

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

June 06, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

Guests:

Sheila Stade.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The patron shared concerns about water flow issues related to the layout of the irrigation line near her property. She mentioned challenges with getting water when nearby systems are activated and suggested that a more direct setup might help improve efficiency. She also expressed appreciation for the support and assistance from the service team. Mr. Strifert explained that some adjustments were made that should help with the problem including a valve that was not turned on during the water start-up process.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 16, 20205

Director Dickenson motioned to approve the minutes of May 16, 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$233,003.48
Voucher 02	SePRO Corporation	<u>\$52,956.04</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$285,959.52

The Board reviewed and discussed May Vouchers. Director Ayde moved to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the May Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders By Division

Board members reviewed work orders in their respective divisions.

West Richland Ground Water

No new updates were reported at this time.

Water Stargrass- ILA Benton Conservation District

Mr. Strifert reported that the initial draft of the interlocal agreement was forwarded to legal counsel, Mr. Sperline. Following review and incorporation of comments, the revised draft was returned to the Benton Conservation District. A response is expected in the next week.

Sale of 10 E. Kennewick Ave

Discussion was moved to Executive session.

Aqua Systems 2000 Filtration

The Weldy location is being explored as a potential site for a new AquaSystem filtration system. A site visit with the company representative is being arranged to discuss design options that would minimize canal modifications.

Water Right Procedure

No new options were reported at this time.

Ziply Fiber Right-of-Way Permit

Mr. Strifert reviewed the permit application #MC-25001. Director Thackham motioned to approve Permit #MC-25001, Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert provided the following updates:

The first canal treatment for stargrass and aquatic weeds is scheduled for next Wednesday. Drone flights will be coordinated with Benton Conservation District to record footage before and after treatment to show effectiveness. This footage will be shared with the Water Stargrass Coalition.

There have been some challenges getting water to the headgates due to a temporary lull in water delivery pulses. Current water delivery stands at approximately 95% of users; efforts are being made to maintain service to the remaining users, primarily on gravity lines by raising water levels in the canal.

A voluntary watering schedule will be implemented and posted on the District's website, encouraging residents to water on even-numbered days if their address ends in an even number, and on odd-numbered days for odd-numbered addresses.

Meetings of July 4th & 18th

Director Thackham motioned to change the July 4th meeting to June 27th. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The July 18th meeting will focus on training.

Kennewick Trails & Pathways Plan

Mr. Strifert recently met with City of Kennewick representatives to discuss potential pathway projects along our canal right of way. Proposed plans involve a combination of paved and gravel walking paths. The project remains in the early planning stages and is not expected to advance for another year or two.

CID/Badger Mountain Irrigation District Right-of-Way

Moved into Executive session.

CID Right-of-Way Policy & Permits

Mr. Strifert presented the policy revisions to the Board for review. Director Thackham motioned to approve the revisions. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

YBJB Tour

The Board discussed and confirmed attendance for the upcoming YBJB tour.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:04 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:34 a.m.

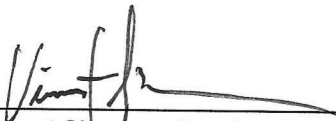
No action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

President Shawver noted the challenges experienced during an unusual year marked by drought and extreme heat conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

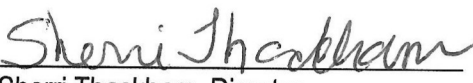
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.



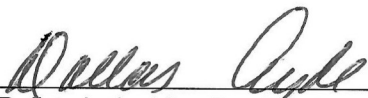
Vincent Shawver, President



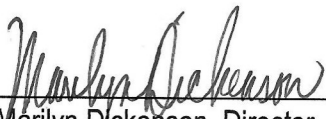
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ATTEST:



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