



Dan Woolery,
President, Division 3

James Rickert,
Vice President, Division 5

Ronnean Lund,
Director, Division 1

Audie Butcher,
Director, Division 2

Ivar Amen,
Director, Division 4

Daniel Ruiz,
General Manager

BOARD MEETING

Final Minutes

March 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

1. Call To Order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors present- Woolery, Rickert, Lund, Butcher, and Amen

Staff present- Ruiz, Duncan, White

2. Flag Salute was led by Steve McCarley

3. Public Participation

This is time set aside for members of the public who wish to address the Board regarding matters of the District within the board'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 the Month of February 2025
- b. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) & Automated Clearing House (ACH) – Approve transactions for the Payroll Periods 02/14/2025 and 02/28/2025
- c. Voided and/or missing checks for February 2025

A motion was made by Director Rickert to approve the consent items, and it was seconded by Director Amen. Vote 5-0.

5. Regular Business Items

- a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2025, and the Special Board Meeting on February 26, 2025

A motion was made by Director Lund to approve 5.a. with one change to the February 13, 2025, minutes to read, “Change the Strategic Planning Committee to a standing committee,” and it was seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 5-0.

- b. Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through February 28, 2025

A motion was made by Director Rickert to approve Item 5.b., and it was seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 5-0.

- c. Cash Disbursement Journal for February 2025

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

6. New Business Items

- a. Discuss Request for Proportional Refund for Water Users on Lateral 29 from 2024 Irrigation Delay

Public Comment

Brenda Haynes-She stated that we would be opening a can of worms if we do refunds.

Buddy Johns-If we can't deliver on the 14-day rotation then he says that we go back to the 10 -12 day. Forty years ago, that's what it was, and they got it through. He has no idea why it takes 17 days to do what we used to do in 10.

Discussion among the Board and staff as to how to alleviate the problem on lateral 29. Ben Duncan pulled up slides to show the area, and what remedies are proposed to fix the issue for the 2025 water season. The Board will not take action to direct ACID to issue refunds, but rather to take action to do better this year.

b. Discuss 2025 Water Transfer Opportunity with Pelger Mutual Water Company

Dan Ruiz shared that the Pelger Water Company was interested in possibly buying some of our base supply of water but has since walked away due to the high administrative costs associated with doing so. He pointed out that ACID could put our unused water to work by being able to sell some if the situation comes our way. The Board agreed that they would be interested in looking into and evaluating any opportunity that comes our way in the future.

c. Review and Discuss District Herbicide Spray Program

Ben Duncan explained that there has not been any kind of regimented spray program in the past. The timing of staff to do the spraying is very difficult, due to the work demand during the maintenance season. He suggests bringing in a temporary crew that would work under the direction of the QAL licensed employee to do it all at once. Discussion among the Board regarding the liability of bringing in temporary sprayers, the necessity of having a back-up support truck to carry more water, and herbicide, and to come back to the next meeting with more specifics regarding the cost of hiring a crew.

Public Comment

Steve McCarley-He agrees that it would be a good idea to bid out the main ditch and hire a crew to do the laterals. Are there two separate chemicals mixed together to spray the blackberries? Ben responded that there is a mix that they would use to knock those and the woody areas down. Suggests that a plan be put in place for weed control.

7. Other Business

- a. General Manager Report
- b. Operations Manager Report (Ben Duncan presented a PowerPoint)
 - i. Report on Tranquil Lane Repair

8. Committee Reports

- a. Budget
- b. Personnel
- c. Diversion Dam
- d. Assessment
- e. Community Strategic
- f. EAGSA
- g. SRSC

The Board moved into closed session at 7:46 p.m.

9. Closed Session

- a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)**

- i. Title: General Manager

The Board returned from closed session at 8:29 p.m., and reported no action taken.

10. Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Dan Woolery, Board President