

**Minutes
North Unit Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
April 14, 2026**

Chair Kirsch called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:35 am, in regular session at the North Unit Irrigation District Conference Room, 2024 NW Beech 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
James Macy, Director

Staff Members Present

Erek Fuchs, District Assistant Manager
Dennis Krueger, Operations Manager
Lonnie Lang, Watermaster
Leslie Maynard, Finance Manager
Collin Cowsill, Special Projects Manager
Michelle Camphouse, Water Records Clerk

Others Present

Zoom: Michael (declined to identify further)
Public: Marla Rae Vibbert, Wes Curtiss
NUID Patron: Katie Oliver

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from March 10, 2026, regular board meeting were presented. **Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the March 10, 2026, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.** Draft minutes from the March 24, 2026, special board meeting were presented. An error was noted that Director Feigner attended in-person and not virtually. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the March 24, 2026, special board meeting with the above correction. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Approval of Bills

Finance Manager Maynard presented the February 2026 bills. An error was noted that BOR Prineville Water should state 10,000 Acre Feet. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Feigner moved/seconded to approve the bills with the above correction. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Financial Reports

Finance Manager Maynard presented the February 2026 Budget Comparison, DBBC Report, Reserve Funds, and Bank Statement. **Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Office Report

Finance Manager Maynard presented the March 2026 Office Manager Report.

Pacific Power Service Contract for Bend Fish Screen Project

District Assistant Manager Fuchs presented a Pacific Power service contract indicating that the Bend Fish Screens project requires an upgrade to meet future power needs. The work will require an additional \$14,259.00 investment. Financial Manager Maynard gave a review of budget and grant funds that are already secured. **Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve the Pacific Power General Service Contract. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

COID Easement for Bend Fish Screen Project

District Assistant Manager Fuchs presented an updated easement agreement with COID allowing new electrical services for the Bend Fish Screen Project and allowing connections with COID's existing fish return pipeline. **Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve the updated easement agreement with COID. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

HDR Budget Approval for Bend Fish Screen Project

Assistant District Manager Fuchs presented an HDR budget request for \$58,000 to cover project management, engineering services during construction, and construction close-out support. District management is currently exploring grants or alternative financing options to secure funding to cover budget shortfalls. If grants or alternative financing options are not available, funds may be available in the Special Projects Reserve Fund. **Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the HDR budget request with grant funding. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Special Projects Manager's Report

SPM Cowsill presented the special projects manager's report at the meeting.

EV's Reimbursement

SPM Cowsill submitted a request to cover the remaining upfront cost of two F-150 Lightning EV's from District reserve funds. TS&S Ford dealership has a non-negotiable payment date.

Reserve funds will be replenished once grant check arrives. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve reserve funds be used to cover remaining upfront costs of F-150 Lightnings until grant check arrives. Motion passed 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

O&M Report

Operations Manager Krueger presented the O&M report at the meeting.

Surplus Vehicle Auction

OM Krueger proposed the GMC Yukon be disposed of at a District Surplus Vehicle Auction. No board action required.

District Manager's Report

District Assistant Manager Fuchs presented the following Manager's Report on behalf of District Manager Bailey.

- Plan approval for Segments 3 and 4 of Lateral 43 Pipeline Project.
 - Awaiting Notice to Proceed for BOR and NRC
- DBBC Washington lobbying trip meeting schedule.
- Response letter to Yancy Lind's article.

Water Supply

Watermaster Lang presented the Water Supply Report. Review of current supply, precipitation, snowpack, and storage vs. same date in 2025.

Water Rights Transfers

Water Records Clerk Turek provided maps and narration of the following water right transfer requests.

- Ceciliani restructuring current rights on land. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve Ceciliani's request to restructure current rights on land. Motion passed 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**
- Ickler transferring 23.1 acres to Norton Land Company. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve Ickler's request to move 23.1 acres of water rights to Norton Land Company. Motion passed 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle recused himself as he leases from Norton. Chair Kirsch abstained.**
- New Era restructuring current rights on land. **Director Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve New Era's request to restructure current rights on land. Motion passed 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle recused himself. Chair Kirsch abstained.**
- A. Martin moving 8.4 acres to his land without current rights. Moving due to State denying his existing ground water rights. **Director Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve A. Martin's request to move 8.4 acres of current rights to land without current rights. Motion passed 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Public Comment

Wes Curtiss asked about ability of the county to auction off their water rights. No one was aware if that is allowed or the procedure.

Other Business and Announcements

None

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 8:30 am.

Board adjourned at 9:58 am.

Signed,



Mike Kirsch
Chair



Erik Fuchs
District Assistant Manager