

Columbia Irrigation District Board Meeting

September 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were as followed:

Vincent Shawver, President
Dallas Ayde, Vice-President
Neil Martin, Board Director
Sherri Thackham, Board 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 Ayde seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 5, 2025

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of September 5, 2025. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Stargrass – Tether Boat

Mr. Strifert reported the District has acquired the new boat, which he and Mr. Amend successfully tested in heavy current. Web slings and shackles are being obtained to secure the safety rope. The reimbursement request for the boat has been submitted to the Department of Ecology.

Sale of 10 E. Kennewick Avenue

Mr. Strifert reported that the former office building is now on the market with a listing price of \$625,000.

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert reported that the District has been awarded the grant from the Department of Ecology. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$63,300, providing a 50% cost share toward the \$123,000 project.

ROW Permits

Mr. Strifert reported on the progress of the ROW Permits. The Main Canal is nearly finished. The rest of the conversation was moved into Executive session.

Early Water Shut Off

Moved into executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported on ongoing efforts to maintain water levels in the canal. Operations Staff have been working continuously to clean the weeds at the headgates, with conditions described as unprecedented in the past 25 years. Operations Staff are currently working significant overtime, and discussion followed on the benefit of purchasing an automatic cleaner for the trash racks at the headgates.

Engineering Contract

The District received Statements of Qualification from ALLWEST Testing, Meyer Engineering & Architecture, GeoProfessional Innovation, and JUB Engineers.

Director Martin motioned to award the contract to JUB Engineers, Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Auction Items

Mr. Strifert reported on recent equipment and supply purchases from Booker Auction. A telehandler was acquired for \$32,500. A new mini excavator was purchased for \$2,700; it is thirty-five inches wide, weighs 2,100 pounds, and can be towed by one of the District's pickups. Additional purchases include forty-seven shovels, sixty safety traffic cones, heavy duty shackles for staff trucks, and a pallet jack. Transportation of the telehandler from Idaho is expected to cost approximately \$1,500, as no staff are available to retrieve it in person.

Board of Director Election – Petition for Candidacy

Ms. Freshment reminded affected directors that Petitions for Candidacy are due to the office on October 6, 2025.

WSWRA Conference

The Board discussed and confirmed which members will be attending the upcoming WSWRA conference.

Executive Session

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:10 a.m., for 30 minutes, to 10:40 to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action. Extended 30 minutes at 10:40 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Extended 5 minutes, to 11:15 a.m.

The meeting was moved to open session at 11:15 a.m.

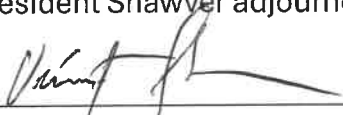
Director Thackham motioned to authorize the District to accept Ecology's offer to pay \$75 per acre foot with a savings in exchange for early shutting 12:01 am on October 1, 2025, improve stream flows, improve migration for salmonoids, Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Director Discussion

Reminders were given to submit election petitions by October 6th. Mr. Shawver inquired about scheduling the CID tour for board members Discussion followed. No decision was made on a date. The logistics for the YJB tour, scheduled for next Thursday, were finalized, and discussion was held regarding the proposed December safety meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director




Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager