



Board Meeting Summary

May 5, 2026

District Office Building | 799 SW Columbia | Bend, Oregon



BOARD PRESENT

Cary Schneider

Jodie Schiffman

Donna Owens

Nathan Hovekamp

Deb Schoen

At its May 5 meeting, the BPRD board of directors addressed funding updates, facility investments, staff professional development, environmental stewardship, and routine operational agreements. A [video recording of the meeting](#) is available.

Work session:

Leadership Academy

In work session, district staff members Adam Kau and Cayla Gleaton shared their experiences completing the Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA) Leadership Academy, an eight-month professional development program. They highlighted leadership skills gained through coursework and capstone projects, underscoring BPRD's commitment to investing in staff growth and internal leadership capacity.

Forest Health and Fire Fuels Reduction

Next, staff presented an overview of the district's Forest Health and Fire Fuels Reduction Program. The presentation outlined current and planned projects aimed at improving forest health and reducing wildfire risk on district-owned properties, particularly where parks and natural areas meet neighborhoods. Board members learned about recent in-house and contracted projects, upcoming treatment areas, and the increasing investment needed to address fuels reduction as costs and acreage expand.

Consent Agenda:

The board approved two consent agenda items. The first authorizes a three-year pricing agreement with Juniper Paper (Walter E. Nelson Co.) for district-wide custodial paper products and supplies, providing cost stability, improved efficiency, and standardized products across facilities.

They also authorized the board chair to sign a technical assistance letter with the Trust for Public Land, allowing the district to explore potential future funding strategies for parks, trails and open space at no cost to BPRD.

Business Meeting:

System Development Charges (SDC) fee schedule

The board adopted Resolution No. 2026-05, which adopts a revised System Development Charge (SDC) fee schedule effective July 1, 2026. The update reflects a 1.88% annual inflation adjustment, based on changes in local land values and construction costs. Staff emphasized that this is a routine, formula-based update—rather than a policy change—and is intended to help SDC revenue keep pace with the rising costs of acquiring and developing parks, trails and recreation facilities as the community grows.

Director Hovekamp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05, adopting a revised fee schedule for System Development Charges effective July 1, 2026. *The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schoen, Schiffman)*

Juniper Pool Cover Replacement Project

The board approved an amendment to the Juniper Swim & Fitness Center (JSFC) Outdoor Pool Cover Replacement and Renovation Project design-build contract with Pence Contractors. The amendment increases the pre-construction budget to support additional design, engineering and permitting work needed to advance the project. The scope now focuses on the pool cover replacement and related rehabilitation work, with construction anticipated in future phases as funding and final costs are confirmed. Learn more on the [Juniper webpage](#).

Director Schoen moved to authorize the executive director to finalize and execute a Pre-Construction amendment with Pence Contractors, LLC for \$246,159, and to approve an additional \$24,000 of contingency for a total Pre-Construction amount not to exceed \$661,293. Director Schiffman seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. (Owens, Schneider, Hovekamp, Schoen, Schiffman)*

The next board meeting is a Budget Committee meeting on May 12th and an Executive Session on May 19.