 Time: 11:00 AM
Historic Saint John's Church
5578 Arastra Street
Johnsville, CA 96103
Website: JohnsvillePud.org**

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The chair, Director Piepho, requested a closed session be added to the end of the meeting as item 7.2 to discuss the retirement of the manager, Melissa Sheets. The item was added to the agenda. There were no additions or corrections to agenda and minutes. A motion to approve the minutes approve Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) Board of Director meeting minutes held on January 27, 2026 was made by Director Piepho and seconded by Director LaTourrette. The motion carried unanimously with the following vote.

Roll call vote:		
David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Michael Hallenberger	Absent	
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

3. **Public Comment**
Several homeowners expressed thanks to the board for all their work on the completion of the town's new water tanks and hypochlorite water system.
One homeowner asked how to proceed with a broken stop and drain water valve at their residence. He was referred to the manager by the chair, Director Piepho.
4. **Reports**
 - 4.1 Director Reports
 - 4.2.1. Approval for tank warranty work per Engineer Dan Bastian's current report will be approved at this meeting and reported on at our next meeting. Director LaTourrette presented an overview of the tank project and the financial entities involved. The district has a 40-year loan with

United States Department of Agriculture for 1.5%. JPUD makes a yearly payment of \$16,147.00 to Plumas Bank and USDA withdraws that amount for payment. Director LaTourrette also explained how the water is chlorinated by our new system and the service requirements needed to maintain the system.

4.2.2. The JPUD has a \$450,000.00 loan with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for 40 years at 1.5%. The department has also offered a grant for \$350,000.00 for capital improvement projects when the initial amount is depleted. Current information is available at the district's website JohnsvillePud.org.

4.2.3. The chair, Director Piepho, gave an overview of our current water system and reported on discussions about the cross-connection requirements by the State Water Resources Control Board. He will be speaking with the California Special Districts Association legal department in the next few weeks concerning exemption possibilities for our small and financially limited district.

4.2.4. Representatives from Water Service Agreement (PSI Technologies) for chlorination system serviced our system last week and we are waiting for a report.

4.3. Manager report

4.3.1 The manager presented the 2026/2027 budget for the JPUD. (See attached)

4.3.2 A Resolution to approve the resolution to add Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) water fee to property tax roll and to approve JPUD 2026/2027 budget is included in agenda action items. (See attached)

4.3.3 Manager presented information on additional earthquake and flood insurance costs and the board decided to not add them to the current Insurance plan at this time.

5. Future project discussion and prioritizing

5.1. The manager will contact Lost Sierra Ventures for an estimate for a new fence at plant and brush and tree removal around plant for fire prevention.

5.2. A bidding process may or may not be needed for the sale of redwood recovered from our old tanks. It has been recommended that the wood be sold in its entirety.

5.3. The chair, Director Piepho, will look into Bennet Dam repairs.

5.4. Mapping and/ identifying town all town waterlines, shutoffs, and hook-ups will be an on-going project. The board will ask the JPUD Engineer, Dan Bastian, for assistance.

6. Action Items

6.1. The chair, Director Piepho, asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution 27- 02 to add water service fee to Plumas County Property Tax bill. Director LaTourrette made the motion and Director Piepho seconded. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote.

Roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Michael Hallenberger	Absent	
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

6.2. A motion to approve warranty work on tanks was made by the chair, Director Piepho, and Director LaTourrette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote.

Roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Michael Hallenberger	Absent	
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

6.3. A motion to approve Resolution 27- 01 Johnsville Public Utility District Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll was made by the chair, Director Piepho, and seconded by Director LaTourrette. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote.

Roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Michael Hallenberger	Absent	
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

7. New Business

6.1. The board will begin compiling information relating to future cost increases for the district and a rate review. This process will include community input and vote.

8. Next meeting date will be Saturday August 8th, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 and a closed session was held immediately after to discuss retirement and replacement options of manager.

Respectfully submitted, _____