



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) was called to order by Brad Clarno, at 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 2025, in the district office.

The Directors present were Tom Burke, Brad Clarno, and CB Foss. Craig Horrell, Secretary - Managing Director, Jon Skidmore, Deputing Managing Director; Jenny Hartzell-Hill, HR Manager; Kelley O'Rourke, Internal Operations Manager; Jessi Talbott, Water Rights Director; and Mikaela Watson, Water Rights Project Assistant, all attended in person. Heidi Dennison, Accounting Consultant; Douglas Watson, Hydro Manager, and Matt Singer, General Counsel participated via zoom. In-person guests are listed in Exhibit "A".

1. OPEN FORUM:

Brian Boughton came to the Board to request permission to cut and remove ghost trees from COID lands east of Bend. He met with Kelley Hamby 4 years ago and Kelley said it would be pending Board approval. He is here with that request today. The Board will add this request to the December Agenda.

2. FORFEITURE HEARINGS:

Mikaela Watson provided the summary of the one property that has water rights that are up for forfeiture. The patron did not attend so there was no hearing.

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of the 10/14/25 Regular Meeting and the 10/27/25 Special Meeting were provided to the Board. A motion was made by Tom Burke to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Following a second by CB Foss the motion was approved unanimously.

4. TRANSFERS / INCLUSIONS:

The water rights memorandum was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, Exhibit "B". Mikaela Watson and Jessi Talbott provided a summary of water rights and projects.

5. REPORTS:

A. Watermaster Report –

A written report (Exhibit "C") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Craig Horrell informed the Board that with the Central Oregon Canal Intake project, it will not allow for any stock water runs. Board discussion followed regarding the need to get water delivered before they begin the work. Staff will work with contractors and try to make something work the week before or the week after Thanksgiving.

B. Operations and Maintenance Report –

A written report (Exhibit "D") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Craig Horrell informed the Board that with the upcoming project for the Central Oregon Canal Intake project. The cost is coming in less than projected. If this project is started in mid-December, it will take 4 – 6 weeks depending on weather conditions.

- C. Hydro Report -
A written report (Exhibit “E”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Doug Watson joined the Board meeting and updated them on new Juniper Ridge Generation numbers.
- D. Internal Operations & Communications-
A written report (Exhibit “F”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Craig Horrell informed the Board that ShanRae is building a communications plan as discussed at strategic planning.
- E. Finance -
The written report (Exhibit “G”) was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Heidi Dennison joined the meeting via Zoom during old business to discuss the 2026 Budgets.
- F. Manager Report-
Will be discussions in old business and new business.

6. **BILLINGS & PAYROLL:**

Tom Burke made a motion to approve the Billings and Payroll as presented. Following a second by CB Foss the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Merkley PL 566**
Craig Horrell updated the board that the government shut down has ended, now it will just take time to get everything caught up.
- **Grant Funding Update**
Craig Horrell reported that we are still moving forward on all our grants.
- **DBWC**
Craig Horrell updated the Board that staff is still participating in the meetings. Jon Skidmore informed the Board that DRC will push the water bank issue to 2027 legislation.
- **Central Oregon Canal –Intake Project**
Jon Skidmore reported that the plan and work with the engineers, is coming together.
- **Water Pricing**
Jessi Talbott summarized the past pricing and the process for the transfer fee. Jessi Talbott proposed at the October Meeting to increase the Central Oregon Canal to \$2,000 and keep the Pilot Butte Canal at \$100. This proposal is due to the Transfer Fee increase at OWRD. Board discussion followed. The Board asked for more information and to discuss it at the December Board Meeting.
- **2026 Budget Review**
Heidi Dennison joined the meeting, she and Craig Horrell summarized the adjustments made to the Budget since the last meeting. Equipment budget option to purchase

equipment. Then Rate scenarios were presented that FCS put together after the last meeting. Board discussion followed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **Redmond Property Closing**
The closing is complete.

Brad Clarno recessed the regular session to go into the Executive Session at 9:46 a.m. under the following ORS:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The executive session recessed and returned to the general session at 10:15 a.m.

9. BOARD COMMENTS:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. following a motion by Tom Burke and a second by CB Foss.

Craig Horrell, Manager

Tom Burke

Brad Clarno

C.B. Foss

Jeff Larkin

Vacant