

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
AUGUST 5, 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 ----- Manager/Secretary  
Sharee Burns ----- Executive Director  
Bo Bergren ----- Dam Operator  
LoraLee Howland ----- Administrative Assistant

**VISITORS:** Dave Westerberg ----- Water User at 816 E. Valley View Road  
John Funke ----- Water User at 585 W. Valley View Road  
and Green Springs Power Plant Operator  
Paul Mozina/Patty Holman - City of Ashland Water Users

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OF JULY 1, 2025**

The Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session board meetings of July 1, 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.

**JUNE CLAIM SHEET TOTALING \$282,143.34**

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for June for check numbers 3731 through 3793 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$282,143.34, less the exceptional items of \$31,033.86, leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$251,109.48 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 June 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 JUNE  
2025**

Manager Derry stated that the budget should be 75% for June; the Income is 110% and Expenses are 77%. The expenses are coming more into line 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	51,868 acre feet or 86%
Hyatt Lake	13,236 acre feet or 82%
Emigrant Lake	21,487 acre feet or 55%
Total	86,591 acre feet or 74%

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

**Dave Westerberg – Water User at 816 E. Valley View Road, Ashland**

No comment.

**John Funke – Water User at 585 W. Valley View Road, Ashland. John is also the Green Springs Power Plant Operator**

John stated that the Power Plant is shutting down for their regular fall maintenance between October 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The outage is a little longer because they have a lot of electrical issues to work on.

**Paul Mozina and Patty Holman are City of Ashland Water Users**

They had questions about their use of the irrigation water and how that may or may not affect the water in Bear Creek when it gets to the Rogue River. It was explained to them that there are numerous factors that affect the water in Bear Creek, not only the irrigation districts, but private water users, the City of Ashland's effluent, and the influence of water from natural tributaries along the way.

## **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:

Moss removal was completed on the West and Talent canals and the East Low. We are performing moss removal on the Upper East and Ashland canals this week.

The McDonald System was shut down on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> because the flow dropped off. We were regulated off the system by the Jackson County Watermaster.

Augers were performed on most of the canals.

Fire danger is still moderate, so we are continuing to mow the canals, up until 10:00 in the morning. Once the fire danger increases to extreme, we will have to stop mowing.

We have cut banks on multiple canals to stop several leaks.

## **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.

### **General**

Exchange emails regarding governance analysis.

Jordan Ramis invoice through June 30, 2025,  $\$172.50 \div 3 = \$57.50$  per district

**Biological Opinion**

Participate in monthly status calls with Reclamation.

Jordan Ramis invoice through June 30, 2025,  $\$512.50 \div 3 = \$170.83$  per district

**Adjudication**

Continue to monitor the Adjudication process and discuss procedural status.

Jordan Ramis invoice through June 30, 2025,  $\$2,692.50 \div 3 = \$897.50$  per district

**Water Right Regulation**

Finalizing documents to be filed with the Marion County Circuit Court, etc.

Jordan Ramis invoice through June 30, 2025,  $\$4,417.50 \div 3 = \$1,472.50$  per district

**The District's one-third of the invoices total \$2,598.33**

**UPDATE ON THE TUCKER SNO-CAT WITH GREAT BASIN TRAILER AND CONSIDER PURCHASING A USED MACHINE**

As instructed by the Board last month, Manager Derry reported that the District's 2003 Tucker Sno-Cat with trailer, was posted for sale for \$85K on My Little Salesman last month.

President Winters met with Jeff Godard at Tucker who prepared a proposal for the purchase of a used 2022 XL Sno-Cat. The price for the used machine is \$169K. We would be able to trade in our 2003 machine for somewhere around \$55K to \$60K. Jeff told President Winters that the Tucker we currently have is just too light for the work we are using it for.

A copy of the proposal from Jeff was supplied to the Board. The price of the used machine is \$169,900 less the trade-in price of our machine at \$55,000, bringing the total cost to \$114,900. Mike said all the newer machines have a maximum travel speed of 18 miles per hour. Director Bohn asked how many miles this machine has on it, and President Winters did not know the exact number, but it is low. The Board would like to look at the machine before purchasing it.

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

Executive Director Burns told the Board that during the month of July, we remained in close contact with EPA regarding our pending reimbursement. New EPA grant specialists, as well as new EPA attorneys who are unfamiliar with EPA guidelines on processing grant payment requests are delaying our reimbursement. The total to be paid remains \$366,510.58. We will continue to assist EPA staff as needed. Director Bohn asked how long they have had the reimbursement and Executive Director Burns stated two months.

**EYASCO WATER MEASUREMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Executive Director Burns stated that Eyasco was onsite the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> and completed the Mud Creek installation. We now have 5 accurate Scada sites up and running, with the technology available to all staff who are willing to provide the necessary information to have the program loaded on their work phones, and to those who need to use it daily.

The East Canal reading is not accurate. We need to put a weir in the canal this winter to be able to get an accurate reading for next year. The weir will need to be installed upstream of the Billings Siphon.

The inspection of the Billings Siphon is being pushed back because we have not received reimbursement from EPA. The District wants to make sure we receive reimbursement funds from EPA before we move forward.

### **INFORMATIONAL**

#### **Harley Davidson Pipeline Costs**

Manager Derry stated that last month Director Bohn asked for the total amount the District has spent to date on this pipeline. Manager Derry stated the total from 2023 to 2025 is \$67,627.50.

#### **Maintenance Spreadsheet**

A copy of the updated spreadsheet was supplied to the Board.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT TO START EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Winters stated 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 7:20 a.m. and the Executive Session was called to order.

The Executive Session adjourned and returned to the General Session at 12:12 p.m.

#### **T-27 PIPE REPAIR AT 2871 GRIFFIN CREEK ROAD – 38-2W-02 TL 600 (CORNER OF GRIFFIN CREEK ROAD AND GLORY C)**

The repair of the pipe leaking in this vineyard started out as a normal repair but quickly turned into an emergency repair with the District needing to hire outside help to get a temporary repair completed so water could be supplied to downstream patrons. Because this job ended up being an emergency repair and exceeding the manager's spending limit, the Board must declare this an emergency and approve the cost of the job. A motion was made by Director Bohn to declare this as an emergency repair and authorize the work and payment of bills for the outside companies that were needed. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

### TITLE CHANGE FOR ASSISTANT MANAGER BURNS

Following the executive session President Winters recommended the District's organizational chart be changed to show that Manager Derry and Assistant Manager Burns hold equal positions at the District. Neither of them holds authority over the other. He recommended that Assistant Manager Burns title be changed to Executive Director

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Hogan to change Assistant Manager Burns' title to Executive Director for a period of 90 days, at which time it will be readdressed by the Board. The motion was seconded by President Winters. President Winters and Vice President Hogan voted in favor of the motion. Director Bohn abstained from the vote.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the regular meeting at 1:08 p.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: September 2, 2025


ATTEST:

  
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Manager-Secretary Wanda Derry

  
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Executive Director Sharce Burns

  
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President Mike Winters

  
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Vice President Jeff Hogan

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