KENNEWICK
IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
2015 S Ely St., Kennewick, and via Zoom

Minutes

President McKenzie presided over the meeting. Vice President Huffman conducted the meeting, calling the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Mr. Leonard called roll.

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

Other Persons Present:
John Crotty, Western Legal

Staff Present:
Shane Leonard, District Manager
Jason McShane, Assistant District Manager
Melissa Olheiser, Accounting Supervisor (Interim Comptroller/Treasurer)
Ben Woodard, Engineering and Operations Manager
Lori Gibson, Executive Administrative and HR Manager
Matthew Berglund, Public Information and Employee Engagement Coordinator
Wendy Durado, Executive Assistant

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA: **<u>Director Rathbun moved to amend the agenda to add Action Item No 1: Approval of Assignment Agreement for Farm lease with Option to Purchase. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.</u>**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **<u>Director Rathbun moved to approve the amended agenda. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.</u>**

BOARD REPORTS: None

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

The consent agenda items were:

1. Travel Authorization – NWRA 2026 Western Water Seminar
2. Amendment No 2 to Geosyntec Consulting Contract AE 2024-01
3. Resolution 2026-15 Amending Resolution 2026-12 for PW2024-07
4. Minutes, KID Board Meeting, June 2, 2026
5. Vouchers/Warrant Approval

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>

Check Numbers:					
	90919	through	90928	$ 575,081.43	
	90929	through	90930	$ 383.60	
	90931	through	90982	$ 169,293.11	
	90983	through	90983	$ 353,669.93	
Electronic Payments				$ 123,302.02	
					$ 1,221,730.09
Bank Drafts	AP			$ -	
Bank Drafts	FSA			$ -	
Bank Drafts	General			$ -	
					$ -
Total Accounts Payable					**$ 1,221,730.09**

Payroll:			
Direct Deposit	6/5/2026	$ 178,339.26	
Checks	None	$ -	
Total Payroll			**$ 178,339.26**
Voided Checks:			
	None	$ -	
			$ -
Total Disbursements			**$ 1,400,069.35**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Max P. Jones, Director of Water Policy, Rainmaker Technology Corporation:
Max Jones displayed a Power Point presentation regarding cloud seeding and discussed the process. There was a discussion regarding various aspects of cloud seeding. Mr. Leonard stated that the District would plan a follow-up meeting with Rainmaker to review information specific to KID.

Financial Statements, December 2025 (Final): Ms. Olheiser presented the final financial statements for December 2025, and reviewed the following pages that had changes from the draft financial statements for December:

- Balance Sheet – Comparative – As of December 31, 2025 and 2024
- Fund Balance Change – As of December 31, 2025
- Revenues & Expenditures – Budget to Actual – Period ending December 31, 2025

Director Rathbun moved to accept the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2025. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

2025 Annual Report 2025 Washington State Audit Report: Ms. Olheiser briefly reviewed the annual report for 2025 that was submitted to the Washington State Auditor's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ACTION ITEMS:

[Director Hanberg recused himself and left the Boardroom]

Approval of Assignment Agreement for Farm lease with Option to Purchase: Mr. Crotty explained that the Option to Purchase and the purchaser were not identical, and the Assignment document will memorialize the ability of Rocky Mile LLC to exercise the Option to Purchase. He explained that an effective date needs to be determined. He added that the purchaser agrees to pay all costs associated with the preparation of the assignment document, which amount needs to be determined.

Director Rathbun moved to approve the Assignment, Assumption, Consent, and Substitution Agreement (re Farm Lease with Option to Purchase, Lease No. 25-002, and Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement). Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

[Director Hanberg rejoined the meeting]

RESOLUTIONS: None

STAFF REPORTS:
Public Information Officer: Mr. Berglund reported regarding:
- Safe Kids Coalition Tour report
- Upcoming Events – Department of Ecology Tour on June 22, Presentation for Fun, Fit and Over 50 on July 8, National Night Out on August 4, Mock Water Rescue, Blood Drive on September 17, RiverFest on October 3
- All Staff Meeting and Fire Safety Training report

Interim Comptroller/Treasurer: Ms Olheiser reported regarding:
- Foreclosures

Engineering & Operations Manager: Mr. Woodard reported regarding:
- Main Canal water flows at 215 cfs
- Dept of Ecology Tour on June 22
- O&E Committee Meeting on June 23
- Maintenance Activities update
- Aquatic Herbicide update
- Wildfires update

Land & Water Resources Manager: Mr. Defoe was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Leonard reported that the Realty Committee is reviewing Letters of Intent in Stonebridge and Keene Junction.

Assistant District Manager: Mr. McShane displayed and discussed webpages including:
- usbr.gov - Hydromet - Water Year Graph
- noaa.gov - Monthly and Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation Outlook maps, and El Niño/Southern Oscillation Diagnostic Discussion (ENSO) (currently El Nino Watch)
- weather.gov - Local Temperature and Precipitation charts

Mr. McShane also reported regarding:
- Integrated Plan Budget update

District Manager: Mr. Leonard reported regarding:
- All Staff Meeting and Fire Safety Training report
- Meetings with the Bureau regarding the Chandler Pump repairs are upcoming

WORKSHOP: None

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u> At 10:47 a.m., Mr. Leonard announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the board would go into executive session at 10:53 a.m., 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), and 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), for approximately 10 minutes unless extended.

There were no members of the public in the Boardroom. Members of the public were placed in the waiting room on Zoom.

At 11:03 a.m., executive session was extended until 11:10 a.m.

OPEN SESSION: At 11:14 a.m., open session resumed, and members of the public were readmitted on Zoom.

Vice President Huffman called for a motion to adjourn.

Director Rathbun moved to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Director Ward seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Attest:	Witness:
David McKenzie, Board President	Shane Leonard, Board Secretary
Minutes Approved July 7, 2026	

Prepared by Lori Gibson