



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 Approved Minutes

June 12, 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

Directors Absent: Amen

Staff Present: Ruiz, Duncan, White, and Miller

2. Flag Salute was led by Director Butcher

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 May 2025
- b. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) & Automated Clearing House (ACH) – Approve transactions for the Payroll Periods May 15, 2025, and May 29, 2025
- c. Voided and/or missing checks for May 2025

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

5. Regular Business Items

- a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2025

Director Lund made a motion to approve 5.a. Minutes and was seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 4-0.

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

Discussion and questions among the Board to staff regarding a couple of items in the Financial Status Report.

Director Butcher made a motion to approve 5.b. and was seconded by Director Rickert. Vote 4-0.

- c. Cash Disbursement Journal for May 2025

Questions from the Board regarding a couple of items on the Cash Disbursement Journal.

Director Rickert made a motion to approve 5.c. Cash Disbursement Journal and seconded by Director Lund. Vote 4-0.

6. New Business Items

- a. Report on Lateral 35 Pipeline Repairs and Timeline of Events- Ben Duncan (PowerPoint)
 - GM Ruiz and Ops Manager Ben Duncan presented the timeline of events document included in the Board packet
 - Repairs were done, and lateral 35.1 is now fully functional

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Questions from the Board asking what the root cause of the problem was in the first place?

Ben replied that he thinks it was aging infrastructure and possibly opening and closing of the valves and not having any place for the water to go.

Public Comment

Dennis Pick-His place is right on lateral 35.1 and said that the standpipe is where the leak is, and that it happened last year as well. He did not get water until May 23, and was asking why he didn't get water right after the repair was completed on May 5. Then on May 8, is when another blow out happened on Balls Ferry Rd., but he should have gotten water before that date. Where did the water go?

Ben replied that nobody on the line got water.

Buddy Johns-What did you guys do with the water that blew out? Where did you pump it to?

Ben replied that it went back into the pickup ditch.

Mike Berry-What was the pipe replaced with?

Bob Stent-He has three different tail waters that flow onto his place, and who knows where it is coming from.

Director Woolery spoke about some things that really concern him:

He didn't think that the staff responded to this as the emergency that it was, he thinks it was a business-as-usual approach. He wondered why Steve Manning wasn't called to repair the lateral as he has the heavy equipment required to do the job, and in the past, they have worked night and day to get the job done. He thinks we did a lousy job, and the customers paid for it.

- b. Final Feasibility Report for A.C.I.D. Water Supply & Fisheries Resiliency Project (Presentation from Jeremy Kellogg, PE Jacobs)

Director Rickert made a motion to approve 6.b. Final Feasibility Report and was seconded by Director Butcher. Vote 4-0.

- c. Review and Approve Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Opportunity Pre-application Request for Funding Conceptual & 30% Design for A.C.I.D. Water Supply & Fisheries Resiliency Project in Coordination Sacramento River Settlement Contractors

Public Comment

Mike Berry-He thinks that a lot of thought must be put into the scope of work because the Board and staff have a lot of feasibility questions, not just can you build it. Is there going to be some offset costs? Who could partner with us? Also, there should be some discussion of the risks from the fish agencies. What would make the fish ladder compliant?

A motion was made by Director Rickert and seconded by Director Butcher to approve 6.c. Vote 4-0.

7. Other Business

- a. Operations Manager Report- Ben Duncan presented a PowerPoint presentation

Comment from the Board regarding the magnicide treatment, is there any value in having treatments on some of the larger laterals? Ben responded that we did not have enough product this year to accommodate the larger laterals. In addition, we need to avoid the runoff from going into the creeks, etc.

Comments from Director Woolery- He thought the communication that went out was unhelpful, inaccurate, and created a lot of confusion. He said that no one told them (Board of Directors) that the magnicide treatment was going to happen, and if it was a suitable time. They got the same message as everyone else (through Regroup), then his phone started ringing. Why is it taking 6 days to do magnicide, it has only taken 3 days in the past? Also, why didn't the water operators get informed of the timeline so they could relay the correct information to their customers?

Comment from Director Rickert that we are all on the same team, and we need to be the biggest advocate for the staff, and they (Board) just need to know when this type of information goes out. We need to work on better communication in the future.

Comment from Director Butcher- Said that we are miles ahead of where we used to be in communicating to the irrigators when the magnicide treatment was happening. Prior to the mass communication system (Regroup), the phones would ring off the hook asking where the water went.

- b. General Manager Report- GM Ruiz went through his report included in the Board packet
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget
 - b. Personnel- Director Woolery submitted his written letter of resignation, effective June 17, 2025
 - c. Diversion Dam
 - d. Assessment
 - e. Strategic
 - f. EAGSA
 - g. SRSC

Director Lund thanked Dan Woolery for all his time, energy, and hard work that he has put into the District. She noted that he has exceeded expectations, and she is very appreciative for that commitment.

Director Rickert commented that we have some big shoes to fill with Dan Woolery leaving the Board, and we have been blessed to have him as the Chairperson during some turbulent times, and we couldn't have done it without him.

8. Closed Session - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)

- i. Title: General Manager

9. Informational Items

The Board moved into closed session at 7:47 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 8:49 p.m., and reported no action taken.

10. Adjourn at 8:50 p.m.



Board President, James Rickert