



KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
2015 S Ely St., Kennewick, and via Zoom

Minutes

President McKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Mr. Leonard called roll.

Directors:

David McKenzie, President
Gene Huffman, Vice President
Kirk Rathbun (on Zoom)
Arland Ward
Griffin Hanberg

Staff Present:

Shane Leonard, District Manager
Jason McShane, Assistant District Manager
Melissa Olheiser, Accounting Supervisor
(Interim Comptroller/Treasurer)
Seth Defoe, Land and Water Resources Manager (on Zoom)
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

Other Persons Present:

John Crotty, Western Legal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice President Huffman moved to approve the agenda. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS: None

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

The consent items were:

1. Resolution 2026-13 Project Acceptance & Release of Retainage for PW2023-07 KID Administration Building HVAC Maintenance Services
2. Travel Authorization – NWRA Irrigation Caucus Meetings
3. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, May 5, 2026
4. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

Accounts Payable:

Check Numbers:

	90794	through	90805	\$	160,036.13	
	90806	through	90858	\$	619,791.41	
Electronic Payments				\$	116,720.30	
						\$ 896,547.84
Bank Drafts	AP			\$	-	
Bank Drafts	FSA			\$	-	
Bank Drafts	General			\$	-	
				\$	-	
Total Accounts Payable						\$ 896,547.84

Payroll:

Direct Deposit	5/5/2026	\$	207,656.81	
Checks	None	\$	-	
Total Payroll				\$ 207,656.81

Voided Checks:

None

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President McKenzie took a minute of the meeting to express his appreciation for staff efforts during the shutdown of the Chandler Pumping Plant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Information Officer: Mr. Berglund reported regarding:

- WSU Plant Sale report
- Upcoming events, including Safe Kids Coalition Van Tour, Washington Workplace Summit Department of Ecology Van Tour, National Night Out

Interim Comptroller/Treasurer: Ms. Olheiser reported regarding:

- Annual Report for 2025 has been submitted

Engineering & Operations Manager: Mr. Woodard reported regarding:

- Chandler pump repair update
- O&E Committee Meeting Thursday
- Maintenance work and Outage Map update
- Engineering staffing update

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) (El Niño Watch)

Mr. Defoe also reported regarding:

- SOAC meeting report (proration is 52%)
- SOAC meeting Friday
- EIS for Central Storage update

President McKenzie commented that it would be interesting to see if tagged fish are using the new channel after the Bateman Island Causeway removal.

Assistant District Manager: Mr. McShane reported regarding:

- Lower River Subgroup meeting next Thursday

- Chandler pump repair update
- All systems were online by the end of April
- Customer appreciation received for operations staff
- Barker Ranch meeting regarding water rights
- Hydrojetting for removal of Water Stargrass update

Mr. McShane requested a report from Mr. Woodard on the West Richland Master Plan meetings. Mr. Woodard stated that the meetings were well attended, adding that staff are compiling a Question and Answer information sheet for property owners. Mr. McShane explained the different options for ponds that are abandoned by the District. Director Ward stated that if the ponds are not needed, the District should not be involved in further upkeep after they have been abandoned. Mr. Leonard stated that public comments will be passed along to the Board along with staff recommendations for the ponds.

District Manager: Mr. Leonard reported regarding:

- West Richland Master Plan update
- Upcoming presentation by Rainmaker
- Upcoming presentation regarding invasive mussels
- NWRA Western Water Seminar in August
- Washington's Water Future initiative by Governor Ferguson and the Department of Ecology

WORKSHOP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:49 a.m., Mr. Leonard announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the board would go into executive session at 9:50 a.m., to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately 10 minutes unless extended.

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

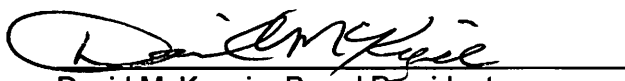
OPEN SESSION: At 10:00 a.m., open session resumed. Members of the public were readmitted on Zoom. There were no members of the public present in person.

President McKenzie called for a motion to adjourn.

Director Hanberg moved to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. Vice President Huffman seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Attest:

Witness:


David McKenzie, Board President
Minutes Approved June 2, 2026


Shane Leonard, Board Secretary

Prepared by Lori Gibson