

**Minutes
North Unit Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
September 10, 2024**

Director Kirsch called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:31 am, in regular session at the Jefferson County Annex 66 SE D Street 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
Evan Thomas, Director
Ryan Feigner, Director

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Via Zoom: Kelly Simmelink, Jefferson County Commissioner; Peter Harkema, FCA
NUID Patrons: Marla Rae Vibbert, Katie Oliver via Zoom

Approval of Agenda

DM Bailey requested the addition of the Redmond Hydro Project Update.
Vice Chair Boyle/Director Thomas moved/seconded to approve the agenda with the above addition. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained from the vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the August 13, 2024, regular board meeting were presented. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Thomas moved/seconded to approve the August 13, 2024, regular board minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Approval of Bills

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

Financial Reports

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

Election – Board Member, Division 4, Term of Office Expiration

We have not currently received any Nominating Petitions as of this meeting. The deadline for returning the petitions to the NUID office is 5:00 pm October 8, 2024.

Budget Committee Member Selection

Two Board members are needed for the 2025 Budget Committee. Chair Kirsh and Director Thomas volunteered to be on the committee. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Feigner moved/seconded to appoint Chair Kirsch and Director Thomas to the 2025 Budget Committee. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Redmond Hydro Project Update

Presented by Peter Harkema, Farmer's Conservation Alliance. Two estimates of \$41 Million and \$56 Million were received to install 8,000 feet of pipe within the NUID Main Canal and construct the powerhouse. Prices did not include the turbine, generator, microgrid, solar panels, battery backup, and associated electrical components to generate 1.5 megawatts. Peter indicated that FEMA and the Department of Energy have both shown interest in funding a portion of the project and recommended continuing the existing grant-funded design work. Additional outreach to the City of Redmond, Deschutes County, Oregon National Guard, and US Forest Service will be completed as the project progresses. Additionally, these entities may need to participate in the grant funding for the project to be successful. No board action is needed at this time.

Water Operations Specialist Report

Water Operations Specialist Cowsill presented the water operations report at the meeting. Automating 43-headend radial gate, OSU canal study water sampling, Emrgy visiting 9/16 for canal measurements and press.

O&M Report

Operations Manager Calhoun presented the O&M report at the meeting. Copper treatment below Haystack, weed spraying through district, furnace replacement at Wickiup valve house, repaired PL58-9-I delivery, Wickiup monthly OVIC, installed conduit & nema box for headend 43 gate automation, ditchrider relief riding, tree trimming and vegetation removal, repaired broken vent pipe, repaired equipment trailer, hauled 16" HDPE pipe for PL43-I delivery, repaired safety cables and post at Willow

Creek siphon, fleet maintenance, replaced packing on pump motors at Crooked River pumps, Bend fish screen repairs, water pump replacement truck #70.

Water Right Transfer

Five water transfer requests and maps reviewed. No issues foreseen. **Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve water right transfer requests 2024-05 through 2024-09. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

District Manager's Report

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

- Staff retirement/leave updates. Assistant Manager position posting in October.
- Urban growth boundary expansion review.
- Hosting Town Hall at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Maccie Conroy Building on October 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
- BOR Staff tour of current and future project sites within the District on September 9, 2024.

Executive Manager's Report

District Executive Manager Britton presented the Executive Manager's Report at the meeting.

- The Ferguson Group federal affairs update.
- Letters to Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden for their support of the LBC project.
- Congressman Cliff Bentz will speak in Jefferson County regarding the Western Water Legislation and Urban Canal Modernization Act.
- Springs to Sprouts Tour September 25, 2024.

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. Allotments to increase by .05 for Deschutes River Water Rights and .02 for Crooked River Water Rights, effective September 11, 2024. **Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to increase allotments by .05 for Deschutes River Water Rights and .02 for Crooked River Water Rights effective September 11, 2024 Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.** Last day for water deliveries will be October 11, 2024. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Feigner moved/seconded that the last day for water deliveries will be October 11, 2024. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Public Comment

None

Other Business and Announcements

Upcoming Dates:

- 9/12/24, at 5:30 pm, DBBC District Board Members Meeting at Powell Butte Community Center re: Western Ridge Mussel and Legal updates.
- 9/17/24 Bids for Lateral 43 Phase II due at 2:00 pm.

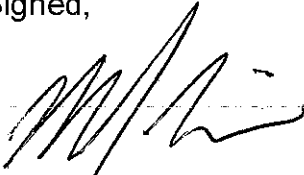
- 9/18/24, at 2 pm, NUID HQ or virtual; Local Contract Review Board Meeting to select a contractor for the Lateral 43 project.

Next Board Meeting

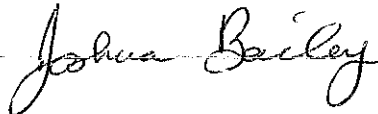
The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 8:30 am.

Board adjourned at 10:05 am.

Signed,



Michael Kirsch
Chair



Joshua Bailey
Board Secretary/District Manager