

**Minutes
North Unit Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
October 9, 2024**

Director Kirsch called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:37 am, in regular session at the Madras Municipal Airport, 2028 NW Berg Drive, Madras, OR. 97741. Remote participation available via Teleconference 1-408-638-0968 Meeting ID 373-976-1157 Participant ID # or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3739761157>

Board Members Present

Mike Kirsch, Chair
Ryan Boyle, Vice Chair via Zoom
Vern Bare, Director
Evan Thomas, Director, arrived at 8:51 am
Ryan Feigner, Director

Staff Members Present

Josh Bailey, Secretary, District Manager
Gary Calhoun, Operations Manager
Dennis Krueger, Watermaster
Leslie Maynard, Finance Manager
Collin Cowsill, Water Operations Specialist
Michelle Camphouse, Water Records Clerk

Others Present

NUID Patrons: Marla Rae Vibbert, Ron Oliver, Jess Smith
Ryan Cook - Emrgy

Approval of Agenda

DM Bailey requested the addition of an Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(h) – Legal Counsel at 10:00 am. **Directors Bare/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the agenda with the above addition. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained from the vote. Director Thomas absent.**

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the September 10, 2024, regular board meeting were presented. **Directors Feigner/Bare moved/seconded to approve the September 10, 2024, regular board minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Director Thomas absent.**

Draft minutes from the September 18, 2024, Local Contract Review Board meeting were presented. **Directors Feigner/Bare moved/seconded to approve the September 18, 2024, LCRB minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle. Director Thomas absent.**

Approval of Bills

Finance Manager Maynard presented the August 1-31, 2024, bills. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch and Vice Chair Boyle abstained.**

Financial Reports

Finance Manager Maynard presented the August 2024 Budget Comparison, DBBC Report, Reserve Funds, and Bank Statement. **Director Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch and Vice Chair Boyle abstained.**

Certification of Election

Chair Thomas ran unopposed for Division 4. DM Bailey certified, and the Board declared such candidate elected to serve a three-year term. **Directors Bare/Feigner moved/seconded to approve board candidate. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch and Vice Chair Boyle abstained from the vote.**

Emrgy Hydrokinetic Project Update

Slide show presentation by Ryan Cook of Emrgy. Proposed new site immediately south of Crooked River near Smith Rock Way. Moved from previous site in Bend due to zoning and proximity to residential space. Goal is to have it operational at 220 Kw for the 2026 irrigation year. A site hosting agreement/contract is being reviewed by district counsel and will be presented for consideration at a later date.

Lateral 43 SHPO Mitigation Proposal

Interpretive panels and kiosks with pictures and exhibits are cultural requirements to complete the project. The proposal from Kramer & Co to construct the panel and advise on the design was presented for consideration. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to enter into a contract with Kramer & Co to construct an interpretive panel. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch and Vice Chair Boyle abstained from the vote.**

NLine Energy Contract for Redmond Hydro Project

NLine Energy is currently working on the electrical design for the District's proposed Redmond Hydro Resiliency Project. The project scope has grown to include solar, backup battery, diesel generator, and microgrid. A change order proposal from NLine Energy to conduct engineering services that a recently awarded Energy Trust of Oregon grant would fund was presented. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded**

Other Business and Announcements

None

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 8:30 am.

Meeting recessed at 9:55 am before entering into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

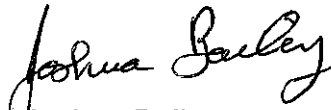
Board returned to open session at 10:38 am.

Board adjourned at 10:38 am.

Signed,



Ryan Boyle
Vice Chair



Joshua Bailey
Board Secretary/District Manager

to approved NLine Energy engineering services proposal as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch and Vice Chair Boyle abstained from the vote.

Water Operations Specialist Report

Water Operations Specialist Cowsill presented the water operations report at the meeting. Automating 43-headend radial gate; Bend headworks EAST Transducer failure troubleshooting unsuccessful – replacement pending; Emrgy visit – pictures for Irrigation Leader Magazine, quick measurement profile; 43 pipeline Seg. 2 OWRD loss verification; CRPS data loss verification; Lava Island & main canal fish rescues after ramp down; awaiting notice to proceed from USBR on 58-11 Flume grant project; DRIFT season review on Wickiup capacity.

O&M Report

Operations Manager Calhoun presented the O&M report at the meeting. Excavation and welding pipe for 43-I delivery; installed 12" valve at 58-9-F; training – shooting grade, excavation, welding HDPE pipe; monthly Wickiup OVIC; repaired siding on duplex housing; tree removal and mowing of main canal; sifted material for backfill; fleet vehicle maintenance; replaced headliner in #18; repaired seat in 160 excavator.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Bailey presented the following Manager's Report at the meeting.

- District staff update: The dam tender, Curtis Wood, retired and moved out of the Wickiup cabin. A new dam tender is needed until the dam is automated. Caleb Kody applied and has been accepted for a temporary position. Once he changes jobs, his maintenance position will need to be filled. Pam Watson-Toleman retired but is working 1-2 days per week. Julia Turek will take over Pam's duties and her position will be filled once vacated.
- Proposed COID delivery fee. A rate structure has been proposed to COID – waiting on a response.
- OWRC – Invasive species Quagga & Zebra Mussels prevention proposed legislation.
- Urban Growth Boundary Meeting – Comments submitted on 10/10.

Executive Manager's Report

District Executive Manager Britton was absent. A packet was distributed. DM Bailey stated that the Association of Oregon Counties tour at Crooked River pumps was well attended.

Water Supply/Water Allotment Discussion

Watermaster Krueger presented the Water Supply Report. Review of current supply, water remaining to be delivered, precipitation, and storage vs. same date in 2023.

Public Comment

Marla Rae Vibbert stated how devastating the invasive Quagga Mussel is. She stated the district does not have enough money to fight it if it were to be found in our waters.