

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT met in a 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 BY: Manager Derry

PRESENT: Mike Winters ----- President
Jeff Hogan ----- Vice-President
Jeff Bohn ----- Director
Brian Hampson ----- Consulting General Manager
Wanda Derry ----- Secretary/Manager
Sharee Burns ----- Executive Director
Bo Bergren ----- Dam Operator

VISITORS: Richard Brewster ----- Auditor
Dina Cantrell ----- Water User at 2035 E. Main St.
Dave Westerberg ----- Water User at 816 E. Valley View Rd.
Josh Minchow ----- Bear Creek Orchards Operator
Tom Brookins ----- MID Board Chairman
John Funke ----- Water User at 585 W. Valley View Rd.
and Green Springs Power Plant
Operator

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OF JANUARY 6, 2026

The Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session board meetings of January 6, 2026, were presented to the Board for their review. Director Bohn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

CLAIM SHEET FOR DECEMBER 2025 TOTALING \$259,327.68

The Board reviewed the Claim Sheet for December for check numbers 4114 through 4209 and the itemized list of Visa charges for the month. The total Claim Sheet amount of \$259,327.68, less the exceptional items of \$93,211.61, leaves a Claim Sheet balance of \$166,116.07 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 December as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn each 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
DECEMBER 2025**

The budget should be 25% for November and the Income is 8% and Expenses are 28%. Manager Derry stated that December is the month when we pay the annual Bureau debt payment of \$79,018.81 so it is typical that the expenses exceed the percentage for the month.

WATER SUPPLY

Manager Derry stated that as of today, the reservoir levels are as follows:

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| Emigrant Lake | 12,455 or 32% |
| Howard Prairie | 47,248 or 79% |
| Hyatt Lake | <u>12,882</u> or 80% |
| Total | 72,585 or 63% |

Manager Derry let the Board know that we are currently releasing 45 cfs out of Howard Prairie and we are going to start releasing 10 cfs from Hyatt starting today and will increase it to 20 cfs tomorrow. We held off waiting for rain and snow to come but it has not showed up so we must rely on Howard and Hyatt to fill Emigrant.

GREEN SPRINGS POWER PLANT MAINTENANCE

Manager Derry stated that the plant is going down for its spring maintenance March 9th through the 19th so no water will be running into Emigrant during this time unless the plant bypasses water during their outage.

John Funke stated that the plant will absolutely not be bypassing any water through the plant at all in the future, unless there is an emergency. He said bypassing the water causes damage to equipment in the plant. It was noted that this is not the message we have received from Bureau management in the past. They have always been very cooperative with the district in moving water for irrigation needs. Afterall, irrigation water was the reason for building the system in the first place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Dina Cantrell – Water User at 2035 East Main Street

Dina irrigates the Bolton property off Emigrant Creek Road in Ashland, and she has had problems getting enough water to irrigate her property for the last few years. She said she needs the water on her weir to read at 5 and most of the time it's down around 2 or 3. She normally would harvest around 200 tons of hay on this property and only got 6 tons this year.

Manager Derry stated that we had refabricated the E-1screen in the winter of 2024 in preparation for the 2025 season but ended up having nothing but problems with it. We had the foreman and crew out adjusting it numerous times with little success. The screen was brought in after the 2025 season to fix the problems and has been reinstalled. We believe the fixes made should help the problem.

President Winters told Dina he was not aware of these issues and apologized. The district will investigate this issue prior to the upcoming irrigation season.

Dave Westerberg – Water User at 816 E. Valley View Rd.

Dave asked why the district is releasing 11.5 cfs out of Emigrant when we are facing another drought year. Manager Derry explained that the Biological Opinion released in 2012 set the minimum flow requirements from Emigrant. The flows are based on the total acre feet storage of Emigrant, Howard Prairie and Hyatt Lake. According to the Bi-Op, we are currently in a median year so the flow requirement is 10 cfs. We always need to release a bit more than the 10 cfs because the flow fluctuates all the time and it is a violation of the Bi-Op if the flow drops below 10 cfs.

Josh Minchow – Bear Creek Orchard Operator

No comment

Tom Bookins, MID Board Chairman

Tom stated that the audit report given by Rick Brewster sounds exactly like the situation at MID. The district has tried to keep costs down for years, but they are not keeping up with inflation and they had to make considerable price increases to their fees this year to try and catch up.

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

CREW WORK REPORT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Manager Derry briefly reviewed some of the work that was accomplished which includes the following:

- 1) Repaired the Wingspread Pond on Clay Street with slurry and installed a pond liner.
- 2) Mulched a section of the Upper East Canal and completed mulching the entire Lower East.
- 3) The portable generator has been wired for backup power at Emigrant.
- 4) Rebuilt the diversion on Laurel Lane at Coleman Creek.
- 5) Rebuilt the diversion on Hartley Road at Anderson Creek.
- 6) Installed 2 valves in the box on Glory C Road for future pipeline installation on the T-27 Lateral.
- 7) Repaired 2 fish screens at the Buckhorn Diversion.
- 8) The crew built a sled for cleaning piped sections of road crossings.
- 9) The auger on Crowson Road by the railroad tracks has been completed.

RICK BREWSTER 2024-2025 AUDIT REPORT

Rick attended the meeting to give the 2024-2025 Audit Report to the Board. He stated that the district passed with a clean bill of health. The district stayed within budget, ending the fiscal year under by \$51,329.

Rick stated that the Recommendation Letter he included with the audit is a little beefier than in past years. The reason for this is because of the district receiving large amounts of grant funds, we will be subject to an additional audit which is called a Single Audit. When asked if his office can perform the Single Audit Rick stated that he does not do them. The district will have to find another audit firm that performs them.

The district has a net fund balance of \$87,803 less than last year. The district's equipment and vehicles were upgraded this year. He stated that the district has aging infrastructure that is going to require a lot of maintenance now and in the near future, which needs to be considered.

Rick stated that the district is not raising fees enough to keep up with rising costs and this has been the pattern for the last five years. He has concerns about this going forward. President Winters stated the district has tried to keep the water rates as cheap as we can, but we must also have funds to maintain the district. He stated the district may need to set up a surcharge to help fight to keep our water rights from threats of other organizations. Rick stated that if the district waits too long to increase fees, we will have to make large increases which is hard on the patrons.

John Funke asked Rick if he sees where the district could make cuts and Rick stated that is a management decision, not an auditor.

Dave Westerberg asked if the district is concerned about a future decline in income due to all the land being developed in the valley. Rick's reply was that there is lots of land within the valley that would like to have irrigation.

Biological Opinion

Receive and review emails on Jenny Creek information.

Jordan Ramis invoice through December 31, 2025, $\$205.00 \div 3 = \68.33 per district

Adjudication

Monitor case management; there is a new judge who is working to come up to speed.

Jordan Ramis invoice through December 31, 2025, $\$2,250 \div 3 = \750.00 per district

Water Right Regulation

Complete 4th amended petitions for judicial review for MID/RRVID on the twice a year calls by the Tribes.

Jordan Ramis invoice through December 31, 2025, $\$2,707.50 \div 3 = \902.50 per district

Total of all invoices = \$1,720.83

REVIEW AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR CROSSING DISTRICT FACILITIES

Consulting General Manager Hampson let the board know he thinks the resolution that was originally adopted on March 7, 2023, needs to be amended. Language needs to be included to allow property owners to put in a temporary crossing structure during the irrigation season should their current crossing be removed due to blocking or backing up the canal water. The new language allows the owners to install temporary access until the irrigation season is over, at which time they will have until March of the following year to install a BOR/TID approved culvert. This change is needed to make sure that property owners have access to their property should emergency services be needed.

The Board agreed with Consulting General Manager Hampson's suggestion. A motion was made by Director Bohn to approve the amended resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

UPDATING THE DISTRICT'S WATER MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION PLAN

Consulting Manager Hampson explained that MID, TID and RRVID's Water Management Conservation Plans were all done at the same time and they all expire in 2028. He stated that it takes about 2 years to update the plans and asked the Board for authorization to work with Cascade

Geoengineering, LLC to start work on updating the plan. The owner of Geoengineering contributed work on all three plans 8 years ago and is somewhat familiar with the system. Director Bohn asked how much this update is expected to cost and Consulting General Manager Hampson stated he expects it to be somewhere around \$10,000 to \$15,000. Director Bohn made a motion to authorize the update of the plan over the next couple of years. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSS SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TO THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES FOUNDATION IN MEMORIAM OF PAST OWRC MEMBERS INCLUDING FORMER MANAGER JIM PENDLETON

Consulting General Manager Hampson explained to the Board that the Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC) set up the Oregon Water Resources Foundation for scholarships for young people pursuing a career in water or agriculture. The foundation is in memoriam of former OWRC members which includes former Manager Jim Pendleton and former Manager Walt Hoffbuhr. Consulting General Manager Hampson stated that RRVID donates \$1,000 per year to the foundation and he wanted to know if the Board is interested in also donating to it.

President Winters stated that he would like the district to make a donation considering the scholarship is in memoriam of previous employees. With that said, Director Bohn made a motion to authorize an annual donation of \$1,000 starting this year. The motion was seconded by Vice President Hogan and unanimously passed. President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn all voted in favor of the motion.

INFORMATIONAL

O&M Work Completed

The Board was supplied with the spreadsheet from the Smartsheet program of all jobs completed since the January 6th board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(a)

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m. and President Winters announced the board will 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.

President Winters asked Secretary Manager Derry and Executive Director Burns to also leave the room.

The Board received an update from new Consulting General Manager Hampson on staff and what he has learned of the district his first month on the job.

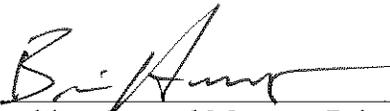
The executive session adjourned and returned to general session at 9:48 a.m.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

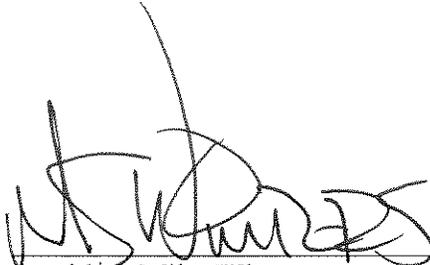
Official Minutes: Approved as presented: X
 Approved as amended:
 (If marked here, see minutes of the next meeting for text of amendment(s).

DATE: March 3, 2026

ATTEST:



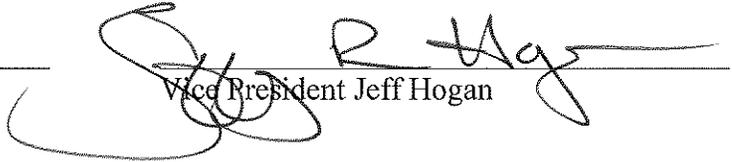
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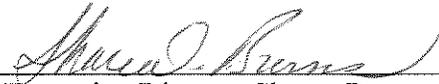
President Mike Winters



Secretary Manager Wanda Derry



Vice President Jeff Hogan



Executive Director Sharee Burns

By telephone

Director Jeff Bohn
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of Talent Irrigation District