

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

Director Kirsch called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:30 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
Vern Bare, Director
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

Approval of Agenda

Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained from the vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the June 11, 2024, regular board meeting were presented. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the June 11, 2024, regular board minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Approval of Bills

Finance Manager Maynard presented the May 1-31, 2024, bills. **Directors Bare/Thomas moved/seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Financial Reports

Finance Manager Maynard presented the May 2024 Budget Comparison, DBBC Report, Reserve Funds, and Bank Statement. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Feigner moved/seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Resolution 2024-06 OWRD Grant Application

To be used as non-federal cost share applied toward the construction of the Bend fish screens and give DM Bailey legal authority to enter into an agreement for financial assistance under the program. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded to approve Resolution 2024-06. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Water Operations Specialist Report

Water Operations Specialist Cowsill presented the water operations report at the meeting. Feeder canal automation upgrade complete; gate 50 hydro timer program updates; Emrgy floating solar preliminary work; USBR Haystack Pilot Study with operational suggestions and successes; 58-11 meter repairs; R57 meter replacements; SIA sampling with SWCD.

O&M Report

Operations Manager Calhoun presented the O&M report at the meeting. District-wide copper and acrolein treatments; 43 head-end security fence installed; new lighting in weld shop; weed spraying and vegetation removal at Wickiup; relief ride cross training; weed spraying; compacted ditch bank at 41-U; PL41 repair; PL43 weed screen system built; fleet maintenance; CR pump repairs; confined space training.

District Manager's Report

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

- Surplus Water Pilot Program Update – Patron notification sent out with June newsletter. Portal will allow patrons to order during "surplus water events". The program will be implemented on September 2, 2024.
- Floating Solar RFP Update – Notice of Intent to Award posted June 12, 2024. No protests received.

Executive Manager's Report

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

- Cloud Seeding—The District is seeking match funding. Several organizations have been contacted. PacifiCorp Meteorology Operations Manager has shown interest. A meeting with the Senior Meteorologist will be held on July 16, 2024.
- Bend Fish Screen Funding – Working on funding request for \$2M from OWRD. To increase chances of award, NUID to contribute \$50K from special projects budget and approximately \$45K in-kind. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded to contribute \$50K to Bend Fish Screens from special projects budget. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**
- USBR Boise – Members of DBBC will be meeting with USBR on July 11, 2024.
- NUID/DBBC/Deschutes Basin meeting with PGE in Portland July 16, 2024.

Water Supply/Water Allotment Discussion

Watermaster Krueger presented the Water Supply Report. Review of current supply, precipitation, and storage vs. same date in 2023. No change to allotments.

Public Comment

None

Other Business and Announcements

None

Next Board Meeting

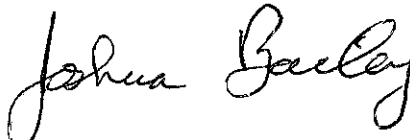
The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Signed,



Michael Kirsch
Chair



Joshua Bailey
Board Secretary/District Manager

