

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

August 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Duaine Anderson.

Present were:

Directors

Duaine Anderson  
Kevin Lyle  
Don Osborne  
Dennis Swinger, Jr.  
Reid Baker

Staff

Craig Simpson  
Rosa Dekker  
John McCourtie  
Nate Andreini  
Anna Franz

Staff

Julio Gonzalez  
Bobby Bischoff  
Jon Erickson  
Miriam Garcia

Visitors present: Clyde Lay, USBR; Allan Lackner, CBHP; Kristina Ribellia, CBCD

Visitors

Visitors via teleconference: Michele Kiesz and Eric Weber.

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2025, and the special meeting of July 23, 2025, had been mailed to the Directors. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 2, 2025, and the special meeting of July 23, 2025, as written. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Minutes  
Approved

Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff presented Buck Castro in his new role as the Construction Supervisor. Treasurer Dekker presented Maria Garza in her new role as the Assistant Treasurer. President Anderson recognized Roger Watkins, a former District Director.

Staff  
Recognition

Manager Simpson presented the following contracts a. - d., for board consideration:

District  
Improvements

Contracts

- a. Renewal Interruptible Water Service Contract for Temporarily Deferred Lands, Wilson & Son Ranch LLC, 40-802-803-000-00, 70 acres
- b. Renewal Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract, Steve L. & Barbara Jorgensen, 190-038-805-000-00, 112 acres
- c. Renewal Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract, Stahl HB Trust, 190-039-805-000-00, 546 acres
- d. Renewal Interruptible First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract, Stahl HB Trust, 190-040-805-000-00, 159 acres
- e. Amend First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract for Groundwater Replacement, Hatton Road Farms LLC, 390-129-813, 474 acres

Manager Simpson reported these are renewals of existing contracts and recommended approval. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve contracts a. - d., as presented. Director Swinger seconded, and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson presented the following contract e., for board consideration:

Manager Simpson reported contract e. is an amended contract for Hatton Road Farms, LLC. The contract would be amended to reflect the addition of 234 acres. Manager Simpson reported the acres for this contract were already accounted for in the system design, but staff was waiting for the official title to transfer to reflect the additional 234 acres. Manager Simpson recommended approval of contract e., as presented. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to approve contract e., as presented. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson presented the following agreement a., for board consideration:

Agreements

- a. Agreement for Permanent Release of Water Allotment, Port District #10, 041-089-376-002-00, 2.4 acres

Manager Simpson reported this release of water allotment is associated with the lining of the railroad north of Moses Lake for the release of 2.4 acres and recommended approval. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve agreement a., as presented. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a comparative report listing, which has been made available to the Board. After reviewing the vouchers submitted for payment approval, Director Baker moved to approve for payment check nos. 329093 through 329241 in the amount of \$877,944.73 and electronic Payroll and AP transfer in the amount of \$704,639.02 for a total of \$1,582,583.73 from the O&M Fund. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Vouchers

Manager Simpson presented Resolution 2025-11, Amending the Policy for the Allocation and Delivery of First Phase Continuation/Groundwater Replacement Water Service Contracts. He reported that some Water Service Contracts were not written in alignment with Resolution 2024-14, Policy for the Allocation and Delivery of First Phase Continuation/Groundwater Replacement Water Service Contracts. The resolution limited contracts to a 960-acre maximum, in an effort to ensure they don't exceed RRA acreage limitations. This resolution is being amended to clarify the limit of Groundwater Replacement WSCs to 960 Class 1 equivalency acres, which is the actual RRA limitation. Manager Simpson recommended approval to reflect the current standard practice. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to adopt Resolution 2025-11, as presented. Director Osborne seconded, and the motion carried.

Resolution  
2025-11,  
Amending the  
Policy for  
Allocation of  
GW WSC

Manager Simpson presented Resolution 2025-12, Surplus Equipment, for board approval. He reported this is for the disposal of laptops. Following discussion, Director Swinger

Resolution  
2025-12,  
Surplus  
Equipment

moved to adopt Resolution 2025-12 as presented. Director Osborne seconded, and the motion carried.

OGWRP:  
EL11.8 Delivery  
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported staff are working through the EL 11.8 Delivery System design process. This is a motivated landowner group that is exploring the idea between a private landowner system and a public delivery system.

EL22.1 Delivery  
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported the District is finalizing the grant that was approved to use for administrative fees with Office of Columbia River for the EL 22.1 Delivery system. There is a scheduled meeting with landowners, Reclamation, and Office of Columbia River, on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Development Coordinator Erickson reported there is a draft MOU that needs internal staff/attorney review before presented to the landowners. Director Lyle asked if the EL 22.1 Delivery System will use funds through CBCD. Development Coordinator Erickson replied that it is the plan. CBCD intends to execute an interlocal agreement with the District to fund the system with the remainder of the OCR grant funding that exceeds District public system limits. Director Lyle asked if this system would be constructed in phases and if funds would be requested before the start of construction. Manager Simpson replied that it is the Board's decision, but the intention is for the District to secure the full amount of funding before starting construction.

EL80.6 Delivery  
System Update

Assistant Manager Andreini reported he is expecting bid-ready plans and specs from RH2 engineering this week for the EL 80.6 Delivery System. Development Coordinator Erickson reported that Reclamation Realty Specialist Karissa McDonald has been working on easements. EFO Deputy Manager Lay reported that Realty Specialist McDonald is finishing the easements for the EL 84.7 Delivery System and is waiting for some legal descriptions to finish the EL 80.6 Delivery System easements. President Anderson asked how soon will bid packages be ready. Assistant Manager Andreini replied that District logistics and priorities of the delivery system need to be discussed. Director Lyle asked if the Pump Plant work will be done this winter. Manager Simpson replied that yes, the work is scheduled for this winter, but water service contracts will need to be executed and superseding water rights issued by Ecology before awarding the bids. Development Coordinator Erickson reported staff needs to meet internally to discuss the timing of events.

EL 84.7  
Delivery System  
Update

District Engineer Gonzalez reported the 100% Design acceptance meeting for the EL 84.7 Delivery System took place on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Reclamation will be sending the acceptance letter once all signatures are obtained. He reported that the FRP pipe bids were awarded to Future Pipe Industries, and the steel pipe bids were awarded to Callies Welding and Fabrication at the Special Board Meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The PVC pipe has started to arrive. The crews have been trenching to expose existing water and power lines. District Engineer Gonzalez reported there are required site visits for the contractors on July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>. There have been a total of seven contractors in attendance, and there will be another preconstruction site visit for additional contractors. Assistant Manager Andreini reported the Pump Plant Bids will open on August 28<sup>th</sup>, and staff will be requesting the Orman Johnson Pump Plant contract to be awarded at the September Board Meeting. Development Coordinator Erickson reported staff met with CBCD and stated that the RCPP reimbursement payment process appears easier than previously anticipated.

PIPE-EL84.7-01  
Change Order  
No. 1

Assistant Manager Andreini presented PIPE-EL84.7-01 Change Order No. 1. He reported the design for the EL 84.7 Delivery System was changed after the pipe bid was awarded. The air release valves in the design were relocated and moved to the centerline. This change order revises the total contract amount to \$644,071.16 and staff

EL86.4 Delivery  
System Update

recommend approval. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve PIPE-EL84.7-01 Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$644,071.16, as presented and discussed. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

District Engineer Gonzalez reported the programming for the EL 86.4 Delivery System is in the completion process. Control Systems Northwest returned to the site on July 29th, to finish the update and verify that the canal gates are operating correctly from the control building. Farmers Electric were on site finishing up the fiber installation and valve testing. There have been no issues with the delivery of water. President Anderson asked if staff anticipated to have everything completed with the delivery system by the end of the season. District Engineer Gonzalez responded affirmatively.

Farmers Electric  
Change Order  
No. 1

District Engineer Gonzalez presented Farmers Electric's requested Change Order No. 1, to update the completion date to July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Farmers Electric is requesting additional payment for material purchased by them, due to the District not supplying enough materials to complete the job, in the amount of \$4,027.19. Manager Simpson reported that staff recommended approval of Farmers Electric requested Change Order No. 1, since the District delayed Farmers Electric from completing their project. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to approve Farmers Electric Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$4,027.19. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that CBCD secured an additional \$2 million on-farm grant from NRCS for OGWRP landowners. CBCD has notified landowners, and the application for on-farm grant funding will be open soon and is due on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Watershed Plan  
Project Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that the Watershed Plan Project funds were recently released. He also reported there was a meeting with Kristina and Preston with CBCD to inform them that the project planning meetings can be restarted. The meeting also included discussion on how to move forward and discussion of what areas the project needs to prioritize over the next five years. The PL-566 currently has an increase to \$150M from IRA funds.

Remaining  
Acres

Development Coordinator Erickson reported there have been remaining acres meetings scheduled with the intention of moving forward with the process. Development Office Clerk Linden contacted all requesters that have not attended the landowner meetings. There is a distribution list for these landowner groups where staff uses "Textedly", the communications application, to notify the landowners of upcoming meetings and will be used to give updates. Director Swinger commented that he feels the landowner meetings are not going anywhere. Development Coordinator Erickson replied that these meetings have been beneficial to evaluate where the requesters are at and present the options that the landowners have. There are landowners that have expressed interest in constructing private systems. Manager Simpson commented there was a formal survey conducted to determine how many acres are being requested. Development Coordinator Erickson

reported that since there is no money to fund allocation of remaining acres the intent is to move forward under an MOU process and design agreement through landowner funding. Manager Simpson reported that the intent is to have one more round of planning meetings to discuss an MOU for funding with landowners.

Roger  
Watkins/Port of  
Warden

Manager Simpson reported that Roger Watkins, with support of the Port of Warden, is requesting to relocate a portion of his 290 contract. Manager Simpson reported that while such a request is not typically allowed under District policy and practice, due to the Port of Warden acquiring right of way through the property, this request should be considered as it arises from public interest circumstances beyond the landowner's control. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve the Roger Watkins relocation request under the presented circumstances. Director Osborne seconded, and the motion carried.

Public Relations  
Update

Manager Simpson gave the PR update on behalf of PR Consultant Korfiatis. He reported that there has been an increase in active viewers on the District website with the top being the home page, open positions, and the bidding opportunities page. The top user geography included users from Seattle, Moses Lake, and Los Angeles. PR Consultant Korfiatis merged the e-newsletter mailing list with the list used for the OGWRP e-newsletter. Manager Simpson reported "Textedly", the communications application, is being used for the communication efforts of the OGWRP remaining acres landowner meetings. The system worked well, and landowners appreciated the additional communication. He also reported that PR Consultant Korfiatis and Development Coordinator Erickson are working on developing customizable maps for the OGWRP tours that use QR codes to ensure participants have accurate directions to the sites. He also reported there is work to be done on the District website to begin the ADA accessibility compliance effort.

Jennifer  
Korfiatis  
Contract  
Amendment

Manager Simpson presented the Jennifer Korfiatis Marketing, LLC Master Services Agreement Amendment for continued public relations services. He reported the amendment is for an extension of the contract from October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to October 15, 2026. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to authorize execution of the Jennifer Korfiatis Marketing, LLC Master Services Agreement Amendment, as discussed. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Beyond Sight  
Media Contract  
Amendment

Manager Simpson presented the Beyond Sight Media Personal Services Agreement Amendment for continued photography/videography services. The contract was fulfilled after filming 60 hours of video. The amendment is for a 12-month renewal of contract from August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 for 60 hours of video. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to authorize execution of the Beyond Sight Media Personal Services Agreement Amendment, as discussed. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

CBDL  
Management  
Team

Manager Simpson reported that the new CBDL management team informed us that they would not be in attendance today. Red Barn Communications, the new management team for CBDL, were going to introduce themselves to the District. Manager Simpson has met them in the field during a past tour.

Partial Title  
Transfer

Space  
Utilization Study

Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff reported staff met with Reclamation regarding the title transfer MOA. The draft title transfer MOA was sent to Reclamation's solicitors and staff are awaiting their response.

USDA Water Savings Commodities

Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff reported he and Craig met with Bernardo Wills where they were presented with a cost estimate for the construction of a new building. Staff will

meet internally to review the estimate and also meet with Bernardo Wills Architect to discuss the estimate prior to presenting it to the board.

Columbia Basin Hydropower

Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff reported the program is still alive but there has been no update. Manager Simpson reported this program has not given the District a notification of cancellation like other programs have. Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff is hopeful the program will continue.

SCADA

CBHP Manager Lackner reported that all hydro plants are generating and running well. The Grant PUD Quincy Chute/PEC Headworks contract amendments are still in process. He reported that CBHP sent their comments to Grant PUD on May 19<sup>th</sup> and are waiting for their response. Grant PUD should be sending comments back by the end of the week. Jacob Taylor with CBHP requested time in executive session to discuss the contract amendments.

CBP Water Rights

Manager Simpson reported there will be a Continued Board Meeting following the Reserved Works meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>. President Anderson requested Casne Task Order No. 4 be tabled to the Reserved Works Meeting. Following discussion, the Board approved continuing the meeting for the Casne Task Order No. 4 discussion by consensus.

Board Meeting Date Changes

Manager Simpson reported there is a scheduled CBP Water Rights meeting with the Eastern Region, Reclamation, Office of Columbia River, and the three CBP Districts on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Spokane. The Districts and Reclamation will review the process to implement HB 1752 to increase acres under the CBP water rights. This will allow additional acres to receive water supply without an additional diversion from the Columbia River.

Manager Simpson reported this year's NWRA Annual Conference is scheduled during the District's November board meeting and suggested changing the date of the board meeting. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to change the November board meeting date to Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Director Osborne seconded, and the motion carried.

State Irrigation District Elections

Manager Simpson reported that this year's WSWRA Annual Conference is scheduled during the District's December board meeting and suggested changing the date of the board meeting. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to change the December board meeting date to Monday, December 8, 2025. Director Osborne seconded, and the motion carried. Manager Simpson reported that if there is an election this year, the canvass meeting will be scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Manager Simpson reported there have been changes to the irrigation district elections statutes, but the changes are not drastic to the procedures the District already has in place. Notable changes to the statute are date changes to the filing periods, the canvassing date, and the use of mail-in ballots. The filing period for the position of Director for Division No. 5 will open for nomination in October. WSWRA created a handbook with the implemented changes that will be used to compare to the District's current Election's Policy for updates.

Quotes and Bids

Manager Simpson reported the engineers went out to bid for the conservation pipeline for both HDPE and PVC pipe.

District Engineer Gonzalez presented the following PIPE-2025-01 bids for board consideration:

|          | <b>Bidder</b>              | <b>Total of All Extended Prices for All Projects</b> |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
|          | Engineers Estimate         | \$526,797.91   |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Ferguson Waterworks</b> | <b>\$451,113.66</b>                                  |
| 2        | Skone Irrigation           | \$456,758.53   |
| 3        | Consolidated Supply        | \$458,347.93   |
| 4        | Lad Irrigation             | \$465,692.99   |
| 5        | HD Fowler Company          | \$484,459.51   |

Director Osborne moved to accept the bid from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$451,113.66 plus sales tax, as the lowest responsive bid. Director Swinger seconded, and the motion carried.

District Engineer Gonzalez presented the following PIPE-2025-02 bids for board consideration:

|          | <b>Supplier</b>         | <b>Schedule A: FRP Bid Amount</b> |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|          | Engineers Estimate      | \$307,337.00                      |
| 1        | Lad Irrigation*         | \$258,545.74                      |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Skone Irrigation</b> | <b>\$274,303.02</b>               |
| 3        | HD Fowler               | \$284,483.72                      |
| 4        | Ferguson Waterworks     | \$285,640.70                      |
| 5        | Consolidated Supply     | \$287,545.74                      |
| 6        | ISCO                    | \$370,352.19                      |

It was reported that Lad Irrigation had incomplete bid submittals and, therefore, should be declared non-responsive for not meeting the District's bid specifications. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to declare Lad Irrigation as non-responsive for not meeting District bid specifications and to accept the bid from Skone Irrigation in the amount of \$274,303.02, plus sales tax, as the lowest responsive bid. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried. President Anderson asked how staff differentiated which pipe to bid for, for the pipeline. District Engineer commented he requested the Watermasters input of which pipe benefited them the most, and the request

was to bid for PVC and HDPE pipe. There were two bid schedules because some manufacturers do not bid for PVC pipes; therefore, this gives them the opportunity to bid for HDPE pipes.

Assistant Manager Andreini presented the following Service Monitor quotes for board consideration:

|   | <b>Supplier</b>        | <b>Bid Amount</b>  |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | <b>Talley</b>          | <b>\$32,693.00</b> |
| 2 | Viavi                  | \$32,718.00        |
| 3 | EDMO Distributors, Inc | \$33,500.00        |

Assistant Manager Andreini reported the service monitor is for the communications department to diagnose equipment such as radios and communications equipment. The current service monitor is outdated, and there is no one who will service it. The other CBP Districts approved the purchase of a new service monitor and will be acquired under the Common Services Agreement. Assistant Manager Andreini reported this is a piece of equipment that is needed and will be compatible with the new SCADA system. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to accept the quote from Talley Inc., for the service monitor in the amount of \$32,693.00, plus sales tax, as the lowest responsive quote. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

ELC Shutdown

Manager Simpson reported canal shut-off dates will be set at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Reserved Works meeting. Manager Simpson reported staff recommends the District shut off all deliveries on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. The last day for delivery changes would be October 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted October 22<sup>nd</sup> falls within the range of dates previously determined by the Reserved Works Committee for shut off. Following discussion, The Board approved shutting down the ELC on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at the Manager's discretion by consensus.

Last Saturday Delivery

Manager Simpson recommended the Board set the last day for Saturday ditchrider service on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, the last Saturday before Labor Day, which is consistent with past years. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to set August 31, 2025, as the last day for Saturday ditch riding. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

WFOA Report

Treasurer Dekker reported she and Assistant Treasurer Garza attended the WFOA Conference in Washington D.C. The conference exhibited the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). She reported they attended sessions for fraud prevention, vacation and sick time accruals, and usage of procurement cards. They also attended leadership workshops. Assistant Treasurer Garza reported she learned more about public funds.

NWRA Western Water Seminar Report

Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff gave a brief report on the NWRA Western Water Seminar he, Assistant Manager Andreini, President Anderson, and Manager Simpson attended in Park City, UT. Some of the issues discussed were the Great Salt Lake and Salton Sea, the Columbia River Treaty, and California's water issues. Assistant Manager Andreini reported there was a tour of a water treatment plant and there was discussion of the

drinking water system in Park City, Utah. President Anderson reported on the Upper and Lower Colorado River water supply. Attorney Franz reported

there were no legal panels at this seminar, but did enjoy the discussion of the scientific analysis of the snowpack.

Deputy Assistant Manager Bischoff ran for and was elected as an Individual Member Representative to serve on the NWRA Board of Directors. This was for a seat term that expires at the end of 2025. He will need to run for an Individual Member Representative seat again at the Annual Conference and Leadership Forum in November for the 2026-2027 term. Manager Simpson reported that the sponsorship made by the District was greatly appreciated and was displayed prominently during the conference.

USBR Report

EFO Deputy Manager Lay reported that EFO Manager Maynard is out of the office. He gave an update on OGWRP easements and the completion of the EL 84.7 easements. He reported that ½ of the easements for the EL 22.1 Delivery Systems have 1890 reservations, which make easements easier to acquire. Acquiring the other ½ of the easements will be a longer process. EFO Deputy Manager Lay reported he is coordinating with Realty Specialist Jon Brooks for legal descriptions, title transfers, and 10(d) title transfers. Joslin McClure with Reclamation is working on M&I contracts. He also reported that the hiring freeze has been extended through October. There is limited workload potential for the Engineers, Hydro techs, and Hydrologists at the Ephrata Field office due to limited staff. Manager Simpson appreciated the MOA meeting that was scheduled with Reclamation regarding the title transfers to keep it moving in the right direction.

HR/Safety  
Supervisor

HR/Safety Supervisor Walraf reported there was a Labor and Industries inspection. She gave an update on the eviction process of a former employee from District housing and reported that clean-up of the housing unit has started.

District  
Engineer

District Engineer Gonzalez reported the engineering department has been working on BPA Energy SMART applications. There are \$224,000 worth of incentives being applied for the upcoming winter work. There is also an additional \$500,000 in WaterSmart grants. District Engineer Gonzalez reported BPA is working through the EL 84.7 and EL 80.6 Delivery Systems VFD Water Saving applications. Development Coordinator Erickson stated the BPA incentives are not a grant contribution calculated in the \$5700 per acre limitation. Director Lyle asked what the response time is for the applications. District Engineer Gonzalez commented it would take several months to receive a response for the agreement.

Treasurer  
Report

Treasurer Dekker reported there will be an RRA audit next week with (title)Janice (last name) with Reclamation. Director Lyle asked why the emergency fund is less than the previous year. Treasurer Dekker commented that the current investments and their maturity dates affect the comparative report and reflect the change in funds.

Manager  
Report

Manager Simpson reported he received a call from our 2016 underwriter at Barclays and was reminded that next year will be the last year paying for the 2006 bond as it ends in 2026 and the 2007 bond will be paid out in the following year. The EL 47.5 bond will become callable in 2026 which will give the District the option to repay the bond or re-issue a new bond at a lower rate if possible. He also reported that NWRA and FFA sent

a joint letter regarding Reclamation efficiencies. The letter provided insight into the opportunities Reclamation can take to let the CBP Districts take over duties to increase efficiency.

Manager Simpson gave an update on retirement and reported that George Phillips has retired after serving the District for 33 years. He also mentioned that Assistant Manager McCourtie will be retiring in September. The details for his celebration are soon to follow.

Attorney Update

Manager Simpson presented a picture to the board of a new boardroom table and recommended approval of purchase. Following discussion, The Board approved the purchase of a new boardroom table by consensus.

Travel Authorization

Attorney Franz gave an update on the litigation with the United States over the payment of wheeling cost over the former BPA transmission lines. She reported Reclamation has until September 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the second round of discovery on damages calculation and another month to complete responsive pleading on the pending summary judgment motions.

Executive Session

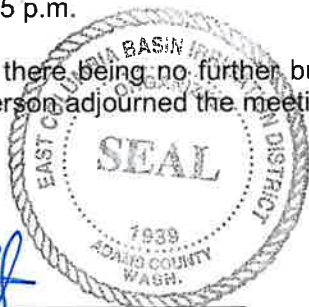
Director Swinger moved to approve the board and appropriate staff to attend the CBP Managers Legislative Trip, September 15-18, 2025, in Washington D.C, the Family Farmers Alliance Annual Convention, October 29-30, 2025, Silver Legacy Resort, in Reno, NV, and the NWR Leadership Forum/Annual Conference, November 4-6, 2025, in Tucson, AZ. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

President Anderson declared an executive session at 11:45 a.m., for a total of 5 minutes, to discuss litigation with legal counsel under RCW 42.30.110(i) and acquisition of property under RCW 42.30.110(b). At 11:50 a.m., the meeting was extended for 20 minutes. At 12:10 p.m., the meeting was extended for 5 minutes. The meeting came out of executive session at 12:15 p.m.

At 12:15 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Anderson adjourned the meeting to August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

  
Secretary



  
President