

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JULY 1, 2025**

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 7:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Manager Derry

PRESENT: Mike Winters ----- President
Jeff Hogan ----- Vice President
Jeff Bohn ----- Director
Wanda Derry ----- Secretary/Manager
Sharee Burns ----- Assistant Manager
Bo Bergren ----- Dam Operator

VISITORS: Sean Naumes ----- Naumes, Inc./MID Board Member
Matt Borman ----- Bear Creek Orchard Manager/MID
Board Member
John Funke ----- Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd.
and Green Springs Power Plant
Operator
Ricky Clark ----- OSU Extension Service
April Snell ----- Executive Director of the Oregon Water
Resources Congress

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OF JUNE 3, 2025

The Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session board meetings of June 3, 2025, were considered. Director Bohn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Vice-President Hogan. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion. The board members and Manager Derry signed the minutes.

MAY CLAIM SHEET TOTALING \$282,143.34

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for May for check numbers 3663 through 3720 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$282,143.34, less the exceptional items of 118,488.74, leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$163,654.60 for the regular expenses for the month.

A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the Claim Sheet and the list of itemized Visa charges for May as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion. 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 MAY
2025**

Manager Derry stated that the budget should be 67% for May; the Income is 109% and Expenses are 72%. The expenses are coming more into line a little more each month.

WATER SUPPLY

Manager Derry stated that the water supply is still looking very good. The supply numbers as of this morning are:

Howard Prairie 55,345 acre feet or 91%
Hyatt Lake 14,358 acre feet or 89%
Emigrant Lake 31,151 acre feet or 80%
Total 100,854 acre feet or 87%

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Sean Naumes – Naumes, Inc. and Medford Irrigation District Board Member
No comment.

Matt Borman – Bear Creek Orchard Manager and Medford Irrigation District Board Member
Matt asked how the water measurement stations that have been installed are working. Assistant Manager Burns stated that they are working, we are still making adjustment to assure the accuracy of the readings.

John Funke – Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd. with .60 irrigated acre. John is also the Green Springs Power Plant Operator
No comment.

Ricky Clark – OSU Extension Service
No comment.

**APRIL SNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES
CONGRESS (OWRC)**

April came to the meeting to introduce herself to the Board and give an overview of what the organization does and how they represent the interests of irrigation districts throughout the state. The District is a member of the organization and pays annual dues.

April explained that OWRC has a lobbyist on contract in Washington, DC. The organization goes back to DC at least once per year, and sometimes more often, to lobby funding for irrigation districts. She also stated the lobbyist will work for individual irrigation districts on funding opportunities, but the districts will need their own contract with them and pay them separately.

April is a State Registered Lobbyist, and she just finished up with the last legislative session. She indicated that this session was the most water intensive that she has ever seen. OWRC was able to kill several of the bills. There was one bill that would halt all water transfers in the State which did not pass, but she expects it to come back in future sessions. People need to either testify in person or by written comments with their opposition to these types of bills.

April stated that one bill before the legislature was to increase all fees that the Oregon Water Resources Department charges by 135%. The increase was negotiated down to 50% and became effective today. That is still a large increase, but better than was proposed.

She stated that if the District has funding needs, OWRC can help us, although funding dollars are not currently as available as they have been in the past.

Lastly April let the Board know that OWRC created a scholarship program in honor of the untimely death of former Manager, Jim Pendleton and other past presidents and leaders of the organization. The scholarships are awarded to students who are interested in pursuing futures in the agricultural field.

The Board thanked April for coming to introduce herself and giving an overview of what the organization does for the irrigation districts.

CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

A copy of the crew report was supplied to the Board. Manager Derry briefly reviewed some of the work that was accomplished which includes the following:

1. Manager Derry stated that the Bureau of Reclamation performed Comprehensive Reviews on Keene Creek and Emigrant reservoirs. Both inspections went very well, the Bureau was impressed with how well our facilities are maintained.
2. We cut ditch bank at several locations due to leaks.
3. We completed sleeving 380' of 6" pipe at 150 Myer Creek Road to stop a leak.
4. Moss removal started on the Talent and West canals.
5. Still mowing the canals but shutting down by 1pm due to fire season restrictions.

UPDATE ON RBWUC, INC. ISSUES

The bills provide more details on each item. Because these are attorney-client privileged topics, the following statements are very general.

Biological Opinion

Participate in monthly status calls with Reclamation.

Jordan Ramis invoice through May 31, 2025, $\$730 \div 3 = \243.33 per district

Adjudication

Continue to monitor the Adjudication process and discuss procedural status.

Jordan Ramis invoice through May 31, 2025, $\$1,130 \div 3 = \376.67 per district

Water Right Regulation

Finalizing documents to be filed with the Marion County Circuit Court, etc.
Jordan Ramis invoice through May 31, 2025, \$1,890 ÷ 3 = **\$630 per district**

The District's one-third of the invoices total \$1,250

DISCUSSION ON THE 2003 TUCKER-TERRA 2000 BXL-26-6 SNO-CAT WITH GREAT BASIN TRAILER

A copy of the email received from Jeff Godard at Tucker Snow-Cat Corp. was supplied to the Board. The email says that since they are the manufacturer of the machine, they cannot write an appraisal. The trade-in value for this time of year is \$55,000 and the estimated sale price is between \$60,000 and max \$70,000.

The email provided 2 options for the District to consider:

1. A 2022 used Tucker machine that they purchased this spring. It was only used for 2 seasons and has 500 hours. It is a solid late model machine.
2. A 2025 Tucker Demo that he used for last year's demo season. The machine has many options.

President Winters wants to talk to Tucker on the specifics of the machine and how they arrived at the values. If we upgrade to another machine, it will still have limitations, as they are not designed to pull logs with. The bottom line is the District must have a Sno-Cat for winter operations on the Joint Works System.

Director Bohn asked if there are different brands of Sno-Cat's and President Winters stated there are, however getting parts and service in this area can be a problem. When it comes to parts, it's nice having the manufacturer in the valley. President Winters will have a meeting with Tucker Sno-Cat this week to gather more information. Dam Operator Bergren requested that we find out, before purchasing a machine, what the travel speed is. The current machine only travels 12 miles per hour, which wastes a lot of time moving from location to location.

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE ITS' SALE

This item was tabled last month while we waited to receive information on the value of the Sno-Cat from Tucker.

The Board was supplied with the resolution to Declare Surplus Property and Authorize the Sale of said property. To comply with the State's Public Contract Rules, this resolution must be made for any property that the District wants to sell or dispose of. The dollar amount listed on the resolution is the minimum amount the item can be sold for which the Board set at \$75,000. The Board agreed the machine sale price will be listed at \$85,000 which will leave room for negotiating. Staff will work to get the machine advertised

#975 2003 Tucker-Terra 2000 BXL-26-6 Sno-Cat with Great Basin Trailer \$75,000.00

A motion was made by was Director Bohn and seconded by Vice-President Hogan to authorize the minimum sale price at \$75,000. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

EASTSIDE CANAL PIPING PROJECT PHASE I

Our project was presented to the OWRD Board on June 12, 2025. On June 16th we received the following message from OWRD "The Water Resources Commission met on June 12, 2025, to make funding award decisions on Irrigation Modernization Funding applications. Your project application for **Eastside Canal Piping Project Phase 1** was awarded. Congratulations!"

Our project will receive funding in the amount of **\$3,991,000.00**. (A copy of the letter of approval was supplied to the Board.)

UPDATE ON THE EPA REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST PHASE 1 OF THE BILLINGS SIPHON PROJECT

During the month of June, we submitted an updated reimbursement request to EPA. On June 18th EPA indicated the payment request is under review. We updated our billed amount towards the Phase 1 Billing Siphon/East Canal project now totaling \$366,510.58. All invoices are expected to be paid during the month of July 2025. EPA indicated they have incurred more staff losses, which is delaying processing time.

EYASCO WATER MEASUREMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Matt from Eyasco was onsite on June 24th and 25th 2025, to reinstall the Bureau of Reclamation's call in system at North Valley View Road and calibrate the entire Scada system they installed to enhance accuracy. Crooked Creek was updated with new software and a new battery to ensure 24-hour monitoring.

The Mud Creek Station is manufactured and will be installed during the week of July 14th, 2025. The Scada monitoring system has been installed on the computers and/or telephones of TID staff involved in water monitoring and adjustments.

INFORMATIONAL - None

ANNOUNCEMENT TO START EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Talent Irrigation District will now meet in Executive Session held 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. ORS 192.660(2)(a) "to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent."

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. At the end of the executive session, we will return to the open session and welcome the audience back into the room.


The regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m. and the Executive Session was called to order.


The Executive Session adjourned and returned to the General Session at 8:58 a.m.
There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

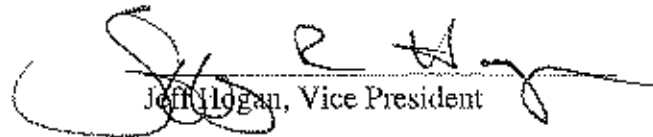
Official Minutes: Approved as presented: X
 Approved as amended: _____
 (If marked here, see minutes of the next meeting for text of amendment(s).

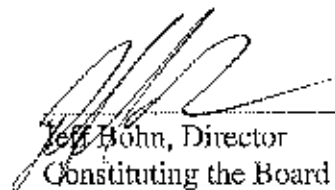
DATE: August 5, 2025

ATTEST:


Wanda Derry Secretary/Manager


Mike Winters, President


Jeff Logan, Vice President


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