



SWANN

Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2026

Chairman J.W. Geiser called the May 21st, 2026 Board of Director's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the SWANN Administrative Conference Room, 1122 E. Niobrara Ave., Chadron, NE. Members were present for roll call: Chadron, Shane Shepherd; Clinton, Roy Retzlaff; Dawes Co., Vic Rivera; Gordon, Doug Woodbeck; Harrison proxy, Jesse Vance; Hay Springs, Chuck Toof; Rushville, Barbara Stava; Sioux County, J.W. Geiser and Whitney, Fred Raben. Quorum was reached with members present. Members absent: Crawford, Chris Dean; Hemingford, Richard Wacker; Sheridan Co. Dan Kling. Open Meetings Act posted in the rear of the room was pointed out the. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Geiser presented the May 21st, 2026 agenda. With no content changes to the presented agenda, Member Retzlaff from Clinton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Stava from Rushville seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of April 16th, 2026 Minutes

Mr. Geiser presented the April 16th, 2026 BOD meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections to the minutes as presented, Member Raben of Whitney moved to approve the minutes. Member Stava of Rushville seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims/Budgets EOM April 2026 Results

Executive Director, Jake Stewart reviewed the claims/budget for the Board. At the end of April 2026, the Agency was 92% through the 25-26 fiscal year. Revenues and Expenses were reviewed. On the revenue side, the Agency was ahead of projections at 98%, expenses were at 105%, reporting higher than projected costs. Stewart pointed out areas of review on the budget sheets e.g. expenses — fuel and safety. Topics were discussed by Exec. Director and Board members as questions arose. Stewart reviewed the money markets/reserve accounts showing the deposits in the bonding, disposal and collection equipment accounts. Money Markets and CDs were reviewed. Stewart reviewed the paid bills and tonnage report for the month. Following additional questions and comments, Member Woodbeck of Gordon moved to approve the April 2026 EOM Claims and Budgets. Chadron member Shepherd seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Chairman Geiser opened the floor to members of the public who attended. The open session was closed, with continuance of BOD Meeting Agenda items.

2026-27 Final Budget Figures/Proposed Rates, Fees

Exec. Dir. Stewart began this budget/rates discussion by indicating to the board the provided budget and rates information included in their board packets. JEO Agency was retained to provided budget development for the Agency based upon program details and financials. Stewart discussed the comparisons from last year to the upcoming FY 26-27. Conversation ensued about different/select areas, providing board members with the information that they need to support the agency while supporting with their respective residents and customers of SWANN. Discussion of certain line items, the new proposed rates, which are directly associated the comparison of costs, were reviewed and earnestly considered by all Board Members. Following thoughtful and earnest points of consideration, the new rates for the FY 26-27 were solidified, prior to vote taking place it was again put toward the motion that the new ready-to-serve process would be included with vote on the new rates. Upon confirming the motion, Member Woodbeck of Gordon moved to approve the newly established budget and rates for the FY 26-27 and being a ready-to-serve agency. Chadron representative Shepherd seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Quorum was reached with members present; motion carried. New Residential and Commercial Rates will begin on July 1, 2026, with other Agency costs changing with the start of the new fiscal year on June 1, 2026.



Director's Report

Exec. Dir. Stewart began the report with conversation regarding the following topics.

South Baler Updates: Exec. Dir., Jake Stewart provided details related to the status of the south balers. South Baler remains in rebuild, but getting closer to operational status.

Fencing to Finish Project & Secure Property: - Exec. Dir. Stewart briefly touched on the fence project, along with fencing on the East side of the property near the brush pits that needed to be completed.

Recognition SWANN Employee's Hard Work: Exec. Dir. Stewart presented a power point presentation, thanking employees for the hard work and dedication that they have in a challenging work environment. Al Toof was applauded for his 32.5 years of longevity and impactful work with SWANN.

Executive Session

With there being no need, the Board of Directors did not find it necessary to enter into executive session for the present meeting.
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With no other Agency business; BOD Comments were asked for; with limited topics to discuss; members were thanked for their attendance. No action was taken. Next Meeting will July 16, 2026.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board at 7:55 p.m., Chairman Geiser declared the meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman