MINUTES
THE DALLES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

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

Summary:

C/Pink called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

Regular Meeting Minutes from Thursday, August 6th, 2026, were reviewed. D/Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes. M/Omeg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with President Pink and Directors Omeg, Polehn, Meyer, and Klindt voting in favor.

Special Budget Committee Meeting Minutes from Monday, August 24th, 2026, were reviewed. D/Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes. D/Klindt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with President Pink and Directors Omeg, Polehn, Meyer, and Klindt voting in favor.

Financial statements were reviewed for the month of August. Questions were asked and answered.

LGIP Funds in the amount of $93,500.00 were requested to pay bills. Funds will be transferred from LGIP account to TDID Checking account. D/Meyer motioned to transfer the $93,500.00 and pay bills as presented. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with President Pink and Directors Omeg, Polehn, Meyer, and Klindt voting in favor.

Office Report:

- Assessments Received 08/01 – 08/31/2026: $920.40
- Assessments outstanding as of 08/31/2026: $42,560.21

Correspondence:

- No correspondence currently to share.

Old Business:

- Vector Public Meetings Training Update – Reminder that the training for Public Meetings is to be completed by the end of October to meet the requirements to receive the SDIS Best Practices insurance discount.
- Surge Tank Update – The design for the surge tank is at 90%. The estimate was 2.2 million when the project began and is now at 3.2 million. Reaching out to

Anderson Perry for a quote to find out if we bid the project in-house versus through the Bureau of Reclamation if we might save some cost.

- Dredge Project Update – The sediment evaluation was sent three weeks ago to the Department of State Lands. We are waiting to hear back. AKS Survey last February for a cost of $7,500. AKS will assist with the application process as well as leading conversations with multiple departments that need to clear this project. Lots of work still to come.
- Fiber Project Update – David Cunningham took Daniel from PUD around to allow for eyes on the project. Cost is currently $261,000. Waiting to hear from the Bureau about a permit regarding the railroad crossing that will be of great help during the installation of the fiber across I-84.

New Business:

- 2027 Budget Presented for approval – W/Cyphers presented the budget noting the yellow highlighted amounts indicate a significant increase from the prior year while the green highlights indicate a significant decrease. The Budget Committee discussion was summarized for the Board with the main idea being that the per acre rate remains the same as the 25/26 budget year. The Board took this into consideration.
  The items still to review before approval by the Board are the District Manager wages and the proposed wage increases for employees. D/Meyer made a motion to create a committee consisting of C/Pink and M/Omeg to conduct a review for W/Cyphers. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with President Pink and Directors Omeg, Polehn, Meyer, and Klindt voting in favor.
- Board of Equalization Meeting Notice – The notice was signed by D/Meyer for Thursday, November 5th at 9am.
- Accrual Account Discussion – There are currently 16 accrual accounts that monies are ear marked for each year in the budget to set aside unused funds towards that line item in the future. With the addition of the Working Balance Report we now have a better idea of what monies are available with a more wholistic view. It was decided to do away with the majority of the accrual accounts and add those funds to the available working balance to give staff the discretion on how to use those funds more efficiently. The four accounts to remain are 5208 Water Rights Project, 6001 Backhoe, 6105 Vehicles, and 6107 Plant Improvement Projects.
- Petitions Open Seats (#1 & #5) – Notice of vacancies was presented for Secretary D/Meyer to sign. Petitions were distributed accordingly.

Operations Report by Weslee Cyphers

- Usage Remains Low – We have only reached 61% once this year. The hundreds of acres of trees being pulled out has significantly reduced demand.
- PLC Upgrades to F – D. Cunningham is finishing up the motor control upgrades to Plant F replacing the analog relay system with a modern programable control logic (PLC) system. This has proven to be a great improvement at other plants.

C/Pink called for other business, there was none. D/Klindt moved to adjourn the meeting. L/Polehn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with President Pink and Directors Omeg, Polehn, Meyer, and Klindt voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

President

Secretary-Treasurer