

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

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

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 Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 3, 2026

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of April 3, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

IWS Headgate Cleaner/Ecology Grant

Mr. Strifert reported that he has submitted all of the information requested by the Department of Ecology. The electrical control panel should be here next week. The screens are expected to arrive between the middle and the end of next month.

Conservation Plan

Mr. Strifert reported that Trout Unlimited is currently preparing the *Request for Qualifications* that will be used to solicit firms interested in developing our Conservation Plan.

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 crews are still working to get water up and running to everyone. The District expects to have everything on by April 24th, except for areas that still need repairs.

Budget Amendment

Postponed until the next meeting.

Bond Discussion

Mr. Strifert discussed the possibility of acquiring significant funding for capital improvement projects through a bond. He will conduct research to determine the required funding amount, the type of bond, and a rough repayment amount to present at the next meeting.

Personnel Discussion

Moved to executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into executive session at 9:51 a.m. for one hour, to discuss the performance of a public employee and legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was extended at 10:51 a.m. for 20 minutes and again for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting was moved back into open session at 11:30 a.m.


Director Thackham motioned to advertise a job opening for an electrician. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried: Ayes: Directors Thackham, Dickenson, and Ayde. Nays: Directors Shawver, Martin.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

The Board was reminded that the Yakima Basin Joint Board meeting will be held at the CID office next week on Friday, April 24th, followed by the Bateman Island celebration for those interested in attending. Attorney Sperline notified the Board that he will be out of town on May 15th and will be unable to attend the board meeting. He can be available by Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT


President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President




Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager