

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2026

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

President Shawver added the *Board of Directors Policy Review* to the agenda under New Business before the *Annual Board Evaluation*. Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 4, 2026

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of September 4, 2026 with suggested corrections added. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Plan

The Request for Qualifications has been sent out. Firms were given 2 weeks to respond after which a selection will be made.

Oak Street Bridge

No new information to report.

Election Divisions 4 & 5

Clarification was provided for gathering signatures on petitions.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert stated that current water supply is expected to be sufficient to last until water shutoff. Crews have worked a couple of nights at the dam due to large mats of Stargrass coming through the headgates and getting stuck at the bottom of the screens. Mr. Strifert is researching a solution to the issue.

WSWRA – Mr. Strifert

Mr. Strifert was selected to serve on the Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA) Board of Directors on Wednesday, September 16th. His term is through 2028.

Conference – San Diego

Mr. Strifert notified the Board of a conference scheduled to be held in San Diego in November. WSWRA board members have the opportunity to meet with the National Director of the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss Yakima Basin Irrigation issues. Mr. Strifert stated that, if he attends the conference, he will participate in the meeting with the National Director. The Board had no objections to Mr. Strifert attending the conference.

Sand Hill Irrigation System

Moved to Executive Session.

38th Avenue Water Issue

Moved to Executive Session.

LID #63 Break

Moved to Executive Session.

Board of Director's Policy Review

The Board reviewed and amended Policy 1.1 – Board of Director's Policy. Director Thackham motion to approve Policy 1.1 as amended. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual Board Evaluation

The Board conducted their annual evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. for 35 minutes, to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action. At 11:32 a.m. the session was extended for an additional 5 minutes. The meeting was moved into Open Session at 11:37 a.m.

No action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed logistics for the upcoming Yakima Basin Joint Board Tour. Mr. Strifert recommended moving the October 2nd meeting to Friday, October 9th at 9:00 a.m. since he will not be in town.

Director Thackham motioned to move the October 2, 2026 meeting to October 9, 2026. Directors Shawver, Thackham and Ayde voted yes. Director Martin voted no. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

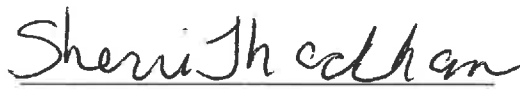
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Director



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Vice President



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: _____
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager