

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT met in regular session at the office of the district located at 104 West Valley View Road, Talent, Oregon, on the above date. President Winters called the board meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mike Winters -----	President
Jeff Bohn -----	Vice President (by phone)
Jeff Hogan -----	Director (by phone)
Wanda Derry -----	Secretary/Manager
Sharee Burns -----	Executive Assistant
Bo Bergren -----	Dam Operator

VISITORS:

Ricky Clark -----	OSU Extension Service
Dan Carballo -----	Water User at 4500 Pioneer Road
Dawn Watson -----	Water User at 4491 Pioneer Road
Kari Vargas -----	Water User at 4455 Pioneer Road
John Funke -----	Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd./ Green Springs Power Plant Operator

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2024

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 6, 2024 were considered. Director Bohn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters and Manager Derry signed the minutes. Directors Bohn and Hogan will sign the August 6, 2024 minutes at the next board meeting.

EXPLANATION OF CLAIM SHEET FOR JULY \$232,114.98

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for July for check numbers 2784 through 2877 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$232,114.98 less the exceptional items of \$64,044.51 leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$166,070.47 for the regular expenses for the month.

Manager Derry briefly reviewed the largest exceptional items for the month. A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the Claim Sheet and the list of itemized Visa charges for July as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. Both President Winters and Manager Derry signed the claim sheet.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, ITEMIZED BUDGET COMPARISON, ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE, BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR JULY 2024

The Board was supplied with copies of the Financial Summary, Itemized Budget Comparison, Assessments Receivable, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for July 2024.

The budget should be at 83% for July and the Income is at 97% and Expenses are at 75%. Manager Derry stated that the budget is looking good with two months left in the fiscal year.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEASON SHUT DOWN DATE

Manager Derry reviewed the water supply numbers as of today and how they compare to the same day last year.

	9/3/2024	9/3/2023
Howard Prairie	25,539	21,783
Hyatt	6,450	6,734
Emigrant	<u>5,600</u>	<u>7,346</u>
Total	37,589 or 32%	35,863 or 30%

Manager Derry asked the Board if they are ready to make the decision on when to shut the water off for this season. After this week, there are no more 100^o+ days in the forecast. We are supposed to be in the mid to high 70s and lower 80s. President Winters suggested shutting off on Monday, September 16th. Both Director Bohn and Director Hogan agree shutting off on the 16th was appropriate. A motion was then made by Director Bohn to set the shut off date for Monday September 16th. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed.

Manager Derry will get this date posted on the website and email all water users who have an email address on file with the District.

Manager Derry stated that last year we ended up with water supply carryover of 27%. With shutting off on the 16th, we should have slightly more than that this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES)

Ricky Clark – OSU Extension Service

He stated there is nothing new. Harvesting of the first grapes will be the 2nd or 3rd week of September with some grapes being harvested later than that.

Dan Carballo - 4500 Pioneer Road, Medford

No comment

Dawn Watson – 4491 Pioneer Road, Medford

No comments

Kerry Vargas – 4455 Pioneer Road, Medford

No comment

John Funke – 585 W Valley View Rd. and Green Springs Power Plant Operator

John stated that according to the Bureau's numbers, the District could run another 30 days. He asked what Deadpool is on Emigrant Lake and Manager Derry stated that it is 1,500 acre feet. She also stated that not all the water in Emigrant is TID's water. A portion of the water belongs to Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts. In addition, we have no way of knowing exactly what the capacity of Emigrant is, due to the years of sediment buildup in the lake. President Winters stated that the lake capacity could be considerably less than we think. John stated that the Bureau is starting to develop a program where they can survey the lakes to determine the amount of sediment.

CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

A copy of the report was supplied to the Board. Manager Derry reviewed some of the work as follows:

1. Augered several pipelines
2. Daily monitoring of the private driveway culvert that is in disrepair at 1097 E. Nevada Street.
3. Repaired leak on the E-10 Lateral at 339 West Valley View Road.
4. Cut bank at 4020 Payne Road and 1718 Talent Avenue to repair leaks.
5. Working on a large leak on the Fern Valley Pressure Line at 5028 Fern Valley Road. The leak was threatening the house at this address and needed to be fixed immediately.
6. Repaired the excavator bucket that fits all large excavators.

UPDATE ON RBWUC, INC. ISSUES

Biological Opinion

No update

Adjudication

Compile a status report and provide recommendations to the RBWUCI on future actions. At this time the, the consensus of the RBWUCI is to continue to monitor the court proceedings until such time as legal counsel recommends more involvement.

Jordan Ramis invoice for 7/31/2024 - $\$1,725 \div 3 = \575 per district

Water Right Regulation

Discussions with Reclamation to discuss current developments with Upper Klamath Lake operation issues. Still working on the conceptual design for Fourmile outlet to the Klamath side. Review contract with DOWL Engineering to do the work.

Jordan Ramis invoice for 7/31/2024 - $\$3,465 \div 3 = \$1,155$ per district

FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW WATER RIGHT TRANSFER: 23-2

Manager Derry stated that the following transfer was part of the group of transfers given final approval last month. The reason it was not included last month was because the owners were unable to sign the document until late August. This transfer received preliminary approval by the Board at the October 3, 2023 board meeting. The transfer was then submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation in October for approval to bring it into the District Boundary. We received that approval from the

Bureau on July 12, 2024. Nothing has changed with this transfer since receiving preliminary approval.

23-2 Brandon/Lauren White & Barry/Carol White 38-1W-01 200 0.50 acres
662 Cliffside Dr., Medford – total tax lot acres 79.76

Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Director Bohn to give final approval to Transfer 23-2, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. The Petition was signed by President Winters and Manager Derry. Directors Bohn and Hogan will sign it at the next board meeting.

EPA Cost-Share Waiver Request

Manager Derry reminded the group that the District was awarded \$5M in Congressionally Authorized Grant Funds for the Billings Siphon/East Canal Project, however there is a 20% cost-share requirement involved with these funds that the District would need to pay. She stated that Executive Assistant Burns worked diligently on wording the cost-share waiver letter that was sent to EPA requesting the District be granted a waiver exempting us from the \$1.25M cost-share requirement. On Friday August 23rd, the District was notified that the waiver was granted and we do not have any cost-share requirements with the \$5M. This is extremely good news for the District. Manager Derry stated that we are very fortunate to have Executive Assistant Burns join our team here at the District.

SIGN ELECTION RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD POSITION HELD BY MIKE WINTERS

Manager Derry stated that this resolution is calling for an election to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 for the board position held by Mike Winters for a three-year term.

Manager Derry stated that Nomination Petitions have been available in the District office since August 31st. The petitions need to be filled out and returned to the District no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024. The Election Notice will be published in the legal section of the Rogue Valley Times on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve signing the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. The resolution was signed by President Winters and Manager Derry. Directors Bohn and Hogan will sign it at the next board meeting.

INFORMATIONAL

Bureau of Reclamation Audit of the Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) Forms

Manager Derry reported that two Bureau employees from the Boise office came to the District on Thursday August 22nd and performed the 5-year audit of the Districts RRA forms. She was happy to report that they did not find any issues with the Districts' forms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(i), 192.660(2)(a), 192.660(2)(e)

“ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing”. ORS 192.660(2)(a) “To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.” ORS 192.660(2)(e) “To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 a.m. and President Winters announced the Board will be in Executive Session as provided by “ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing”. ORS 192.660 (2)(a) “To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.” ORS 192.660(2)(e) “To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

The executive session adjourned and returned to general session at 7:50 a.m.

Discussion during the Executive Session was to follow up on progress of succession planning.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the regular meeting at 7:50 a.m.

Official Minutes: Approved as presented: X
 Approved as amended: _____
 (If marked here, see minutes of the next meeting for text of amendment(s).

DATE: October 8, 2024

ATTEST: Wanda Derry
Wanda Derry Secretary/Manager

M. S. WINTERS
Mike Winters, President

[Signature]
Jeff Bohn, Vice President

Jeff Hogan, Director
Constituting the Board of Directors of
the Talent Irrigation District