

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 24, 2026**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TALENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT met in a budget 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 8:00 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

REVIEW DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

General Manager Hampson presented the Board with options to consider when determining the new rates for the upcoming budget. Due to continued rising costs, the District's auditor has highly recommended that adjustments be made to our assessment rates. The Board has tried to keep costs down for the last 3 years but can no longer continue to lag behind the cost of inflation.

The District is facing increased operation and maintenance costs due to our over 100-year-old infrastructure, in addition to increased fuel, equipment repairs, parts, water gates, pressure relief valves, etc. Because of our ageing infrastructure, we are experiencing an increase in the amount leaks. Some of these leaks cannot be properly repaired with water in the canal, they will need to be addressed when there is no water. We have established and are continually adding to our lengthy maintenance list of repairs that need to be completed during the off season.

In addition, the District is facing increased legal expenditures to protect and defend the water rights dedicated to the irrigated acres within our District. None of these costs will be reduced, in fact, the District sees these costs only climbing in the future. MID and RRVID are perfect examples of the costs incurred to try and protect their water rights in Fourmile Lake. The Tribes make calls on the water in Fourmile Lake twice a year and each call costs the Districts \$50,000 in attorney fees to file responses with the court. The threat to our District, is Jenny Creek water. There are parties who want approximately half the water (30,000-acre feet) from Howard Prairie to be released downstream. The District needs to do all we can to prepare for the legal battles that are heading our way, while also monitoring the status of the Biological Opinion that was implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2012.

General Manager Hampson discussed the restructuring of administration which will be as follows: Board of Directors, General Manager Hampson, Executive Director Burns and Secretary/Manager Derry.

The discussion then turned to ways to reduce District costs. Retaining staff and building knowledge over time is one way. Other ideas mentioned were properly training staff, project management oversight, adequate equipment maintenance, etc.

At this time, Secretary/Manager Derry let the Board know that she is going to retire and will be leaving the District no later than March 1, 2027, following her 26 years of service. The Board congratulated her on her upcoming retirement and asked her if she would consider coming back occasionally to help out when needed.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board made the very difficult decision to increase fees for the upcoming fiscal year to keep the District financially stable while looking to save our water rights from current and future legal actions.

2026-2027 Rate Schedule

Account Charge increases \$15 per account from \$185 to \$200

Per Acre Charge increases \$6 per acre from \$69 to \$75

Environmental and Water Rights Assessment \$15 per acre

Motion: Director Bohn approved the new rate schedule as presented.

Second: Vice President Hogan

Ayes: President Winters, Vice President Hogan and Director Bohn

Nays: None

The District will be notifying patrons of the fee increases by email and regular mail. We want to make sure we give adequate notice to everyone, so they are aware of the new fees prior to the annual billing on February 1, 2027.

There being no other business to come before the Board, President Winters adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

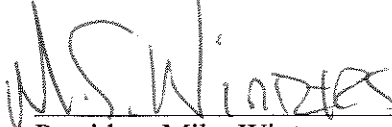
Official Minutes: Approved as presented: X

Approved as amended: _____

(If marked here, see minutes of the next meeting for text of amendment(s).)

DATE: October 6, 2026

ATTEST:



President Mike Winters

Consulting General Manager Brian Hampson