



## AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

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AGENDA DATE: January 13, 2026

PRESENTED TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Counsel

PRESENTED BY: Steve Thiel, Office of Legal Counsel

AGENDA TITLE: ORDER 26-01-13-06/ In the Matter of Making an Appointment to the Blue River Water District Board of Directors

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### I. MOTION

Move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Blue River Water District Board of Directors, effective immediately.

### II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Blue River Water District, operating under ORS Chapter 264, has a five-member Board of Directors. There is currently a vacancy on the District's Board of Directors, and the remaining members have been unable to agree on an appointment. The Board of Commissioners is being asked to appoint a candidate to fill the vacant seat.

### III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

In October of 2025, Blue River Water District Board member Antony Abel resigned, creating a vacancy. Under ORS 198.320, a district board vacancy is to be filled by a majority of the remaining district board members. However, if the district board is unable to make a quorum or is unable to agree on an appointment, the County Board of Commissioners must promptly fill the vacancy. On November 12, 2025, the Lane County Office of Legal Counsel wrote to the District Board informing them of this process for filling a vacancy. The Blue River Water District Board has been unable to agree on an appointment. On December 12, 2025, the Office of Legal Counsel again wrote the District Board informing them that Oregon law requires the Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy and requesting that the District Board forward all applications for the

position to the Office of Legal Counsel. On or about January 6, 2026, all applications received by the Office of Legal Counsel were reviewed by the Lane County Clerk's Office. Those applicants whose minimum qualifications have been verified by the County Clerk have been provided to the members of the Board of Commissioners for review.

IV. ACTION

From among the qualified applicants, choose a candidate for appointment to the Blue River Water District Board of Directors.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Staff does not have a recommendation.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

Hunter Application  
Donoho Application

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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to the Blue River Water District Board of  
Directors

**WHEREAS**, the Blue River Water District, operating under ORS chapter 264, has a five-member Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the five positions on the Board of Directors of the District is vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the remaining membership of the Board of Directors has been unable to agree on an appointment to the vacant position; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners have reviewed applications to fill the vacant position.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with ORS 198.320(1), the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed to the Board of Directors of the Blue River Water District, effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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Ryan Ceniga, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners