

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

April 03, 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

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

Absent: Marilyn Dickenson

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of *Budget Amendment from New Business*. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 20, 2026

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes March 20, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

March Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$199,790.37
Voucher 02	International Water Screens	<u>\$ 42,965.66</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$242,756.03

The Board reviewed and discussed the March Vouchers. Director Thackham moved to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the February Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

The Board reviewed and discussed the work orders in their respective divisions.

Drought Resiliency Grant (Rubicon Gates)

Additional information was requested by Ecology regarding the grant. The revised report will be resubmitted prior to the next Board meeting.

IWS Headgate Cleaner/Ecology Grant

Mr. Strifert is finalizing remaining paperwork for the grant. The Lower River Subgroup, which approved funding for the project, requested a five-year operations and maintenance cost estimate as part of the requirements.

Conservation Plan

Mr. Strifert spoke with Trout Unlimited earlier this week and received confirmation that the \$250,000 grant for development of the conservation plan remains in place. This funding requires no cost share from the District. The final proposal is expected to be submitted to Ecology by mid-next week for approval to proceed with issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Progress is ongoing, and completion of the conservation plan is anticipated to support additional future funding opportunities.

KID Water Carriage Billing

Mr. Strifert stated that the decision was made to bill KID only for water carriage this year. Prior to the next water season, Mr. Strifert will meet with Mr. Sperline and KID to discuss and establish the billing amount for the upcoming year.

Columbia Center Blvd Trailer Court

Moved to executive session.

Procedure 3.5D – Annexation of Lands to the District

Moved to executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that canal startup is progressing well, with the main canal and Lateral 1 completed. Crews have installed multiple drum screens and foot valves and are finalizing remaining preparations. Pump stations are scheduled to begin being turned on starting Monday, with the expectation everyone has water by April 15th.

Resolution 2026 – 3 / MRSC Rosters

Mr. Strifert advised that the District will now be using the MRSC State Roster. The process requires submission of project information, after which MRSC manages contractor solicitation, bidding, and documentation.

Director Thackham, motioned to approve Resolution 2026-3 with the discussed changes, Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Handbook Changes

Mr. Strifert provided a detailed review of the proposed handbook updates and changes.

Director Martin motioned to approve the handbook with discussed changes. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bond Discussion

Moved to next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

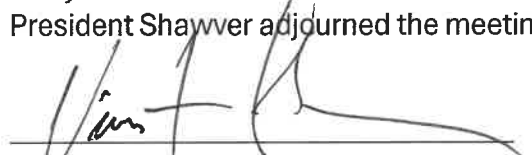
President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:12 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss the performance of a public employee and legal risks of current or proposed action. Extended for 10 minutes at 11:42 a.m. Opened session at 11:52 a.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Strifert announced that the District will host the YBJB meeting on April 24th, with the option for attendees to participate in the Bateman Island celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

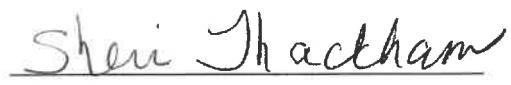
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President




Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager