

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2025  
64697 Cook Avenue  
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Martin Warbington, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Ed Galazzo  
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath  
ATTORNEY: Garrett Chrostek  
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, David Arnold, Becky Arnold, Bob Varco, Jeff Kramer, Susie Hart, Mary Wallis, Tammy Hart, Dorothy Wallis, Jack Billings, Marianne Walker  
Zoom Attendees: Jeff Stuermer, Christine Larson

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 10:05 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.
- ORS 192.660(2)(f): To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h): To consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, Chairman Cochran reconvened the regular session at 10:31 a.m. and announced that patron Susie Hart was recording the meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2025 BOARD MEETING

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 2025 board meeting. Vice Chair Warbington seconded the motion. Chairman Cochran and Director Shull voted in favor, and Director Galazzo abstained, as he was not present at the October meeting. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

WATER SUPPLY REPORT

The current water supply report and graph indicated that Crescent Lake was 22% full at ~19,000 AF. Manager Schull stated it is too early to determine if the snowpack levels will help us next year, but so far, they are average.

FUNDING UPDATES

Manager Schull provided a status update on funding for piping projects. He is currently working with the NRCS to utilize the remaining PL566 funds that were earmarked for Tumalo. These funds would be used to complete the design and archeology studies needed to complete the piping projects that were included in the Watershed Plan. He is also working on the WaterSmart grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for Group 6B.

OWRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Oregon Water Resource Congress' annual conference will once again be held in Hood River, Oregon. The dates of the conference have been scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be attended this year by Manager Schull and Matt Lane. Any board member that is interested in joining should let Office Manager Spath know and she will get them registered.

### 2026 BUDGET

Office Manager Spath handed out copies of the draft budget for 2026 and encouraged all board members to review it prior to the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting so they could come prepared with questions. Manager Schull gave a brief overview of the proposed decrease in rates for the 2026 annual assessments.

### OTHER

Patron Tammy Harty presented a request to the Board for reimbursement for a portion of a Cascade Pump & Irrigation bill that she had to pay to repair damage caused as the result of a miscommunication with the field crew who turned the water back on after she had requested it to be shut off, not realizing that she shared a delivery with the neighbor who had requested the water be turned back on. Director Galazzo made a motion to reimburse Harty in the amount of \$1,100. Chairman Cochran seconded the motion. Vice Chair Warbington, Director Shull, and Director Putnam voted in favor, and it passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Manager Schull presented information from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, who is looking to recruit ag landowners to join a Local Advisory Committee to participate in meetings every two years to discuss agricultural water quality issues in the Upper Deschutes Management Area. Office Manager Spath explained that details can be found on TID's website.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Patron David Arnold asked for further clarification on funding for planned piping projects, stating that he feels Manager Schull's priority appears to be in piping the Couch Lateral and he wants TID to consider taking out a loan to complete Group 6B. Chairman Cochran explained that he did the math and taking out a loan to complete piping would add approximately \$260 to patron's annual assessment for the next 30 years, and there would also need to be a vote of the entire District to borrow more than ¼ of the district's operating budget. Arnold explained that he was just referring to the \$2M needed for Group 6B. Manager Schull said he is still working on the Bureau of Reclamation grant for Group 6B, and that the WaterSmart program was going through revisions before the recent administration change which altered the process.

Patron Susie Hart asked Manager Schull about the trash rack that was going to be built at the Tumalo Diversion. Schull stated that the field crew performed the work and the project was complete.

Patrons Mary Wallis and Jeff Kramer asked for more clarification on funding for piping and Manager Schull answered their questions about the grants. Patron Susie Hart asked Manager Schull if the grant funds were committed to TID in writing, and Schull replied yes.

Patron Susie Hart handed Chairman Cochran a Letter of Grievance, stating she had emailed a copy to Office Manager Spath, and requested a copy be recorded with the minutes.

### MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2025 VOUCHER LIST

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the November 2025 voucher list. Director Galazzo seconded the motion. Chairman Cochran, Vice Chair Warbington, and Director Shull voted in favor, and it passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

### NEXT MEETING DATE

The date of the next regular board meeting was set for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (Executive session at 10:00 a.m. and returning to regular session at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

Chairman Cochran reminded the Board that a special meeting would be held the following Monday, November 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to certify the 2025 Election and to review the 2026 proposed budget.

ADJOURN

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:17 a.m. Vice Chair Warbington seconded the motion. Chairman Cochran, Director Shull, and Director Galazzo voted in favor, and it passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.