

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President
Neil Martin, Vice President
Dallas Ayde, Director
Sherri Thackham, Director
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

President Shawver convened the Board of Equalization at 9:02 am. There being no one present to come before the Board for equalization purposes, he immediately closed the Board of Equalization.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of December 03, 2025

Director Thackham moved to approve the minutes of December 03, 2025. Director Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert provided a brief update regarding the grant meeting with the Department of Ecology. The District was awarded the grant in the amount of \$127,000, structured as a 50/50 cost-share.

Ecology Loan Program

Mr. Strifert reported that during the second week of January, he will meet with the Department of Ecology to discuss their loan program and available financing options. The discussion will include eligible uses of the loan, loan terms, and applicable interest rates, which may be as low as one percent.

Conservation Plan

Mr. Strifert reported that he has followed up with several contacts and expects to receive an official announcement in early January confirming the District's selection for funding for the conservation plan.

Shop Improvements

Mr. Strifert gave an update on planned facility and security improvements. Several bids were received for electrical work and camera installation, and a contractor will be selected soon. Minor changes to one proposal are expected, with work expected to begin after the holidays. The project includes adding power, lighting, and cameras to District facilities to improve overall site security. Mr. Strifert also noted that most District equipment is tracked. He further reported plans to replace the Bull Pen structure with a new storage container to improve storage and organization, with work planned for the winter season.

IWS Headgate Cleaner

Moved to executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert provided an update on current projects and operations. The office will be closed for the week of Christmas, and most field staff will also be off, with limited personnel available. During this time, maintenance work is being completed at the office.

Field work continues on several off-season projects. Lateral 1, Phase 3 is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for liner installation, with the project anticipated to be completed by mid-January. Installation of the Rubicon gates is progressing, with all but one gate installed.

Tree removal at the dam has been completed, and the District now has the necessary equipment to address future tree work. Mr. Strifert also reported that due to conditions this year, burning activities will require coordination with the fire department. Tumbleweed burning is planned for February.

WSWRA Conference Review

Mr. Strifert provided a summary and overview of the recent WSWRA conference, including key discussions, observations, and information relevant to District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

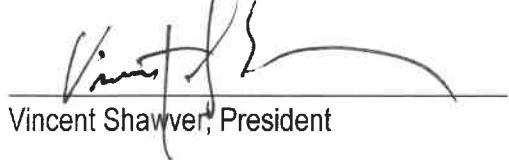
President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:28 a.m., for 20 minutes, to discuss, the performance of a public employee, and legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was extended at 10:48 a.m. for 10 minutes, executive session ended at 10:58 a.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager