

MINUTES
THE DALLES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEEING
Thursday, March 5th, 2026

Board Members Present: Casey Pink, Dave Meyer, Mike Omeg, Liz Polehn

Others Present: Weslee Cyphers, Sara Mann

Absent: Dane Klindt

Summary:

C/Pink called the meeting to order at 2:03pm

Regular Meeting Minutes from Thursday, February 5th, 2026 were reviewed. D/Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial statements were reviewed. Questions were asked and answered.

Open Session recessed for Executive Session at 2:09pm

Executive Session:

In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Reconvene Open Session at 2:41pm

Presentation of Bills – LGIP Funds in the amount of \$0.00 were requested to pay bills due to assessments being received.

D/Meyer made a motion to approve and pay bills as presented. M/Omeg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Office Report:

- Assessments Received 02/01 – 02/28/2026: \$1,022,051.74
- Assessments outstanding as of 02/28/2026: \$426,484.10

Correspondence:

- LGIP Oregon Short Term Fund rate went from 4.5% to 4.10% as of 01/14/26
- LGIP Oregon Short Term Fund rate went from 4.10% to 4.0% as of 02/12/26
- City of The Dalles Water rate increased by 7.3%
- Patron Email – Brainstorm Possible Solutions for Overdue Patrons – Discussion ensued regarding if and/or when to possibly stop interest from accruing on

accounts. If payment agreements could be possible to stop interest from accruing. What kind of parameters to set for when such options could take place. Additional information to be gathered and reviewed by legal to be presented at next meeting.

Old Business:

- Water Rights – Owen McMurtrey and David Filippi will schedule a meeting with Weslee to discuss the new strategy of discussing the project with OWRD after Gerry Clark has retired from his position. Hopefully Adam Frederick can still help us out at the department.
- Special Budget Committee Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, 2026 at 10am
- Resolution to Change Fiscal Year presented. This resolution states moving from a fiscal year of July to June to the calendar year. The benefits of making this change are:
 - Better align financial reporting with the irrigation season and assessment cycle
 - Improve financial planning and capital improvement scheduling
 - Simplify year-end accounting, audit preparation, and tax reporting
 - Enhance transparency and consistency in financial management
 - Align the District's fiscal operations more closely with common governmental and industry practicesL/Polehn motioned to approve and adopt the resolution as is. M/Omeg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Merchant Service Fees – We now have the ability to accept debit card, credit card, and bank information in addition to cash and check as payment options. With this ability comes the cost of merchant service fees. We had discussed having the customer cover the fee at time of payment. There is no setting in QuickBooks that allows for the fee to be covered by the vendor or customer. When added manually to the invoice, the total increases, which in turn causes the fee to go up so we aren't able to recoup the fee entirely.

New Business:

- Board Annual Organizational Resolution was presented. The resolution elected Casey Pink to stay as President of the Board as well as Dave Meyer as Secretary. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00pm at the District office or another location within the District as designated by the Board. The annual organization meeting of the Board shall be held in January of each year in accordance with ORS 545.181 moving forward. The Board of Equalization meeting will be on the first Thursday in November each year. L/Polehn motioned to approve and adopt the resolution as is. M/Omeg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Start-Up Date – The start-up date for the 2026 pumping season was discussed. It was decided to begin a slow start Monday, March 16th. Communications will occur through email, the website, and Facebook.

Operations Report by: report by Weslee Cyphers

- Capital Improvement Project Update – A 24" pump at Mill Creek was purchased along with a 2018 Dodge 3500 pickup to be able to haul necessary supplies and equipment. Pump Industries sending a packet with quotes to replace every pump in the District.
- Pumps, Transformers, Projects Update – Pump #2 put in last week at the river. The motor for #2 shook violently during testing. It is heading back to H&N for diagnosis. Pump #4 for the River is on site. Mather and Son will pull the old pump and install the new one when they can.
New 150kva transformer for C is on site and will be installed by PUD as soon as they can get here. Still waiting on the 500kva for plant B. It has been a very productive offseason!

C/Pink called for other business, there was none. D/Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting. M/Omeg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.



President



Secretary-Treasurer

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, March 5th, 2026

Purpose:

Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Board Members Present: Casey Pink, Dave Meyer, Mike Omeg, Liz Polehn

Others Present: Karen Vickers, Jens Jensen, Weslee Cyphers, Sara Mann

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm

Legal counsel discussed details on current litigation.

Meeting adjourned 2:41pm



President



Secretary-Treasurer