

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**THE DALLES IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 8th, 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 2:05pm.

Minutes for December 4, 2025, Regular meeting presented for review. D/Meyer moved to approve minutes as presented. L/Polehn seconded. Carried.

Financial statements and accounts payable for the month of December were presented for review. Questions were asked and answered. D/Meyer moved to approve Financial Statements. M/Omeg seconded. Carried.

D/Meyer moved to pay bills and transfer \$227,000 from the LGIP account into Regular checking account. M/Omeg seconded. Carried.

**Office Report:**

- Requested signatures for 12/4/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Assessments Received 12/01 – 12/31/2025: \$223,397.72
- Assessments outstanding 12/31/2025: \$1,530,745.07

**Correspondence:**

- 2026 IRS Business Mileage Rate 72.5 cents per mile; 2025 was 70 cents per mile

**Old Business:**

- Resolution Adoption for Residential Assessments – Weslee read the resolution aloud. The resolution was signed into effect. Copy of signed resolution in January Supporting Documents.
- Phytech Meeting – Weslee and David met with Phytech representatives to discuss a partnership between the two entities. A 50/50 grant has been acquired by Phytech and they were wondering if TDID would fund 50% of the monitoring program. TDID is not interested in the match this year, but will not close the door on a future partnership. TDID is still working with Phytech to host the flow meter data on their website.
- Possible Fiscal Year Change – Discussion continues to ensue around moving the fiscal year from July through June to calendar year, January through December.
- Oath of Office for Dane Klindt – Oath not taken due to absence.

**New Business:**

- Newsletter Discussion – It was discussed to no longer create a newsletter for Spring and Fall but to instead, create more presence on our website and Facebook page.

- District Opt-In to Oregon's Trail-Use Immunity – M/Omeg made a motion that the district draft a resolution to opt-in to Oregon's Trail-Use Immunity. D/Meyer seconded. Carried.
- Board Meeting Schedule for 2026 – Proposed dates for 2026 Board Meetings presented. Dates were agreed upon as is with flexibility to change if needed in the future.
- Budget Committee Member Suggestions – Discussed who would be potential candidates to serve on the Budget Committee. Consensus was to contact the previous members from last year and find out if they are available this year.

**Operations Report:** report by Weslee Cyphers

- Pumps and Transformers Purchased – Transformers will arrive 3/1/26 and be in service before pumping season. Pumps are expected 11/15/26.
- Capital Improvement Projects – Presentation packet presented. "Thank you, Weslee." M/Omeg The district is running more efficiently. D/Meyer "Confidence and expertise."
- PUD Fiber Project – We would like to run fiber to each plant as replacement of current radio communications. Q Life is gearing up to do a large fiber optics project in town. Possibility of joining forces to share power poles to string fiber. More to follow.
- Financial Recap – One unexpected expense was testing the transformer at "PPA" after finding some internal arcing the oil was processed by Specialty Engineering. Good catch before the season.

C/Pink called for other business, there was none. L/Polehn moved to adjourn meeting. D/Meyer seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.



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President



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Secretary-Treasurer