

**Ivar Amen**  
*President, Division 4*

**Garrett Wallis**  
*Vice President, Division 3*

**Ronnean Lund**  
*Director, Division 1*

**Audie Butcher**  
*Director, Division 2*

**Matt Arrowsmith**  
*Director, Division 5*

**Daniel Ruiz**  
*General Manager*

# BOARD MEETING

## Approved Minutes

July 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1887 Howard Street, Anderson (Council Chambers)

**1. Call to Order by President, Ivar Amen at 5:59 pm**

**Directors Present:** Ivar Amen, Garrett Wallis, Audie Butcher, Ronnean Lund, and Matt Arrowsmith

**Staff Present:** Dan Ruiz, Ben Duncan, Shawna Bell, and Andromeda Herlihy

**2. Flag Salute by Dan Ruiz**

**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.

Tammy Weisberg - addressed the Board regarding flooding on her property during irrigation events. She reported that canal water recently overflowed but acknowledged that the recent flooding event had been resolved following staff response. Ms. Weisberg expressed concerns that a deteriorated culvert, debris, and vegetation may be contributing to flooding and requested a permanent solution.

**3. Consent Items**

**a. Payroll: Paycom Labor Distribution Report for June 2026**

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Paycom Labor Distribution Report for June 2026; Director Butcher seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

**4. Regular Business Items**

**a. Minutes – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2026**

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2026; Vice President Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

**b. Treasurer's Report and Financial Status Report for Year-to-Date through June 2026**

**c. Cash Disbursement Journal for June 2026**

The Board reviewed the June 2026 Treasurer's Report, Financial Status Report, and Cash Disbursement Journal. Staff and the Board discussed planned improvements to future financial reports, including enhanced report formatting, balance sheet reconciliation, presentation of total cash balances and year-to-date cash position, cleanup of accounting records, inclusion of page numbers throughout the Board packet, and revised disbursement reporting.

Director Lund made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Financial Status Report, and Cash Disbursement Journal for June 2026; Vice President Wallis seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

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## 5. New Business Items

- a. Discuss & Consider approval to authorize adding Office Manager, Shawna Bell and Vice President, Garrett Wallis as authorized signatory to Tri Counties bank account.

The Board considered authorizing Office Manager Shawna Bell and Vice President Garrett Wallis as authorized signatories on the District's Tri Counties Bank account. Staff explained that the change would provide additional administrative redundancy and strengthen internal controls by separating check preparation and check signing responsibilities.

Director Lund made the motion to approve the addition of Shawna Bell and Garrett Wallis as authorized signatories; Director Butcher seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

- b. Discuss & Consider approval to authorize adding Finance Manager, Andromeda Herlihy and Vice President, Garrett Wallis to Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Investment account, and issue a new office credit card for Andromeda Herlihy.

The Board considered authorizing Finance Manager Andromeda Herlihy and Vice President Garrett Wallis as authorized users on the District's Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) investment account. Staff explained that the additions would provide administrative redundancy and allow account monitoring and management as needed. The Board also considered issuance of a District credit card for Finance Manager Andromeda Herlihy.

Director Butcher made the motion to approve adding Andromeda Herlihy and Garrett Wallis to the RBC investment account and authorized issuance of a District credit card for Andromeda Herlihy; Director Arrowsmith seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

- c. Discuss & Consider approval to authorize Resolution No. 2026 – 07 updating the Local Agency Investment Fund authorization to transfer money.

Staff presented Resolution No. 2026-07 to update the District's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account authorizations. The resolution would add Finance Manager Andromeda Herlihy and Vice President Garrett Wallis as authorized representatives, allowing them to monitor the account and facilitate transfers between LAIF and District checking accounts as needed. Staff noted that the State requires a Board-adopted resolution to update account authorizations.

Director Butcher made the motion to approve the Resolution No. 2026-07 updating the LAIF account authorizations; Director Arrowsmith seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 passed unanimously.

- d. Review Final Offseason Contracted Project List, Scope of Work and Provide Direction to Staff

Staff presented the proposed 2026 off-season contracted project list provided in the board packet and associated scopes of work for canal and lateral rehabilitation projects. Staff reviewed project priorities, estimated costs, and bidding considerations, including improvements on South Barney Canal, Lateral 21, Holiday Ranch, Floyd Lane, Shady Lane, and Lateral 29. Discussion focused on system capacity issues, recurring maintenance concerns, drainage and seepage problems, and opportunities to improve water delivery efficiency.

The Board emphasized the importance of addressing issues on Lateral 29 and requested additional information on potential improvements for the Shady Lane area. The Board directed staff to proceed with developing bid packages and obtaining competitive bids for the proposed projects, including additional cost estimates and engineering information where needed. Staff will return with refined project costs and recommendations for Board consideration during the budget and project planning process.

## 6. Other Business

### a. Operations Manager Report

The Operations Manager reported on ongoing irrigation operations, canal maintenance, vegetation management, and system repairs. Updates included repairs to several pipeline failures, completion of repairs to a failed joint on the NRCS-funded pipeline project, continued efforts to improve water delivery on Lateral 29, and ongoing vegetation control activities.

Staff also reported that one of the District's river pumps experienced a bearing failure and was removed for repair. The remaining pumps continue to operate, and the repaired pump is expected to return to service upon completion of maintenance. The Board discussed pump maintenance, repair costs, and preventative maintenance planning.

### b. General Manager Report

The General Manager reported on the status of ongoing condemnation litigation, noting that a court decision is expected within the next several months. Staff also reported on the transition of Finance Manager Andromeda Herlihy into her new role and the retirement of former employee Terri.

Updates were provided regarding Healthy Rivers discussions and the potential need for a special meeting to review future impacts to the District. The General Manager also reported on long-term water transfer activities, workers' compensation insurance renewal, and a reduction in the District's experience modification rate. In addition, staff discussed evaluating cybersecurity insurance coverage to protect District computer and operational systems from cyber-related risks.

### c. Committee Reports

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

It was reported that there were no committee updates to present at this time.

## 7. Open Session Adjourn at 7:26 pm

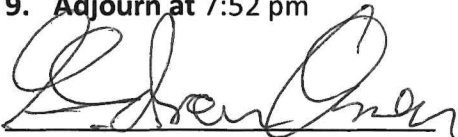
## 8. Closed Session:

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

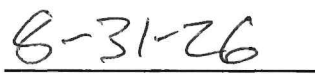
Title: General Manager & Operations Manager Evaluation

No action taken.

## 9. Adjourn at 7:52 pm



Signature



Date