KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 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. McShane called roll.

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

Other Persons Present:
John Crotty, Western Legal

Staff Present:
Shane Leonard, District Manager (on Zoom)
Jason McShane, Assistant District Manager
Melissa Olheiser, Accounting Supervisor (Interim Comptroller/Treasurer)
Seth Defoe, Land and Water Resources Manager
Ben Woodard, Engineering and Operations Manager
Lori Gibson, Executive Administrative and HR Manager
Mardi Perry, Executive Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Vice President Huffman moved to approve the amended agenda, removing Presentation Items 1 and 2, and adding the citing to executive session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase. Director Rathbun seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.**

BOARD REPORTS: None

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

The consent agenda items were:

1. Final Plat – Desert Sands Phase 1
2. Preliminary Plat – Pringle Heights
3. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, May 19, 2026
4. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

Accounts Payable:					
Check Numbers:					
	90859	through	90918	$ 286,498.23	
Electronic Payments				$ 113,322.32	
					$ 399,820.55
Bank Drafts	AP			$ -	
Bank Drafts	FSA			$ -	
Bank Drafts	General			$ -	
					$ -
Total Accounts Payable					**$ 399,820.55**
Payroll:					
Direct Deposit		5/20/2026		$ 195,102.17	
Checks		None		$ -	
Total Payroll					**$ 195,102.17**

Voided Checks:

	None	$ -	
			$ -
Total Disbursements			**$ 594,922.72**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ACTION ITEMS:
Approval of Purchase Contract PC2026-43 Brantingham East and Stock Pipe (Materials Only): Mr. Woodard presented this item, explaining that a portion of the materials purchased will be utilized for the Brantingham East Replacement Pipeline project, which will allow the District to eliminate existing ponds and pump stations. Additional materials will be placed in pipe inventory.

Vice President Huffman moved to approve the materials purchase for the Brantingham East and Stock Pipe up to an amount not to exceed $230,000, including tax, with funding from the Capital Upgrade and Improvement Fund, and authorize the District Manager, Shane Leonard, to execute Contract PC2026-43 Brantingham East and Stock Pipe (Materials Only) to the lowest responsible bidder. Director Hanberg seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Letter to Department of Ecology Re 2026 Delivery Call by Yakima Basin Senior Rights Holders: The draft letter to the Department of Ecology was distributed. Mr. McShane explained that the District's letter will support the senior Yakima Basin rights holders' letter dated May 1, 2026. He added that at the same time the letter lays out KID's understanding that the regulation is intended to prevent impairment to senior rights, and that curtailment should be no broader than necessary to address actual impairment.

There was some discussion regarding the letter and the associated laws.

Director Rathbun moved to approve the letter to the Department of Ecology Re 2026 Delivery Call by Yakima Basin Senior Rights Holders. Director Hanberg seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None

STAFF REPORTS:
Public Information Officer: Mr. Berglund was not present at the meeting.

Interim Comptroller/Treasurer: Ms. Olheiser was not present at the meeting. Ms. Gibson reported on her behalf regarding:

- Foreclosure process to begin soon for 2022 and 2023 assessment foreclosures
- Finance Committee meeting June 9

Engineering & Operations Manager: Mr. Woodard reported regarding:

- Water flows in Main Canal
- Major maintenance projects update
- Fire in Badger Canyon
- O&E Committee meeting reschedule to June 23
- Aquatic vegetation treatments have begun
- Chandler Pump update

There was a short discussion regarding the use of KID irrigation water for fighting fires. The staff and the Board are in agreement that since the law allows for this use of Yakima Project water, this is a positive contribution to our community.

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
- 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:

- River Operations meeting Thursday

Vice President Huffman inquired if the District could use the water that was not available during the Chandler shutdown during any curtailment later in the season. Mr. Defoe explained that we were not yet on storage control, so there would be no credit toward our water usage during the shutdown.

Mr. Defoe continued reporting and displayed data regarding pulse flows. There was a short discussion regarding the apparent transition from operational recommendations to biological recommendations from SOAC.

Assistant District Manager: Mr. McShane reported regarding:

- Lower River Subgroup meeting last week regarding the budget and possible inclusion of a design for Central Storage
- All Staff meeting June 9

District Manager: Mr. Leonard reported regarding:

- West Richland Master Plan community feedback
- Staff safety and security
- City of Richland has interest in developing trails within our right-of-ways
- Self-insurance for liability purposes
- Upcoming meeting with Director Larry Madsen, Office of Columbia River

WORKSHOP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:13 a.m., Mr. McShane announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the board would go into executive session at 10:20 a.m. to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), and to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), for approximately 40 minutes unless extended.

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

At 11:00 a.m., executive session was extended for 35 minutes.

OPEN SESSION: At 11:35 a.m., open session resumed. Members of the public were readmitted on Zoom. There were no members of the public in person.

President McKenzie called for a motion to adjourn.

Vice President Huffman moved to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Director Hanberg seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Attest:

David McKenzie, Board President
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Witness:

Shane Leonard, Board Secretary

Prepared by Lori Gibson