

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 4, 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 BY:** Manager Derry

**PRESENT:** Mike Winters ----- President  
Jeff Hogan ----- Vice-President  
Wanda Derry ----- Secretary/Manager  
Sharee Burns ----- Assistant Manager (Via telephone)  
Bo Bergren ----- Dam Operator

**VISITOR:** John Funke ----- Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd.  
and Green Springs Power Plant  
Operator

**ABSENT:** Jeff Bohn ----- Director

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OF JANUARY 7, 2025**

The Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session board meetings of January 7, 2025, were considered. Director Hogan made a motion to approve both minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by President Winters and passed unanimously. President Winters, Director Hogan, and Manager Derry signed the minutes.

**CLAIM SHEET FOR DECEMBER 2024 TOTALING \$357,766.62**

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for December for check numbers 3247 through 3389 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$357,766.62, less the exceptional items of \$195,035.14, leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$162,731.48 for the regular expenses for the month.

Manager Derry asked the Board if they had specific questions regarding the exceptional items since there are several. Director Hogan asked if the payment to Tekmanagement, Inc. is part of the original bids for the upgrade project and Manager Derry stated that it was.

A motion was made by Director Hogan to approve the Claim Sheet and the list of itemized Visa charges for December as presented. The motion was seconded by President Winters 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 DECEMBER 2024**

The budget should be 25% for December; the Income is 8% and Expenses are 30.52%. Manager Derry stated that the annual bills were mailed out last Friday. As of today, we have not received any phone calls about the bills, so evidently, they are not being delivered yet.

**WATER SUPPLY**

Manager Derry stated that the water supply is looking very good. The reservoir elevations as of this morning are as follows:

Howard Prairie	31,106 acre feet or 51%
Hyatt Lake	8,758 acre feet or 54%
Emigrant Lake	<u>18,797 acre feet or 48%</u>
Totals	58,661 acre feet or 51%

Manager Derry stated that there is 38" of snow at the Howard Prairie Base, and on this date last year there were 2". She went on to say that the results of the recent snow survey conducted by District employees show the Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Percent of Median for the following sites is as follows:

Deadwood Junction: 87%  
Beaver Dam Creek: 95%  
Howard Prairie: 51%

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

**John Funke – Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd. with .60 irrigated acre. John is also the Green Springs Power Plant Operator**

No comments.

**CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS**

Manager Derry briefly reviewed the work that was accomplished along with the maintenance performed which includes the following:

The mulchers have completed opening up the easements on the Ashland and East canals.

We started canal cleaning yesterday but had to stop due to the snowfall. There is so much snow on the roadways today that we are keeping the crew in the yard to avoid any potential accidents.

We cut the bank by David Powell's property on Cliffside Drive on the East Canal to try and stop a leak above his shop. We are also looking at shotcreting approximately a 200' section of the canal.

The crew removed trees with root balls from the Oak Street Diversion.

Dam Operator Bergren had to remove a slide in the Howard Prairie Delivery Canal. Two pictures of the slide were given to the Board for their review.

### **UPDATE ON RBWUC, INC. ISSUES**

#### **Biological Opinion**

No update

#### **Adjudication**

No update

#### **Water Right Regulation**

Review Fourmile regulation order from OWRD and updating the petition for judicial review.

Jordan Ramis invoice through December 31, 2024,  $\$3,555.00 \div 3 = \$1,185.00$  per district

### **RICK BREWSTER ATTENDED THE MEETING VIRTUALLY TO GIVE THE 2023-2024 AUDIT REPORT**

Rick attended the meeting on a Teams meeting to present the final 2023-2024 Audit Report to the Board. Copies of the bound audit report were put on the board table for everyone.

Rick began his review on Page 5 of the report stating that the District's net position last year was \$7,818,992 and this year it is \$7,861,116 which is an increase this year of \$42,124. He stated that the District's increase of \$4.00 per acre is a 4% increase in fees to the patrons, which is not keeping up with inflation which is now closer to 10%. He stated the District is doing as good a job as we can to control costs, but costs just continue to go up. President Winters wants the District to work on a 5 to 10 year plan forecasting future expenses and income. The District is actively working on obtaining grant funds for improvements to our aging infrastructure.

Rick stated that the budget for this fiscal year showed the District would end the year with a deficit of \$193,000 but we actually ended with a surplus of \$10,628. The District did a good job with their financial reporting this year. Rick asked the Board if they had any questions and there were none. The Board thanked Rick for the good job he does in presenting the report to them. Rick then left the meeting. A copy of the audit report will be made a part of these minutes.

## **GRANT EXPLANATION:**

In follow-up to the discussion last month on grant funds, Assistant Manager Burns provided the Board with a written explanation of how grant funds can be used.

Federal funds can be used towards the State grant match requirements. State funds can be used towards Federal grant match requirements. The DEQ Oregon State Revolving Fund which has a minimum 50% forgiveness/grant component, can be used for Federal or State associated costs on approved projects including match requirements. This fund can also be used for developing watershed plans.

An **example** of use is described below:

The DEQ State Revolving funds could be used to pay for the Billings Siphon inspection of \$500,000. TID would then bill the Billings Siphon inspection to the EPA grant Phase 1. The funds to pay the DEQ State Revolving Fund are not due until a project is completed, which gives a flexible due date. EPA would be billed at \$250,000 since DEQ forgave 50% of the \$500,000. This would result in cost savings of \$250,000 for future approved projects.

The Oregon State Revolving Fund is an avenue to reduce project costs by a minimum of 50% up to \$1,000,000 in savings annually. EPA has a Form #270 request that can be submitted for funds prior to a project start allowing for faster reimbursement which would be used to pay off the DEQ State Revolving Fund before any interest accrued. Note: the maximum interest rate for the DEQ State Revolving Fund is .5%. We are not intending to carry a balance on this fund, but rather only utilize the 50% grant portion for maximum project savings to the District.

Manager Derry asked the Board if they had any questions about this explanation which was copied over from the Manager Notes and they did not. Director Hogan stated that this explanation follows what he understood at last month's meeting. There was no further discussion on this issue.

## **Informational**

### **Water Measurement Project Update from Eyasco**

Manager Derry provided a copy of the email from Eyasco to the Board, that was received on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with the proposed scope for installation of equipment at each measurement site, for their information.

### **Markovich Crossing**

Manager Derry stated that the update received on January 21<sup>st</sup> from the engineer in charge of the project is that the pipe has been ordered. It is a custom-built pipe that is 36' long so there is no joint to deal with. The pipe is not expected to be received for a few weeks yet. The contractor bids were received by Markovich, and they are going with Johnny Cat to do the installation work.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(h)**

The Regular Board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m. and President Winters announced the Board will meet in Executive Session as provided by ORS 192.660(2)(h) "To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed."

The Executive Session adjourned and returned to the General Session at 8:05 a.m.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the meeting at 8:05 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: March 4, 2025

ATTEST:

Wanda Derry  
Wanda Derry, Secretary/Manager

Mike Winters  
Mike Winters, President

Jeff Hogan  
Jeff Hogan, Vice President

Jeff Bohn  
Jeff Bohn, Director  
Constituting the Board of Directors of  
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