

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING May 16, 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:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 2, 20205

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of May 2, 2025. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

West Richland Groundwater

No new information to report.

Water Stargrass

Mr. Strifert stated that the Benton Conservation District grant through the Department of Ecology is moving forward, and indications are positive for approval, though no final approval has been received at this time.

Sale of 10 E. Kennewick Ave

The office appraisal will take place next week. Once completed, the District will move forward with placing an ad in the Tri-City Herald for a commercial realtor.

Aqua Systems 2000 Filtration

Mr. Strifert recommended evaluating the installation of an AquaSystem filter at Weldy Local Improvement District (LID) #48 next year. The current drum screen is unable to filter all of the debris due to the strong pull of water.

Water Right Procedure

This was tabled until the next meeting as the draft was not ready to present.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

The field crew is caught up on work orders. The Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) in LID #52 went down; however, a spare unit was available and was promptly installed to restore water service without delay.

Dirt – LID #04

A section of our metal mainline has experienced multiple leaks, all occurring on the same patron's property. Mr. Strifert has spoken with the patron regarding the repeated leaks, which required water to be pumped and portions of the pasture to be excavated. As a result, several low spots were created on the property. The patron has since requested dirt to fill in those areas, and the crew will be delivering it accordingly. This portion of the main line should be considered for future replacement. If any board members receive inquiries, please note that the District is hauling dirt to a patron's property to fill in the low spots caused by leaks from a District mainline.

Ziply ROW Permit

Mr. Strifert reviewed the permit with the Board. Ziply has requested the permit to install four poles along W. Canal Drive. While the poles will not impact our operations, they are located within our right-of-way. It will be submitted to the Board at the next meeting for approval.

Spare LID Materials

Mr. Strifert has requested that we explore the option of keeping spare motors on hand to minimize downtime in the event of equipment failure. A list of motor specifications, including horsepower, frame size, and VFD compatibility is being prepared. The goal is to have spare motors readily available for quick replacement when needed and LID's will be billed as the parts are used. A detailed breakdown by motor, cost, and associated LID will be prepared for review at the next board meeting.

YBJB Meeting Review

Mr. Shawver provided the board of directors with a summary of the key points discussed during the YBJB meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:25 a.m., for 15 minutes, to discuss the performance of a public employee. The meeting was extended at 10:40 a.m. for 5 minutes to 10:45 a.m. The meeting was moved to Open session at 10:45 a.m.

No action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

President Shawver asked board members to consider if they want to attend the YBJB tour. The Board discussed the upcoming meeting schedule. Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the regular meeting will be moved to June 27th. A motion will be made at the June 6th meeting. Mr. Strifert will be out of the office from July 10th through July 21st. They will discuss what to do for the July 18th meeting at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager