



KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
2015 S Ely St., Kennewick, and via Zoom

Minutes

President McKenzie called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and Mr. McShane called roll.

Directors:

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

Other Persons Present:

John Crotty, Western Legal

Staff Present:

Shane Leonard, District Manager (on Zoom)
Jason McShane, Assistant District Manager
Seth Defoe, Land and Water Resources Manager
(on Zoom)
Ben Woodard, Engineering and Operations Manager
Lori Gibson, Executive Administrative and HR Manager
Mardi Perry, Executive Coordinator
Matthew Berglund, Public Information and
Employee Engagement Coordinator

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA: Vice President Huffman moved to confirm the agenda. Director Rathbun seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 3:32 p.m., Mr. McShane announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the Board would go into executive session at 3:32 p.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), for approximately 10 minutes unless extended.

There were no members of the public in the Boardroom or on Zoom.

OPEN SESSION: At 3:42 p.m. open session resumed.

ACTION ITEMS:

McCall Road Property Purchase: Mr. McShane presented this item. He explained that the property is directly across the Yakima River from the Chandler Power and Pumping Plant, which was constructed as part of the Kennewick Division of the Yakima Project through the Bureau of Reclamation in the 1950's and is the primary source of water for the District. He said appropriations for the Chandler Electrification Project were authorized by the Federal Government in 1994. He continued, explaining that alternatives for Chandler Electrification would place a new electric pump station on the south side of the Yakima River on this property, including an electric pump station, an isolating reservoir, a parallel discharge pipeline, and an electrical substation. He added that in September of 2025, the Board determined that electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant was in the best interest of KID and all efforts should be made to pursue its completion. He spoke about other benefits, including an option for off-season water storage and support for smolt outmigration. He spoke about drought resiliency and the enhancement of the District water supply with this project, for which purchase of this property is essential.

Mr. Huffman mentioned that this project is vital in continuing to supply irrigation water to our community.

Mr. McShane said the funding for the property purchase would be paid from the Realty Reserve Fund.

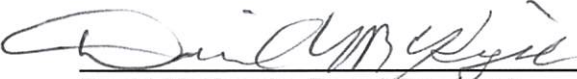
Director Rathbun moved to approve the purchase of the property at 36322 N. D. McCall Road NW, Benton City, WA (tax parcel ID's 116962000000000 and 117961000004000) for a purchase price of \$770,000 plus any closing costs and/or fees and authorize Jason McShane, Assistant District Manager, to execute the *Assignment of Buyer's Interest in Purchase and Sale Agreement* between Matt Smith and the Kennewick Irrigation District. Vice President Huffman seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Huffman moved to reimburse the assignor and/or agent for earnest money and other feasibility costs. Director Rathbun seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President McKenzie called for a motion to adjourn.

Director Rathbun moved to adjourn at 3:59 p.m. Vice President Huffman seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Attest:



David McKenzie, Board President
Minutes Approved July 7, 2026

Witness:



Shane Leonard, Board Secretary

Prepared by Lori Gibson