

MINUTES
THE DALLES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 7th, 2026

Board Members Present: Mike Omeg, Liz Polehn, Dave Meyer
Others Present: Weslee Cyphers, Sara Mann
Absent: Casey Pink, Dane Klindt

Summary:

M/Omeg called the meeting to order at 2:03pm

Regular Meeting Minutes from Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, were reviewed. D/Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Budget Committee Meeting Minutes from Thursday, April 9th, 2026, were reviewed. D/Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting Minutes from Friday, April 10th, 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. D/Meyer made a motion to accept the financial statements. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LGIP Funds in the amount of \$130,000.00 were requested to pay bills. Funds will be transferred from LGIP account to TDID Checking account. D/Meyer motioned to transfer the \$130,000.00 and pay bills as presented. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Office Report:

- Assessments Received 04/01 – 04/30/2026: \$25,637.51
- Assessments outstanding as of 04/30/2026: \$45,470.64

Correspondence:

- 2026 SDIS Best Practices Program – One of the items this year is Public Meetings Law Training by all the district's board members either online or in-person. The Board agreed to do the online training through Vector Solutions at the August meeting.

- Overdue Accounts Update – Continuing to pursue payment options on the accounts that are three and more years in arrears. We have one payment plan in place and another one in process.
- SDIS Benefit Renewal for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, rates were presented. D/Meyer motioned to continue with benefits same as last year. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Litigation Update – The lawsuit brought forth by Colton Jennings has been dropped.

Old Business:

- Water Rights Update – W/Cyphers shared the latest progress on the Water Rights project. OWRD has been helpful with allowing the District to use ORS 437.252 to have a streamlined way of certifying our water rights. There is still the decision to be made on whether we want to go the quick route through the ORS or take the time and go the slow route that will allow for development of lands over time.
- Mill Creek Dredge Project – The Level 1 letter that AKS Engineering assisted us with was accepted. We are now in process of Level 2 Soil Sample and the application process. We are working with AKS Engineering, the Army Corps, DEQ, and Division of State Lands on this project. More to follow.
- Columbia Bank Business Bill Pay Proposal – S/Mann presented a proposal to start utilizing Columbia Banks Bill Pay. By having the bank print checks versus doing them in-house it will save nearly \$1,600 per year and minimize risk of bank information in the mail. The Board requested a resolution be drafted with the details of the process to be brought to next meeting for approval.
- Staff Organization – W/Cyphers presented. New Field Operator, David Esquivias, started Monday, April 27th. Mark Renken will be promoted to Field Operations Supervisor at \$30 an hour taking effect May 1, 2026. Update David Cunningham's title to Operations Specialist. W/Cyphers also requested a formal District Manager Evaluation be done annually to help steer DM efforts. The board agreed to come up with a plan later in the year.

New Business:

- Present Proposed Budget – The budget was presented to the Board. L/Polehn made a motion to approve the budget as presented for fiscal year 2026. D/Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Request to raise credit card limits – Staff requested to raise the credit limit from \$1,500 to \$5,000 for S/Mann and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for David Cunningham. D/Meyer made a motion to raise the limits per card as requested. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Report by Weslee Cyphers

- Mill Creek Pumps – Pumps 2 and 4 at Mill Creek Pumping Plant have been installed. We currently still have issues with pump 2, but pump 4 is working great.
- Automated Irrigation System – TDID Staff installed an automated sprinkler system for our lawn and upper field. This will save staff time by getting away from resetting sprinklers throughout the day.
- Staff Trainings – Christian and David E. will be attending an 811-locator training. S/Mann is attending training on the 13th for RRA Forms and the Biennial Office Staff Training put on by ORWD June 4th and 5th.

Due to scheduling it was discussed and decided to move the June Board meeting from Thursday, June 4th to Tuesday, June 9th.

M/Omeg called for other business, there was none. D/Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.



President



Secretary-Treasurer