

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

November 8, 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 Thackham motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 17, 2025

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Martin motioned to correct the time listed for the CID Tour in the October 3, 2025 meeting minutes, from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

October Vouchers

Voucher 01	Revolving Fund	\$ 257,748.56
Voucher 02	Corwin Ford	\$ 61,590.25
	Total All Vouchers	<u>\$ 319,338.81</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed the October End of Month Vouchers. Director Thackham moved to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September Financial Statement

The Board reviewed the September financial statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

The Board reviewed work orders in their respective divisions.

Sale of 10 E. Kennewick Avenue

Mr. Strifert reported on the closing of 10 E. Kennewick Avenue. The property sold for \$600,000, and after all fees, the District received \$567,000.

Employee Handbook Policy 5.1 Shared leave - Revised

This has been tabled until the next meeting.

Director Thackham motioned to table Policy 5.1 to another meeting; Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that extensive canal cleaning is underway, along with the application of pre-emergent chemicals. Three of the six Rubicon's have been completed and installed. Tree work has also progressed over the past 2.5 days using the telehandler; however, the chipper experienced a bearing failure and is scheduled for repair this week so tree-trimming operations can continue.

Safety Wear Improvements

Mr. Strifert reported that after reviewing updated safety requirements, it was identified that the crew's safety vests were not meeting current standards. New vests, along with hearing protection and hard-hat tree-trimming helmets, have been purchased to ensure the crew remains compliant with current safety practices.

Resolution 2025-3 – Authorization to Pick up Warrant Checks

Mr. Strifert explained that this resolution authorizes specified District personnel to pick up checks from the Benton County Auditor's Office, to eliminate the risk of mail delays or lost checks, which is occurring more frequently.

Director Martin motioned to accept Resolution 2025-3 to Pick up Warrant checks from the county, Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Set Board of Equalization

Director Thackham motioned to set the Board of Equalization meeting to December 19, 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Defense Coalition

An invitation was received to participate in a regional coalition to discuss ongoing matters in the Yakima area, involving managers, legal counsel, and representatives from other districts. The discussion was moved to executive session.

Ecology Loan Program

Mr. Strifert reported that the Department of Ecology offers loan programs for capital improvement projects, with some grant opportunities available within those programs. He has begun preliminary discussions with Ecology to explore potential funding options for a headgate cleaner. The goal is to pursue loan and grant avenues that may support this project.

FFA Conference Review

Mr. Strifert reported on the conference. He noted that the event was valuable overall and encouraged anyone interested to consider attending next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at a.m., for 10:35 am minutes, for 20 minutes to 10:55 am discuss legal risks of current employee or proposed action. Extended 15 minutes to 11:10 am. Was extended a second time for 5 minutes to 11:15 a.m., extended for 5 minutes to 11:20 a.m., extended for 10 minutes to 11:30 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:30 a.m.

Director Thackham motioned to create the position of Human Resources and Communications Coordinator, Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

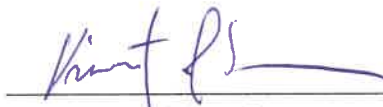
Director Thackham motioned to offer Morghan Leetch the new position. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

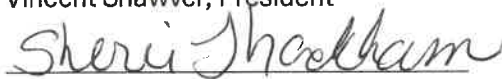
Director Dickenson advised she will not be able to attend canal tour November 14, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

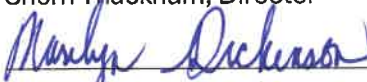
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President




Sherri Thackham, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Neil Martin, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

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

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CANAL TOUR


The meeting was adjourned to conduct the annual tour of the District's canal and facilities at 8:06 a.m., and reconvened at the District office at 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

The Board will discuss the December 5th meeting change at the next meeting. The Board discussed the tour.

ADJOURNMENT


President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Neil Martin, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager