

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

January 2, 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
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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Director Ayde and Martin took the Oath of Office.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Director Thackham nominated Director Shawver for President of the Board. Director Ayde provided a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Director Thackham nominated Director Ayde for Vice-President of the Board. Director Dickenson provided a second. The vote passed unanimously.

President Shawver nominated Mr. Strifert for Secretary of the Board. Director Thackham provided a second. The vote passed unanimously. Mr. Strifert took the Oath of Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of December 19, 2025

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes December 19, 2025. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of December 31, 2025

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes December 31, 2025. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

December Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$166,724.79
	Total All Vouchers	\$166,724.79

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

November Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the November Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Dickenson motioned to amend the agenda to include Work Orders by Division in section 6. Director Ayde seconded and the motion carried.

Work Orders by Division

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

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert stated the agreement is being prepared to be sent to the District via DocuSign.

Ecology Loan Program

No new information to report.

Conservation Plan

Mr. Strifert expects to have more information in January.

Shop Improvements

Mr. Strifert notified the Board that he should have final quotes for the cameras by the end of today. Power installation is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

IWS Headgate Cleaner

Item moved to Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Crews should be ready to start installing the liner for the Lateral 1, Phase 3 project next week. Canal

cleaning is about fifty to sixty percent complete. Next week staff will start pumping water back out of the settling basin to prepare for cleaning.

4365 Van Giesen

The District received notification of an apartment complex being constructed on this parcel which borders our canal. Knutzen Engineering contacted Mr. Strifert asking permission to encroach on our right-of-way about 3-feet to build a retaining wall. They would not have to build a wall if they can meet a grading requirement. Mr. Strifert is working with them to achieve this.

Skid Steer

Moved to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 9:58 a.m., for 30 minutes, to discuss the performance of a public employee and legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was extended at 10:28 a.m. for 10 minutes and again at 10:38 a.m. for five minutes. The meeting was moved to open session at 10:43 a.m.

Director Thackham motioned to purchase the Headgates screens for the amount discussed in Executive session. Director Dickenson seconded. Motion carried.


Director Thackham motioned to purchase the skid steer for the amount discussed in Executive session. Director Dickenson seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Ms. Freshment stated she will report each month regarding outstanding checks issued to directors.

ADJOURNMENT


President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President




Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager