

Dan Woolery, *President, Division 3*

Audie Butcher, Director, Division 2

James Rickert, Vice President, Division 5

Ivar Amen, Director, Division 4 Ronnean Lund, Director, Division 1

Daniel Ruiz, General Manager

BOARD MEETING

Final Minutes

April 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m. 1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

- 1. Call To Order at 6:12 p.m.
- 2. Flag Salute was led by Director Amen

3. Public Participation

Time is set aside for members of the public who wish to address the Board regarding matters within the District's jurisdiction. Individuals are requested to limit comments to a maximum of three minutes.

4. Consent Items

- a. Payroll: Approve the Payroll Check Register for March 2025
- b. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) & Automated Clearing House (ACH) Approve transactions for the Payroll Periods March 14, 2025, and March 28, 2025
- c. Voided and/or missing checks for March 2025

Director Lund made a motion to approve Consent Items 4.a,b,c, and seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

- 5. Regular Business Items
 - a. Minutes Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2025, and Special Meeting on March 25, 2025

Director Butcher made a motion to approve 5.a. Minutes of March 13, and March 25, and seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

b. Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date Through March 31, 2025

Director Woolery commented that he would like to see the Drought Relief income moved from the Operating budget to somewhere in the back towards the Capital section labeled as other income.

Director Butcher made a motion to approve 5.b. Financial Status Report and seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

c. Cash Disbursement Journal for March 2025

Director Woolery asked for clarification on check #31610, in the amount of \$5193.96.

A motion was made by Director Rickert to approve 5.c. Cash Disbursement Journal, and it was seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 5-0.

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6. New Business Items

a. Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff for 2025 Irrigation Start Date- Dan Ruiz & Ben Duncan Looking at finishing board installations at the dam on Friday, April 11, 2025, and will start charging the canal on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:00 a.m. It will be charged at 100 cfs for 3 days and see what happens this year. Monday, April 21, 2025, will be the start date of the rotation, with Area 21 being the first in line.

Director Lund made a motion to adopt the plan set forth by staff and seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 5-0.

b. Consider Potential Salary and Benefit Changes: General Manager

Public Comment

Buddy Johns-What percentage is that increase over one year? And what was the cost of living? He thinks that the projects need to be done that were supposed to have been taken care of a year ago. He said that he is going to file a formal complaint.

Director Woolery commented that he feels blessed to have Daniel Ruiz as the General Manager, and thinks he is doing a fantastic job, and feels that he has earned every penny of what is in his contract. The Board all agreed that we are lucky to have him, and that they will abide by the contract that was put forward when he was hired.

Daniel Ruiz commented that he is truly blessed to be at ACID with the team that we have, and would like to give them a lot of the credit for his successes although it has been a lot of work. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to be here at Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.

Director Butcher made a motion to increase General Manager, Daniel Ruiz's annual salary from \$155,000 to \$165,000 annual salary effective April 1, 2025, and seconded by Director Lund. Vote 5-0.

7. Other Business

- a. General Manager Report- Daniel Ruiz
- b. Operations Manager Report- Ben Duncan- PowerPoint
 - a. Report on ACID Winter Maintenance Project

c. Committee Reports

- a. Budget
- b. Personnel
- c. Diversion Dam
- d. Assessment
- e. Strategic
- f. EAGSA
- g. SRSC- Irrigation release pattern is very high compared to previous years due to the Trump

 Administration's Executive Order to maximize the State's water supply. GM Ruiz mentioned a group of

 Contractors are planning a DC trip in May.
- **8.** Adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Dan Woolery, Board President