



**Minutes**

President McKenzie called the meeting to order and Mr. McShane called roll.

**Directors:**

David McKenzie, President  
Gene Huffman, Vice President  
Kirk Rathbun  
Arland Ward  
Griffin Hanberg

**Staff Present:**

Shane Leonard, District Manager  
Jason McShane, Assistant District Manager  
Stuart Dezember, Comptroller/Treasurer  
Seth Defoe, Land and Water Resources Manager  
Ben Woodard, Engineering and Operations Manager  
Lori Gibson, Executive Administrative and HR Manager  
Matthew Berglund, Public Information and  
Employee Engagement Coordinator  
Mardi Perry, Executive Coordinator  
Wendy Durado, Executive Assistant

**Other Persons Present:**

John Crotty, Western Legal

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice President Huffman moved to approve the agenda, amended to remove Action Item 3, Approval of Public Works Contract PW2025-06 Brookshire Consolidation Pipeline. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA: Director Hanberg moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

The consent agenda items were:

1. SP-2025-0022 – 511 W 45<sup>th</sup> Ave
2. Travel Authorization – USBR 2026 Water Management Workshop
3. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, December 2, 2025
4. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, December 15, 2025
5. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

**Accounts Payable:**

Check Numbers:

	90221	through	90246	\$ 1,906,567.58	
Electronic Payments				<u>\$ 112,988.10</u>	\$ 2,019,555.68
Bank Drafts	AP		None	\$ -	
Bank Drafts	FSA		None	\$ -	
Bank Drafts	General		None	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>					<b><u>\$ 2,019,555.68</u></b>

**Payroll:**

Check Numbers	None	\$ -	
Direct Deposit	1/5/2026	<u>\$ 199,185.00</u>	
<b>Total Payroll</b>			<b>\$ 199,185.00</b>

**Voided Checks:**

	None	<u>\$ -</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>			<b><u>\$ 2,218,740.68</u></b>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Financial Statements, September and October 2025:** Mr. Dezember presented the draft financial statements for September and October 2025, and reviewed the following pages:

- Balance Sheet – As of October 31, 2025
- Balance Sheet – Comparative – As of October 31, 2025 and 2024
- Revenues & Expenditures – Budget to Actual – Period ending October 31, 2025
- Revenues & Expenditures – Comparative – Period Ending October 31, 2025 and 2024
- Statement of Grant Revenues for Current Awards – Period Ending October 31, 2025
- Fund Balance Change – As of October 31, 2025
- Cash Investment Report – As of October 31, 2025
- Long-Term Debt – As of October 31, 2025

**Vice President Huffman moved to accept the Financial Statements for the periods ending September 30 and October 31, 2025. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Vice President Huffman reported that the Realty Committee is very busy and specific items will be reserved for executive session.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Appointment of Committee Members and Chairs:** Ms. Gibson explained that the Bylaws designated three Board Committees: The Operations and Engineering Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Realty Committee, and that each committee contains two directors, appointed by the Board President. President McKenzie made committee appointments as follows:

<b>Permanent Committees</b>	<b>2026</b>
Operations & Engineering	Griffin Hanberg, Chair
	David McKenzie
Finance	Kirk Rathbun, Chair
	Griffin Hanberg
Realty	Gene Huffman, Chair
	Arland Ward
<b>Ad Hoc Committees</b>	<b>2026</b>
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	David McKenzie, Chair
	Gene Huffman
Labor Relations	Kirk Rathbun, Chair
	Arland Ward
Budget	Kirk Rathbun, Chair
	Griffin Hanberg

**Appointment of Board Representatives to Meetings of Other Agencies:** Ms. Gibson explained that the Bylaws provide that KID actively participates in certain water resource management organizations, and attendance is strongly encouraged. She said the Board President appoints two directors to attend relevant meetings of various organizations. President McKenzie made organization appointments as follows:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>2026</b>
WSWRA (WA State Water Resource Association)	David McKenzie
	Gene Huffman
NWRA (National Water Resource Association)	Gene Huffman
	Kirk Rathbun
Tri-State meetings (WSWRA, OR Water Congress and ID Water Users Assn)	David McKenzie
	Arland Ward
Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan and/or related subcommittees	David McKenzie
	Griffin Hanberg
Family Farm Alliance	Kirk Rathbun
	Griffin Hanberg
Water Strategies (Irrigation Leader)	David McKenzie
	Kirk Rathbun
TRIDEC (Tri-City Development Council)	Gene Huffman
	Kirk Rathbun

**2022 & 2023 Foreclosure Process:** Mr. Dezember presented this item. He explained that the District currently has 16 properties from 2022 that are on the foreclosure list. Mr. Crotty spoke about the factors considered in the decision of when to proceed with the 2022 foreclosures, and he said that combining the 2022 with the 2023 foreclosures will allow for more appropriate timing to move forward with the foreclosure process on these properties.

**Vice President Huffman moved to approve postponing the 2022 Foreclosure Legal Process and combining the year 2022 foreclosures with the year 2023 Foreclosure Legal Process. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2026-02 2026 Authorized Positions and Salary Ranges, Rev.1:** Mr. Dezember presented the resolution. He said that the Board has previously adopted Resolution 2025-36, 2026 Authorized Positions and Salary Ranges, Rev 0, on December 2, 2025. He explained that this resolution did not authorize the position of GIS Intern, although the position was included in the 2026 budget.

Mr. Hanberg inquired as to the duties of the position. Mr. Defoe explained that there is a backlog in data entry that the current GIS Administrator is not getting completed, and the intern would assist with this. Mr. Ward asked if there is currently one GIS staff and Mr. Defoe answered in the affirmative.

**Director Hanberg moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 2026 Authorized Positions and Salary Ranges, Rev. 1. Vice President Huffman seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Public Information Officer: Mr. Berglund reported regarding:**

- Newsletter
- Atmospheric Rivers video
- Delta High School presentation report

**Comptroller/Treasurer: Mr. Dezember reported regarding:**

- Audit Exit Conference report

Mr. McKenzie said that the audit exit conference went well and he expressed appreciation for the efforts of staff.

**Engineering & Operations Manager: Mr. Woodard presented videos of projects and reported regarding:**

- Water On
- Capital Projects
- Bateman Island Causeway Removal update

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Bateman Island Causeway Removal project, including plans for and effects of the sediment released from the breaching.

- O&E Committee meeting on February 19
- Operations staffing update
- Submittal of funding request for Chandler Electrification through the Lower River Subgroup

Mr. McShane spoke about the Lower River Subgroup meeting scoring committee

**Land & Water Resources Manager: Mr. Defoe displayed and discussed webpages including:**

- usbr.gov - Hydromet - Major Storage Reservoirs in the Yakima River Basin ("Teacup") diagram, and Water Year Graph
- usda.gov - Washington SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent % of Normal map
- noaa.gov - Monthly and Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation Outlook maps, and El Niño/Southern Oscillation Diagnostic Discussion (ENSO) (currently La Niña Advisory)
- weather.gov - Local Temperature and Precipitation charts

**Assistant District Manager: Mr. McShane reported regarding:**

- Water stargrass removal
- Ground water storage study grant update
- Cle Elum Pool Raise update
- River Operations meeting report
- Irrigation Leaders Workshop this week

Mr. McShane disclosed to the Board and the public that he has been selected to be the Mayor for the City of Kennewick.

**District Manager: Mr. Leonard reserved his report for the executive session.**

**WORKSHOP:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 10:30 a.m., Mr. McShane announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the board would go into executive session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation, in the form of litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) and to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), for approximately 30 minutes unless extended.

Members of the public were excused from the Boardroom and placed in the waiting room on Zoom.

At 11:25 a.m., executive session was extended for 10 minutes.

**OPEN SESSION:** At 11:35 a.m., open session resumed. No members of the public were waiting to be readmitted to the Boardroom or were remaining on Zoom.

**Vice President Huffman moved to amend the agenda to add action item: Greenridge Farming, Inc., Lease. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**Greenridge Farming, Inc., Lease:** Mr. Defoe presented the item, explaining that the lease is for 195 irrigable acres in Badger Canyon, and that the previous lease expired in 2025. He stated that Greenridge Farming was the only interested party. He reviewed the lease with the Board, explaining the terms of the proposed contract.

**Director Ward moved to approve the lease with Greenridge Farming, Inc., and to authorize David McKenzie, Board President, and Shane Leonard, District Manager/Secretary, to sign the lease. Vice President Huffman seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

President McKenzie called for a motion to adjourn.

**Vice President Huffman moved to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

Attest:

Witness:



David McKenzie, Board President  
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Shane Leonard, Board Secretary

Prepared by Lori Gibson