

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

September 5, 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
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 August 15, 2025

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of August 15, 2025. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

August Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$237,652.88
Voucher 02	Wilbur Ellis	22,759.06
Voucher 03	Northwest Marine & Sport	74,043.16
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		\$334,455.10

The Board reviewed the August Vouchers. Director Thackham motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Funds Transfer Approval – Surplus to O&M

Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Surplus Fund to the

O & M Fund to meet August expenses. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Funds Transfer Approval – Capital Improvement Fund to O & M

Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer of \$22,358.66 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the O & M Funds for retainage plus interest on public works projects. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the July Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

Board members reviewed work orders in their respective divisions.

Water Stargrass – Tether Boat

The tether boat should be ready next week.

Sale of 10 E Kennewick Avenue

Moved to Executive session.

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert reported that we should know within the next few weeks if we received the grant from the Department of Ecology.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported on ongoing efforts to maintain water levels in the canal. He also reported on hiring efforts for field crew staff. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of shutting water off early this year.

Board of Director Election – Petition for Candidacy

Ms. Freshment stated that Director Divisions #2 and #3 are up for election this year and Petitions for Candidacy must be submitted to the District by Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Notice has been posted on the District's website.

Revolving Fund Increase

Mr. Strifert requested the Board increase the District's revolving fund balance from \$250,000 to \$300,000 due to increased operating costs. Director Thackham motioned to approve the increase from \$250,000 to \$300,000. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auction – Telehandler

Mr. Strifert stated there was a telehandler available at the Booker September Farm and Machinery

Auction this month that would serve our purposes well. A telehandler was included in the 2025-2026 budget, and the purchase would be included in October expenses.

Resolution 2025-2 – SePRO Sole Source

Director Thackham motioned to approve Resolution 2025-2 – SePro Sole Source. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September YBJB Tour

Mr. Strifert asked who will be attending the tour on September 25th. Directors Shawver, Ayde, and Thackham stated they would attend. Staff will register the attendees.

Board of Director’s Review

The Board conducted their annual evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:45 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action and performance of a public employee. Executive session was extended at 11:15 a.m., for an additional 30 minutes. It was extended again at 11:45 a.m. for 15 minutes. The meeting was extended for 10 minutes at 12:00 p.m.

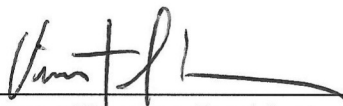
The meeting was moved to open session at 12:10 p.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

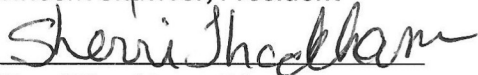
Director Dickenson notified the Board that she will be unable to attend the September 19th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Neil Martin, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager