

**COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
May 1, 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

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 April 17, 2026**

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of April 17, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**April Vouchers**

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$231,365.02
	Total All Vouchers	<u>\$231,365.02</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed the April Vouchers. Director Martin moved to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**March Financial Statement**

The Board reviewed and discussed the March Financial Statement. Staff reviewed changes made to the Capital Expenditures. Budgeted amounts were reallocated but there was no change to the total amount.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Work Orders by Division**

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

### **IWS Headgate Cleaner/Ecology Grant**

Mr. Strifert reported that electrical control panel and the screens should ship within the next couple of weeks.

### **Conservation Plan**

No new information to report.

### **Bond Discussion**

Mr. Strifert has contacted a bond advisor to obtain more information on the process and is awaiting a response.

### **Personnel Discussion**

Moved to Executive Session.

### **Columbia Center Blvd Trailer Court**

Moved to executive session.

### **Procedure 3.5D – Annexation of Lands to the District**

Moved to executive session.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Strifert reported on areas of the District that are off for repairs. Operations staff are working to address and complete outstanding work orders. Mr. Strifert discussed the need to have a more current and versatile work order management system. District staff recently met with a company that specializes in software solutions for local governments to review available program options. Mr. Strifert reviewed the advantages with the Board. The Board determined that the cost should be included in next year's budget.

### **Budget Amendment**

This item was discussed in the *March Financial Statement*.

### **Resolution 2026-4**

Mr. Strifert reviewed Resolution 2026-4, an emergency declaration waiving competitive bidding requirements for an emergency mainline repair in Local Improvement District No. 03. The resolution authorizes the District to proceed with the repair without competitive bidding due to the emergency circumstances.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Resolution 2026-4 – Emergency Declaration Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements. The motion was seconded by Director Dickenson. Motion carried.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into executive session at 10:33 a.m. for one hour, to discuss the performance of a public employee and legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was extended at 11:33 a.m. for 30 minutes. The meeting was moved back into open session at 12:03 p.m.

Director Thackham motioned to authorize Mr. Strifert to take action as discussed in Executive Session regarding a public employee. The motion was seconded by Director Dickenson. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Procedure 3.5D Annexation of Lands to the District with changes as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Director Dickenson. Motion carried.


## DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Director Thackham motioned to move the meeting of July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Director Thackham motioned to move the meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT


President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

  
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Vincent Shawver, President

  
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Neil Martin, Director

  
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Sherri Thackham, Director

  
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Dallas Ayde, Vice President

  
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Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager