

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

March 06, 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
Marilyn Dickenson, Director
Sherri Thackman, 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 February 20, 2026

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes February 20, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February Vouchers & Motion to Transfer Funds

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$169,379.50
Voucher 02	International Water Screens	<u>\$46,050.00</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$215,429.50

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

Director Thackham moved to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Surplus Fund to the O&M Fund to meet current expenditures. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

January Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the January Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

The Board reviewed and discussed the work orders in their respective divisions.

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert reported that the final documents have been signed and the grant is now active. All gates have been installed, and the final report will be completed and submitted for reimbursement.

Shop Improvements

Camera installation at the shop is being finished today, with full activation expected by the end of the day.

IWS Headgate Cleaner/Ecology Grant

The final DocuSign documents have been completed and returned, and the grant is now active. A progress report will be prepared in April or May, followed by submission for reimbursement.

Conservation Plan

Mr. Strifert reported that he had a phone call with Trout Unlimited on Wednesday and the project is beginning to move forward. Next month, a request for qualifications will be issued to firms specializing in conservation planning, with selection expected approximately 45 days later.

Water Delivery Entitlement Policy

Moved to executive session.

KID Water Carriage Billing

Moved to executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that the 225-ft shotcrete section connecting last year's section of liner has been completed. The slab at the Headgates has been poured to provide level ground for the elevator and take-away conveyor for the new screen. Fence poles have been installed, and electrical work approved by Benton REA. The mock frame is expected on Monday and will be installed Tuesday. The settling basin has been cleaned and weed burning will begin on Monday. The field crew has switched to 10-hour shifts, and once water starts, coverage will be seven days a week.

Benton REA Permit

Benton REA has inquired about setting a pole on our right of way. Mr. Strifert went out and looked at the area and advised them that they would need to apply for a Permit and pay a \$5,000 fee.

Director Martin motioned to approve the Benton REA permit to put a pole in on our right-of-way, Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

WSWRA Billing/FFA Contribution

WSWRA membership includes an option to contribute \$500-\$1,000 to the Family Farm Alliance, which is working to raise awareness of drought issues in the Yakima Basin.

Director Thackham motioned to contribute \$500 to the Family Farm Alliance. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:04 a.m. for 30 minutes to discuss the legal risks of current or proposed actions. The session was extended at 10:34 a.m. for an additional 15 minutes and again at 10:49 a.m. for another 15 minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:04 a.m.

Director Thackham motioned to approve CID Policy 3.5 Water Delivery Entitlement Policy with revisions as discussed in Executive session. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the special meeting scheduled for next Friday, March 13, 2026, to review Water Delivery Entitlement procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager