

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

October 03, 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

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 19, 20205

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of September 19, 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

September Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$264,357.53
Voucher 02	Siefken & Sons Construction	\$ 48,549.52
Voucher 03	Rubicon Gates	\$ 54,966.32
	Total All Vouchers	<u>\$367,873.37</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed the September Vouchers. Director Martin moved 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 \$315,000 from the Surplus Fund to the O & M Fund to meet September expenses. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

August Financial Statement

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for August.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders By Division

The Board reviewed work orders in their respective divisions.

Water Stargrass – Tether Boat

No new information, however, Mr. Strifert plans to have the boat available for the board members to look at a future meeting.

Sale of 10 E Kennewick Ave

Mr. Strifert informed the Board that an offer had been received. Full discussion was deferred to Executive Session.

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert confirmed that CID has officially been awarded the \$63,000 grant. The full invoice for the Rubicon Gates project, totaling \$106,000, will be submitted next week to request reimbursement, now that all final approvals are complete.

Water Shut Off

This topic was moved to Executive Session for further discussion.

Board of Director Election – Petition for Candidacy

A final check confirmed that both Mr. Ayde and Mr. Martin have submitted their petition for candidacy, and as of now, they are running unopposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that the District has completed all planned vehicle purchases for the year. This includes Mr. Strifert's Suburban, and the new F250 heavy-duty service truck. The new telehandler was delivered last week and immediately put to use for removing signage from the old office building. The equipment has a 10,000-pound lift capacity and can lift 3,700 pounds at a 20-foot reach. It will be a key tool for moving heavy liner rolls during upcoming lining projects. The District will discontinue its external tree service contract. The new telehandler will allow in-house tree trimming and chipping, improving overall efficiency.

Water Right Procedures

This item will be tabled and revisited at the next board meeting.

CID Tour

Mr. Strifert and the Board discussed scheduling a tour of the District. Recommended mid-November, when several projects will be underway, including the exposed liner project, canal cleaning, and Rubicon installation. The Board agreed to hold the tour on Friday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m.

WSWRA Conference

Mr. Strifert requested a headcount of those planning to attend the WSWRA conference and noted that a final count will be needed by the next meeting on November 8, 2025.

Gift Cards

Mr. Strifert presented the topic of holiday gift cards for the crew. The Board agreed to provide \$100 gift cards to be distributed prior to Thanksgiving and also considered additional gift cards for employees who have previously reached milestone anniversaries of 5, 15, and 20 years of service. The Board reviewed plans for the upcoming safety meeting, including the date and meal arrangements.

Director Martin motioned to provide retroactive milestone gift cards, Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Family Farm Alliance Conference

Mr. Strifert reviewed key industry conferences, and emphasized the importance of the board members' attendance, and confirmed his participation in the upcoming Family Farm Alliance Conference. Logistics for the NWRA conference (November 5-7) were finalized. The November 7th board meeting will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 9 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:02 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action. Executive session was extended at 11:17 am, for an additional 15 minutes. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:32 a.m.

Director Thackham motioned to accept the offer on 10 E Kennewick Ave, Kennewick WA, Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to authorize the manager to proceed with any necessary repairs at 10 E. Kennewick Ave., up to the approved amount. Director Dickeson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to close the headgates no later than 11:59 pm on October 9th, 2025, Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Shawver reviewed the change of the November 7th meeting, and the need for an answer for the WSWRA conference by the November 8th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President

Neil Martin, Director

Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Vice President

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager