



The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) was called to order by Brad Clarno, Chairman, at 9:06 A.M. on December 18, 2024, in the District office.

Directors present were Brad Clarno, Tom Burke, Jeff Larkin, and CB Fos. Brian Lepore participated via Zoom. Also attending were Craig Horrell, Managing Director, Heidi Dennison, Accounting Consultant, Erin Bathke, Accounting and Administrative Associate; Kelley O'Rourke, Internal Operations Manager, attended in person. Jenny Hartzell-Hill, HR Manager, participated via Zoom.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2025 budget and 2025 rates.

Craig reviewed the changes made to the budget reflecting the changes the board requested. Heidi Dennison reviewed the budget for each department that was provided to the board previously via email and paper copy in the meeting. The four rate scenarios for rate increases were presented. Brian Lepore asked about O & M increase from 2024 to 2025 and several variances. Discussion on how to move forward with ditch cleaning and being service oriented followed.

Brian Lepore made a motion to approve to move forward with the 2025 budget based on these items, with final approvals to be made at the January meeting with the 2025 rates increasing 6.5 % and pay off the debt of two loans. Following a second by Jeff Larkin the motion was approved unanimously.

An updated final budget will be provided at the January meeting. The goal is to build up the endowment with additional capital at the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 P.M. following a motion by Tom Burke that was seconded by Jeff Larkin.

Craig Horrell, Manager

Tom Burke

Brad Clarno

C.B. Foss

Jeff Larkin

Brian Lepore