KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

# Board of Directors Special Meeting

Monday, June 29, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
2015 S Ely St., Kennewick, and via Zoom

## Minutes

President McKenzie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and Mr. McShane called roll.

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

**Other Persons Present:**
John Crotty, Western Legal (on Zoom)

**Staff Present:**
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
Mardi Perry, Executive Coordinator
Matthew Berglund, Public Information and Employee Engagement Coordinator

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 3:02 p.m., Mr. McShane announced on behalf of the presiding officer that the Board would go into executive session at 3:02 p.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), for approximately 10 minutes unless extended.

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

**OPEN SESSION:** At 3:17 p.m. open session resumed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**
**Fifth Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement, Keene Junction LLC:** Mr. Defoe presented this item, explaining that the parties have entered into negotiations to transition the lease agreement into a purchase. He said that an additional extension is requested to defer the commencement date of the lease to the earlier of either the closing date of a Purchase and Sale Agreement, or 12/31/26.

**Director Ward moved to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement with Keene Junction LLC and authorize the Assistant District Manager, Jason McShane, as signature authority on the amendment. 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 3:24 p.m. Director Ward 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