

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

June 3, 2026

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
Bobby Bischoff
Nate Andreini
Anna Franz

Staff

Miriam Garcia
Julio Gonzalez
Jon Erickson

Visitors present: Clyde Lay and Joslin McClure, USBR; Alan Lackner, CBHP; Randy Kiesz, Paul Wollman, Michele Kiesz, and Clark Kagele. Visitors

Visitors via teleconference: Representative Mary Dye; Mike Schwisow, Consultant; and Jed Crowther.

President Anderson opened the hearing of petition for Inclusions of Lands. The hearing remained open until the end of the meeting. CBP Public Hearing

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2026, had been mailed to the Directors. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2026, as written. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried. Minutes Approved

Assistant Manager Bischoff introduced the following District staff: Justin Huff, Bryer Knowles, Vince Isensee, and Misael Zurita.

Ms. Michele Kiesz referenced a letter of intent that was sent to the Board in September 2024 and distributed copies to the Board. The letter referred to the landowners' agreement with IRZ Engineering to move forward with working on the design of the EL 40.2 Delivery System. The landowner group had been working with IRZ to move forward with the design of the system for \$10/acre. She stated the group was told by the District not to proceed with IRZ. Currently, there are three MOU's in place with the District. Public Comment Period

Representative Mary Dye announced there will be a public meeting on June 15th to discuss the \$3.2M grant appropriations made by the Legislature and how to satisfy the obligation for the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP). She

requested the Board to delay the landowner contributions beyond June 15th and offered a new deadline of June 22nd. The 32,000 acres, at a \$100/acre obligation, have been met through State funding. She requested the Board to consider that the \$3.2M grant obligation is intended to be paid in full for the landowners' initial contributions under the Design Services Agreement.

Manager Simpson reported staff approved and issued the following permit, consistent with board authorization:

District
Improvements

Approved & Issued Permit

a. Todd Reber	ELC Crossing	Block 40
b. WHB	Underground Crossing	Block N/A, FU 115-810
c. Grant PUD	Overhead Power Crossing	Block 42, FU 230/236
d. Adams County	Underground Utility Crossing	Block 49, FU 119/148

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

Contracts

- a. Renewal Temporarily Productive Water Service Contract, Susan H. Ruff, LLC., 044-107-802-000-001, 14.2 acres
- b. First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract for Groundwater Replacement, WHB Trust, 390-134-813, 145 acres
- c. Amendment First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract for Groundwater Replacement, Northwest Plains, LLC., 390-132-813, Adding 18 acres, 171.3 acres
- d. Amendment First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract for Groundwater Replacement, WHB Trust, 390-137-813, Adding 87.8 acres, 952.8 acres
- e. Amendment First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract for Groundwater Replacement, WHB Trust., 390-139-813, Decreasing 32.8 acres, 904.7 acres

Manager Simpson reported that contract a. is another Temporarily Productive Water Service Contract that has been expired for three years and needs to be renewed. The District offered the landowner a one-year Temporarily Productive Water Service Contract for the 2026 water season to allow Reclamation additional time to review future water service contract options. Staff recommended approval of the one-year Temporarily Productive Water Service Contract. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to approve contract a., as presented. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson reported contract b. is a new First Phase Continuation Water Service Contract for groundwater replacement from the EL 84.7 Delivery System for 145 acres. This new water service contract includes a new turnout. Manager Simpson recommended approval of contract b., as presented. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to approve contract b. as presented. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Manager Simpson reported contracts c. - e., are amended contracts. Contract c. would be amended to reflect the addition of 18 acres, contract d. would be amended to reflect the addition of 87.8 acres, and contract e. would be amended to reflect the removal of 32.8 acres. Manager Simpson reported the landowner of contracts b. – c. had a water right change and the amended contracts reflect the changes. Manager Simpson recommended approval of contracts, c. - e., as presented. Following discussion, Director Lyle moved to

approve contracts, c. - e., as presented. Director Swinger 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. 329493 through 329506 and 2822 through 2982 in the amount of \$3,157,806.58 and electronic Payroll and AP transfer in the amount of \$665,362.77 for a total of \$3,776,918.85 from the O&M Fund and \$46,250.50 from the Construction Fund. Director Osborne seconded, and the motion carried.

Vouchers

Assistant Manager Bischoff presented Resolution 2026-07, Declaration of Special Market Conditions. Similar to previous circumstances regarding the availability of used equipment, the Equipment Committee approved the purchase of a water truck not to exceed the amount of \$470,000. Manager Simpson asked if the amount was still adequate for the District's purchasing needs. Assistant Manager Bischoff replied that the resolution declares the special market condition for the purchase not to exceed that specific amount. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to adopt Resolution 2026-07. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried

Resolution
2026-07

Manager Simpson reported the Board had previously authorized a temporary water service contract for Round Lake Farms for 2026. He reported the contract was approved by Reclamation and is now fully executed. 5,000 af of water was delivered to Round Lake Farms, and Reclamation will be closing gates today. Round Lake Farms requested an additional 1,000 af of water. Manager Simpson reported staff are working with Reclamation to get additional water released upon payment.

Round Lake
Farms Temp
WSC

Manager Simpson reported no assents were received from Reclamation, nor were any other comments received for the following Petition for Inclusion of Land:

Petition for
Inclusion of
Land

- a. Dennis E. Swinger & Suzanne F. Swinger No. 241

Manager Simpson presented the following Order for Hearing for Petition for Inclusion of Land:

Order for
Hearing for
Petition for
Inclusion of
Land

- a. Dennis E. Swinger Jr. No. 242

Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to approve the Order for Hearing for Inclusion No. 242 for Dennis E. Swinger Jr., as presented. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried with Director Swinger abstaining from discussion and the vote.

Assistant Manager Andreini reported Reclamation is working on easement acquisition for the 34.5kV power line in order to start construction. There were multiple requests by bidders to extend the 34.5kV power line extension bid opening. The bid opening has been extended to June 10th. The bid is expected to be awarded during a continued Board meeting on June 16th. The engineers' estimate for the power line extension bid is between \$4M and \$4.5M. Staff had to estimate dates for the contractor to start construction activities to coincide with when easements would be acquired. There have been a few requests by

34.5kV Line
Extension (EL
80.6/EL 84.7)

landowners to relocate powerline poles. These requests are to minimize impact and operations; however, there is a cost associated with accommodating the landowners. Director Lyle asked if the transformers were on site. Assistant Manager Andreini replied that the transformers are in the District yard. The capacitors were delivered after being delayed. Due to the late delivery, the liquidated damage in the amount of about \$39,000 will be withheld from the contractor's final payment.

Development Coordinator Erickson reported the EL 4.8 Delivery System landowners made their initial contribution payment and are moving forward in the design process with the District. They held their first MOU meeting on May 4th. This meeting focused on the MOU process. The total acres for this delivery system are 2,576 acres, including M&I conversion acreage. He reported there is a landowner who has 670 acres of M&I, and staff met with him to discuss costs associated with the contract and payment options. Director Lyle asked if M&I water service contract holders have to pay the 30-year development fee. Manager Simpson replied that M&I water service contract holders prepay the full 30-year development fee.

EL 4.8 Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that Jerry Gross with MHB continues to work through seeking financing options for the EL 11.8 Delivery System. He is hoping to apply for RCPP grant applications.

EL11.8
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported a meeting was held with the Office of Columbia River (OCR). Discussions included the grant for the EL 22.1 Delivery System to conduct a 3rd party estimate, grants and water service contracts. The District will be offering water service contracts to the EL 22.1 Delivery System landowners to allow for early implementation and use of OCR grants. OCR previously expressed comfort with the execution of at least 75% of water service contracts to move forward with construction using state grant funds. The intent is to move forward with execution of the 22.1 Delivery System water service contracts to utilize the funds that are available for the delivery system by the State proviso. The anticipated construction for the delivery system would be to work on the sump, as there are no easements acquired on the pipeline yet. The District has not met with the EL 22.1 Delivery System landowners, but will schedule a meeting with them in June. Director Lyle asked if the District had discussed with the Department of Ecology (DOE) regarding the implications for the landowners who are further away from the pipeline. Development Coordinator Erickson replied that the intent is to offer solutions to utilize funds to move forward with the delivery system, as it is the largest system with higher construction costs.

EL22.1
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported Design Services Agreement Amendment #2, which the Board extended the deadline to June 15th, was executed for the EL 27.9 Delivery System.

EL 27.9
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported Design Services Agreement Amendment #2, which the Board extended the deadline to June 15th, was executed for the EL 40.2 Delivery System.

EL 40.2
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that the landowner, Stahl Hutterian Brethren, signed an additional Design Services Agreement for the addition of 2,030 acres to their initial allocation. These additional acres are in addition to the initial design agreement

Stahl Design
Services
Agreement

acreage that was previously executed. This fulfills this landowner's original requests for more land in excess of the initial 2,100 acres allocated to each landowner. Their original request was for 4,130 acres. They previously paid \$2/acre to include these acres in the initial remaining acreage allocation process. Following discussion, Director Lyle moved to approve the Design Service Agreement for additional acres within the EL 40.2 Delivery System. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that the landowner, Kagelville, signed an additional Design Services Agreement for the addition of 1,030 acres to their initial allocation. He reported that five entities have paid their initial contribution for the system and five have not. These additional acres are in addition to the initial design agreement acreage that was previously executed. This fulfills this landowner's original requests for more land in excess of the initial 2,100 acres allocated to each landowner. Their original request was for 2,100 acres. They previously paid \$2/acre to include these acres in the initial remaining acreage allocation process. Following discussion, Director Lyle moved to approve the Design Service Agreement for additional acres within the EL 40.2 Delivery System. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Kagelville
Design
Services
Agreement

Development Coordinator Erickson reported Design Services Agreement Amendment #2, which the Board extended the deadline to June 15th, was executed for the EL 42.7 Delivery System.

EL 42.7
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported Design Services Agreement Amendment #2, which the Board extended the deadline to June 15th, was executed for the EL 54 Delivery System. There has been discussion by the landowners to add M&I water service contracts. The landowners will discuss this with the managers and engineering staff.

EL 54 Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported Design Services Agreement Amendment #2, which the Board extended the deadline to June 15th, was executed for the EL 56.5 Delivery System. Staff are working on streamlining the easement acquisition process with Reclamation.

EL 56.5
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported Design Services Agreement Amendment #2, which the Board extended the deadline to June 15th, was executed for the EL 77.7 Delivery System. Staff are working on streamlining the process as easement acquisition is needed.

EL 77.7
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported that the landowner, WHB, signed an additional Design Services Agreement for the addition of 1,999.94 acres to their initial allocation. These additional acres are in addition to the initial design agreement acreage that was previously executed. This fulfills this landowner's original requests for more land in excess of the initial 2,100 acres allocated to each landowner. Their original request was for 4,09.94 acres. They previously paid \$2/acre to include these acres in the initial remaining acreage allocation process. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve the Design Service Agreement for additional acres within the EL 77.7 Delivery System. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

WHB Design
Service
Agreement

District Engineer Gonzalez gave a construction update and displayed a live video feed of the construction of the EL 80.6 Delivery System pumping plant. He reported that there is a delay in the conduit layout for the Motor Control Center (MCC). The MCC conduit layout

EL 80.6
Delivery
System Update

from Rockwell needs clarification since Rockwell changed their electrical engineering process. As a result, placement of the elevated slab continues to be delayed. Director Lyle asked about the buried garbage on the construction site. District Engineer Gonzalez replied that during the digging process, C&E Trenching found garbage in the sump location. The sump location was previously used as a dump site. The garbage was removed from the site and the driveway. The geotechnical investigation did not detect the garbage. C&E Trenching is asking for compensation for the removal of the garbage and replacement with suitable fill. Staff are reviewing a change order request for the work to be completed. District Engineer Gonzalez reported staff received sample blocks for the exterior of the pump plant but rejected them due to the incorrect color. He also reported that the first deliveries of FRP pipe are scheduled to begin tomorrow. The crew is expecting to start receiving 42-inch FRP pipe. Engineering staff have been working on staging locations. District Engineer Gonzalez received an email from Future Pipe Industries (FPI) stating that the locking strips cannot be delivered due to contamination of the ship in which the strips were being transported. The locking strips were rejected at the port. FPI will be transporting another shipment through air freight.

District Engineer Gonzalez gave a construction update and displayed a live video feed of the construction of the EL 84.7 Delivery System pumping plant. He reported that the masons are in the process of placing the concrete masonry unit (CMU) blocks. District Engineer Gonzalez reported Prairie Electric is installing conduit. He also reported that the engineering staff has been inspecting the rebar and grouting process. The surge tank is expected to arrive in September. Director Lyle asked how tall the walls will be. District Engineer Gonzalez replied that the walls will be 20 feet high. He reported there are two miles of FRP pipe left to install. Staff discovered some defective joints installed in a section of restrained joint pipe and damage to a tee. Staff asked for quotes to perform the repairs. FPI gave the District an estimate to laminate the joints and repair the tee in the amount of \$58,000. District Engineer Gonzalez requested authorization to move forward with FPI for repairs. Director Baker moved to authorize staff to move forward with FPI for repairs not to exceed the amount of \$60,000. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

EL84.7
Delivery
System Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported the Watershed Plan is moving forward to the final stage of the plan. The previously estimated plan completion date of December is anticipated to be sooner now. He also reported that the District is working on cost estimate information to provide to NRCS. Development Coordinator Erickson reported the SEIS is being reviewed internally, and the final approval is still expected to be complete by March 2027. The SEIS encompasses land for the EL 11.8 Delivery System.

Watershed
Plan Update

Development Coordinator Erickson reported there is a second call for the remaining acres. There was an online form posted that directs landowners to request acres by June 22nd. He anticipates there will be a couple of requests submitted. This online application will be subject to the same conditions as prior remaining acres applications. President Anderson asked if the intent of the online form is for the commitment of the acres. Manager Simpson replied that the intent is for landowners to join a delivery system before the design work of the delivery system is started, as delays and re-engineering increase construction costs. He also reported that in response to Representative Dye's public comment, these remaining acres are not being offered to the public. The remaining acres of the delivery systems that have fully executed and made initial payments for the design agreements will not be offered. Manager Simpson reported he met with EFO Manager Maynard to discuss

Remaining
Acres

building a public delivery system or a private delivery system from Billy Clapp Lake. There are concerns from Reclamation due to the area not being included in the Odessa Subarea Special Study.

Manager Simpson reported there is a scheduled meeting with Capital Budget Committee legislators on June 15th. Representative Dye announced the meeting would be open to the public. Manager Simpson asked how many Board members were planning to attend the meeting. If more than two Board members plan to attend the meeting, it would create a quorum, thus requiring the District to conduct a public meeting. Currently, Director Swinger and Director Lyle are planning to attend, which will not require a special Board meeting. There will be a request for a continued meeting on June 16th for other District business.

PR Consultant Korfiatis gave an update on the website. The website traffic targeted the job openings page specifically the Secretary-Manager position. She reported she updated the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP) map on the website. She also reported the Secretary-Manager position was posted on LinkedIn and hit 600 views. PR Consultant Korfiatis gave an update on the website hosting services charges. She reported that the transition was completed. However, some current pages did not transfer correctly, and she is working on auditing the website and will be reverting the updated information. She reported that notable guests have RSVP'd for the groundbreaking ceremony of the EL 80.6 Delivery System on June 10th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. She also gave an update on the remaining acres posting. She reported there was an online form posted that directs landowners to request acres. No applications have been submitted yet.

Public
Relations
Update

Assistant Manager Bischoff reported there has been progress made with the Headquarters Relocation. Bernardo Wills has been working on creation of Task Order No. 4, and staff expect to present it at the July Board meeting. He also reported that staff and the attorney reviewed the draft Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA), and associated documents, for the land associated with the relocation and held a meeting with the landowner to discuss the draft. He requested time in executive session to discuss the PSA.

Headquarters
Relocation

Assistant Manager Bischoff reported there was a USDA Water Savings Commodities Grant Coalition letter received by Samantha Barncastle, Executive Vice President (EVP) of Family Farm Alliance (FFA). She asked the grant awardees to support this letter to move forward with discussions of grant award release to recipients. The Board, by consensus, directed the Manager to concur with the coalition letter addressed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

USDA Water
Savings
Commodities

Assistant Manager Bischoff reported that Google announced a funding opportunity for up to \$6 million for projects that conserve, restore, or keep water in the watershed. He reported that the Columbia Basin Project (CBP) is not labeled as a high priority for receiving funding, but he will be working with Rubicon to identify conservation projects. Director Lyle asked if District staff would be working on the grant writing for the project. Assistant Manager Bischoff reported that Rubicon has a grant writing program with a high success rate and provides a grant writer. Assistant Manager Bischoff requested authorization to submit a technical proposal for the Google funding opportunity. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to authorize the District to submit a technical proposal for the Google funding opportunity. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Google
Funding
Opportunity

CBHP Manager Lackner reported the power plants are running between 125 and 127 megawatts of power. There was no damage to the plants during the storm that occurred last week. However, the day following the storm, there was debris that impacted the Quincy Chute, and service was interrupted for a short period. The service was restored the same day, and no significant damage was reported.

Columbia
Basin
Hydropower

Assistant Manager Andreini reported the comment period for the BABA waiver has closed. A joint CBP District support letter was submitted to the Made in America Office regarding the BABA waiver. He reported there was one comment received, with the comment being in support of the waiver. EFO Deputy Manager Lay reported the waiver was sent up the Reclamation chain for final review and approval. He has not seen the final approval, and the BABA waiver link has not been made available. Assistant Manager Andreini reported there is continued work with the cultural resources for compliance with Section 106. The work for the microwave towers was approved by Reclamation. EFO Deputy Manager Lay reported that Reclamation has completed cultural resource surveys for the smaller masts and anticipates the approval being finalized in July. Assistant Manager Andreini also reported that he met with Communications Supervisor Meseberg to discuss any damage incurred during the storm. The existing system did not experience any damage.

SCADA

Manager Simpson reported there has been no recent update. There has not been a CBP water rights meeting to discuss the public comments received during the open comment period. He reported he has not discussed this with Government Relations Consultant Schwisow. The CBP Districts will need to regroup and discuss with DOE and Reclamation regarding the policy.

CBP Water
Rights

District Engineer Gonzalez reported the Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan needs to be updated. The last plan was written in 2007. Manager Simpson reported there was a Coordinated Conservation Plan created in 2009 amongst the three CPB Districts. A plan needs to be created to analyze data to help address CBP water rights issues. Manager Simpson asked the Board for any suggestions regarding types of conservation projects that they might like added to the plan. District Engineer Gonzalez requested authorization to call for RFQs to Consultants for a Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan. Following discussion, Director Osborne moved to authorize staff to call for RFQs to consultants for a Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan. Director Baker seconded, and the motion carried.

Quotes and
Bids

Assistant Manager Bischoff reported that due to construction needs, he spoke to the Equipment Committee to discuss the purchase of equipment and requested authorization to purchase two trench rollers through a purchasing pool. These remote trench rollers are grant-reimbursable through established rental rates and can be used for conservation pipelines and delivery systems for compaction in the future. Following discussion, Director Baker moved to approve the purchase of two trench rollers through a purchasing pool, as requested. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Assistant Manager Bischoff gave an update on the purchase of three ½ ton pickups that were authorized for purchase through a purchasing pool in November. He reported the pickups have arrived and will be added to the fleet.

Manager Simpson reported that after several meetings, the District and the Columbia Basin Irrigation Council (CBIC) came to a tentative agreement that was approved and passed by the CBIC. Some of the changes to the agreement included a 4% wage increase for the remainder of 2026, along with a \$1,000 stipend per bargaining unit employee, a CPI index adjustment for 2027 and 2028, extended step increases durations from one year to two years for Steps "3" and "4", an adjusted crane operator pay, and tool reimbursements. Compensatory time language remains, but the bargaining unit employees are not authorized to use it presently. The Collective Bargaining Agreement reduced contract term from a five-year to a three-year contract. Manager Simpson requested ratification for the approval of the tentative agreement between the District and the CBIC. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to ratify the approval of the tentative agreement between the District and CBIC. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Collective
Bargaining
Agreement

Manager Simpson reported the Board has been supportive of NWRA organizations over the last few years. He recommended sponsoring this year's NWRA Western Water Seminar. He reported that NWRA greatly appreciates sponsorships made by the District, and the sponsorships are highly displayed during the conferences. There is a high value of advocacy at the federal level provided by NWRA for the District. Following discussion, Director Swinger moved to approve sponsoring the NWRA Western Water Seminar in the amount of \$2,500. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Sponsorships

Manager Simpson reported the 1st Half Reserved Works payment was made. There was a timing issue with the issuance of the invoices, which extended the payment due date; however, the District will be making the payment based on the Repayment Contract due dates. The 2nd Half Reserved Works payment is due at the end of the month.

2nd Half
Reserved
Works
Payment

Assistant Manager Bischoff reported the construction of the conservation pipeline for the EL 68M has been completed. Staff is working on completing the final invoice for Columbia Basin Railroad.

EL 68 MWW
Railroad
Crossing
Update

EFO Deputy Manager Clyde Lay reported that EFO Manager Maynard will be out of the office for the remainder of the week, attending Reclamation area office meetings. He reported that the SCADA process is moving forward. EFO Deputy Manager Clyde Lay gave an update on the Temporarily Productive Water Service Contracts. He reported that due to staffing resources, the process has been slower than expected. However, Reclamation is on the same page with the District regarding prioritization of work for these water service contracts. He also reported that Reclamation is moving forward with the District's direct funding for a Reclamation Realty Specialist. He reported that Karrisa McDonald, with Reclamation, has been working on the EL 80.6 Delivery System easements. Development Coordinator Erickson reported that staff are still waiting for a few easement acquisitions.

USBR Report

Manager Simpson reported the letter sent to the Article 28 contract holders who are currently using an agricultural water supply for residential purposes, stating that their contracts need to be converted to M&I contracts, was sent. The President of one of the contract holder land associations received the letter and came into the office to discuss the contents of the letter, as there are costs associated with this transition. Director Lyle asked

Manager
Report

when the Secretary-Manager position applications would be reviewed. Manager Simpson replied that applications will be accepted until June 10th. Staff will be providing the Board a list of applicants at the July Board meeting in order for them to select candidates for interviews. There are a number of applications already submitted. Manager Simpson requested time in executive session to discuss personnel and a potential tort claim.

Attorney Franz requested time in executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Attorney
Update

District Engineer Gonzalez reported staff will be requesting authorization to negotiate engineering consultant contracts.

Other

Manager Simpson reported that BBEC informed the District that there will be a rate increase in 2027.

President Anderson declared an executive session at 11:25 p.m., for a total of 40 minutes, to discuss personnel performance, acquisition of property, and potential litigation under RCW 42.30.110(b), (g), and (i). At 12:10 p.m., the session was extended for 10 minutes. The board came out of executive session at 12:21 p.m.

Executive
Session

Director Swinger moved to authorize reimbursement for Director Osborne for 50% of his flight expense to the Irrigation Leaders New Zealand Tour as an accommodation for a medical condition. Director Lyle seconded, and the motion carried.

Meeting
Adjourned

At 12:21 pm., there being no further business to come before the Board at that time, President Anderson continued the Hearing of Petition of Inclusion of Lands to the next regular Board meeting and continued the meeting to June 16th, 2026.


Secretary


President