

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:01 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:

Mr. Craig Stoker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Stoker addressed the Board regarding the Sand Hill Irrigation System. Mr. Strifert explained that the topic is on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Strifert stated that he would contact him after the meeting with an update.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 18, 2026

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of September 18, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$ 207,800.15
Voucher 02	CivicPlus LLC	\$ <u>21,596.80</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$229,396.95

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

Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer of \$150,000.00 from the Surplus Fund to the Operation and Maintenance Fund to meet expenses. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

August Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the August Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

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

Conservation Plan

Mr. Strifert reported that the selection of the firm will be made on Monday, October 12th. He will report the result at the next meeting.

Oak Street Bridge

No new information to report.

Election Divisions 4 & 5

Ms. Freshment stated that there were two petitions for nomination submitted for Division 4. An election will be held on December 8, 2026. The names on the ballot will be Marilyn Dickenson and Doris Smith. Election procedures were discussed. Division 5 is unopposed.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Mr. Strifert recommended a line item be added to the budget for *Encampment Abatement* in the amount of \$20,000.

Director Thackham motioned to amend the 2026/27 budget to include a new line-item #43 Encampment Abatement in the amount of \$20,000. Director Martin seconded. Motion carried.

Water Delivery Entitlement Procedures 3.5C & 3.5D

The item was moved to Executive Session.

Sand Hill Irrigation System

The item was moved to Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reviewed the 2026/2027 Capital Improvement projects. He also reported an attempted break-in at the Shop at 1:00 a.m. this morning. The security system notified Mr. Strifert and he contacted the Benton County Sheriff's Department and met them at the Shop. No items were missing. Mr. Strifert notified the Board that the Vegetation Management Technician position was filled.

Resolution 2026-6 – MRSC Vendor List

Ms. Freshment presented Resolution 2026-6 to authorize use of MRSC's Vendor Roster.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Resolution 2026-6, a resolution to establish a Small Works and Vendor Roster and authority to use the Small Works Process to award public works contracts. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

YBBB Tour/Meeting

The subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Water Shut Off Date

Mr. Strifert recommended that water be shut off on October 15th, barring any unforeseen problems getting water at our Headgates.

Director Thackham motioned setting the water shut off date as October 15th with the option for the manager to change the date if it becomes necessary. Director Martin seconded. Motion carried.

27th & Washington Tree Removal

Mr. Strifert reviewed the 27th and Washington tree removal with the Board.

Woodchipper Purchase

Mr. Strifert notified the Board that the District has arranged to purchase the chipper the District is currently renting for \$24,000. It is a 2023 chipper with less than 600 hours on it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 11:06 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 11:36 a.m. for 25 minutes. The meeting was extended again at 12:01p.m. for 5 minutes. The meeting was moved back into Open session at 12:06 p.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

The Board set the date of their annual tour of the canal for November 20th at 9:00 a.m. The District will reorder business cards for Director's Shawver, Ayde, and Thackham.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:13 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President

Neil Martin, Director

Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Vice President

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: _____
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager