

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President
Dallas Ayde, Vice-President
Neil Martin, Director
Sherri Thackham, Director
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder
Jeff Sperline, Attorney

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 2, 2025

Director Dickenson noted a correction to the minutes under *Reorganization of the Board*. Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of January 2, 2026 as amended. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert stated the installation of the three gates was nearing completion.

Conservation Plan

No updates were reported.

Shop Improvements

Mr. Strifert reported that the electrical conduit has been installed and inspected. Electricity should be in next week and cameras should be installed within the next two weeks.

IWS Headgate Cleaner

Item moved to Executive Session.

Defense Coalition

Item moved to Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that the Rubicon Gates (USBR) Project is complete. All four gates have been installed. A Rubicon technician will be out next week to program them. Field crews are finalizing the Lateral One Phase Three Project. The pre-emergent spray program is on schedule this year. Canal cleaning is ongoing.

Cascade Natural Gas Dayton Street Crossing

Mr. Strifert reviewed a permit application submitted by Cascade Natural Gas to cross under the canal at Dayton Street in Kennewick. Director Thackham motioned to approve the permit. Director Martin provided a second. Motion carried.

4365 Van Giesen

Mr. Strifert reviewed the project with the Board. An apartment complex is being constructed on this property which abuts the canal. The engineering firm has requested approval to add fill and regrade the slope to the canal to the appropriate grade, rather than construct a retaining wall. The request was approved, subject to the additional requirement that a solid fence be installed along the canal side of the property.

Case Excavator

Mr. Strifert requested Board approval to surplus the 2001 Case excavator, which will be traded in toward the purchase of the 2023 Case skid steer approved at the January 2nd meeting. Director Thackham motioned to approve the surplus of the 2001 Case excavator. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CID Hiring Changes

Item moved to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

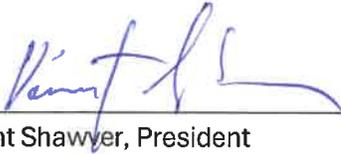
President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 9:52 a.m., for 50 minutes, to discuss the performance of a public employee and legal risks of current or proposed action. The session was extended at 10:42 a.m. for 10 minutes, at 10:52 a.m. for an additional 10 minutes, and at 11:02 for 5 minutes. The meeting returned to Open Session at 11:07 a.m. There was no action taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Strifert reviewed the capital improvements the District has completed since 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

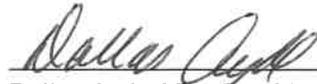


Vincent Shawver, President

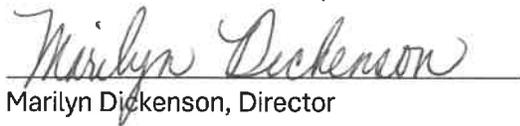


Neil Martin, Director

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Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager