

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

August 1, 2025

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:

Anne Meeker, William Edelblute, Gail Dunn, John Anchors, John Ybarra, Shawna Booker, Paul Boolean.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Each guest addressed the Board to express concerns regarding the recent Right-of-Way encroachment permit application distributed to property owners. President Shawver acknowledged the comments and stated that the Board would take their concerns under advisement. Mr. Strifert will follow up with each guest to communicate the Board's decision once it has been made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 30, 2025

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of June 30, 2025. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Minutes of July 18, 2025

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of July 18, 2025. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

July Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$174,393.26
Voucher 02	Enduris	194,865.00
Voucher 03	Anatek Labs	2,340.00
Voucher 04	Columbia Pumping & Constr.	12,032.80
Voucher 05	HD Fowler	6,821.85
Voucher 06	Layne of Washington	6,642.66
Voucher 07	Boyd's Tree Service	7,065.50
	Total Vouchers	\$468,058.84

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

June Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the June Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders By Division

Board members reviewed work orders in their respective divisions.

Water Stargrass – ILA Benton Conservation District

The Interlocal agreement was received from Benton Conservation District. Mr. Strifert has reviewed it and will forward it to Mr. Sperline for legal review. The Benton Conservation District's grant has been approved. The District will be reimbursed for the tether boat purchase and up to \$30,000 for labor, not to include overtime, to remove Stargrass at the headgates. The District is currently gathering information on the purchase of a tether boat.

Sale of 10 E. Kennewick Ave – Request for Qualifications from Realtors

Mr. Strifert informed the Board that two submissions were received. Lance Bacon, KiemleHagood and GovDeals, an online auction site.

Director Thackham motioned to accept the qualifications submitted by Lance Bacon as the realtor for the sale. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Drought Resiliency Grant

Mr. Strifert reported that he submitted the grant application on Wednesday for the purchase of three Rubicon gates.

CID Annual Right of Way Permits

The discussion was moved to Executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that the water in the canal is extremely dirty right now. This is mostly due to weeds breaking off in the river as well as the canal. There is a chance we may need to purchase additional chemical to treat the weeds. Mr. Strifert will keep the Board informed.

2026 Office Staff Wage Increases

Moved to Executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:41 p.m., for 60 minutes, to discuss the performance of a public employee and legal risks of current or proposed action. At 11:41 a.m., the session was extended for 30 minutes. At 12:11 the session was extended for an additional 20 minutes. Open session reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Mr. Strifert's salary three percent effective January 1, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Ms. Freshment's salary five percent effective January 1, 2026. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

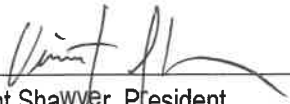
Director Thackham motioned to increase the Ashley Wofe's hourly wage three percent effective January 1, 2026. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

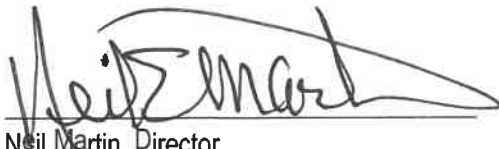
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ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.



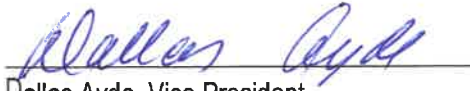
Vincent Shawver, President



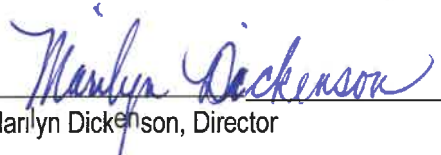
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ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager