

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
DECEMBER 16, 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. Director Bohn called the board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**           Manager Derry

**PRESENT:**           Mike Winters ----- President (by phone, joined at 7:08)  
                  Jeff Hogan ----- Vice President  
                  Jeff Bohn ----- Director  
                  Wanda Derry ----- Manager/Secretary  
                  Sharee Burns ----- Executive Director

President Winters changed the order of the agenda to move the IGA with Rogue River Valley Irrigation to the end of the meeting as the discussion will be held in Executive Session.

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

None

**INFORMATIONAL**

**Green Springs Power Plant Update**

Manager Derry let the Board know that she received an email yesterday from John Funke, the plant operator, letting us know that the plant has been repaired and is back up and running. She told the Board that we are hoping that the storm systems moving in this week will bring us much needed precipitation. At this point, we are just going to continue to run the 20 cfs out of Howard Prairie until the end of the month, and depending on the weather, we will likely increase the outflow by 10 to 15 cfs or more to start filling Emigrant.

**Dam Operator Training**

Executive Director Burns stated that she and four other employees attended the Dam Operator Classroom Training in Idaho Falls, ID. All five employees are now certified Dam Operators.

She learned that the district has not been correctly documenting all maintenance that is performed on the dams in the official logbook. She is not saying the maintenance was not done, it was not documented. She suggested the district consider using Tom Heintzman who is a Civil Engineer, to do an independent assessment of the dams to list any concerns he may have and move forward from there. Director Bohn stated that he wants to wait for the IGA with RRVID to be in place. RRVID works with engineers who are less expensive.

### **Emigrant Dam Backup Generator**

Executive Director Burns stated that the district is still working on getting the electrical situation at the dam set up so the backup generator can be used in the event of a power failure. What needs to happen is we need to drill a hole in the concrete wall at the control house, set the generator in the control house and run the plug to the outlet outside the control house. However, we are not allowed to drill the hole in the structure without prior Bureau approval. Director Bohn asked who needs to give that approval and Executive Director Burns stated that David Weidinger can give us permission. Until that happens, we can run an extension cord out the door and around the building to the electrical outlet.

### **Update on EPA payment for the Billings Siphon/East Canal Project Phase I**

Executive Director Burns stated that today we received the second reimbursement from EPA totaling \$59,714.96. The total amount the district has received now is \$426,690.47.

She is now moving forward to get approval to use some of the remaining EPA funds to shotcrete approximately 4.4 miles of the East Canal.

### **OWRD Grant**

Executive Director Burns let the Board know that she is also working to get approval to change the available OWRD grant to shotcrete approximately another 4 miles of the East Canal. The shotcrete can be implemented much quicker than the piping project and will allow the district to save water much sooner. It is estimated that just over 2,000 acre feet of water could be saved.

### **NRCS Watershed Plan**

Executive Director Burns received an email that she shared with the Board letting us know that we have moved up from number 14 to number 4 on NRCS's list for developing a watershed plan. Once we move up the list more, NRCS will fund the district's watershed plan.

### **OWRC Conference in Hood River**

President Winters stated he attended the conference which was very informative. There was a presentation on the dam removals. The presenters indicated that once the Tribes focused on removal of the dams, they worked to have the laws changed that allowed them to proceed with the removals. He stated the district needs to remain vigilant if we hear anything about dam removals in our region, we need to get directly involved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT TO START EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Talent Irrigation District will now meet in Executive Session held pursuant to 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 7:21 a.m. and the Executive Session was called to order.

The Executive Session adjourned and returned to General Session at 7:46 a.m.

The Board reviewed the updated IGA with Rogue River Valley Irrigation District and had some suggested changes. They asked Manager Derry to call Attorney Blackhurst and setup a meeting with him at 10:30 this morning to discuss proposed changes to the IGA.

President Winters adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 a.m.

President Winters called the board meeting to order again at 10:30 a.m. and announced the Board would enter executive session under 192.660(2)(a).

The Executive Session adjourned and returned to General Session at 11:00 a.m.

Following discussions with the district's legal counsel, there were a few changes that were made to the IGA which Attorney Blackhurst will be making and emailing out to the district tomorrow. A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the IGA, as amended with the recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Director Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion. The document will need to be signed by President Winters and Attorney Blackhurst once the changes are made.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the regular meeting at 11:00 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: January 6, 2026

ATTEST:

Wanda Derry  
Manager-Secretary Wanda Derry

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President Mike Winters

Sharee Burns  
Executive Director Sharee Burns

Jeff Hogan  
Vice President Jeff Hogan

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Director Jeff Bohn  
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of Talent Irrigation District