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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 September 08, 2026, in the district office.

The Directors present were Brad Clarno, Tom Burke, Jeff Larkin, CB Foss, and Jim Fields. Craig Horrell, Secretary - Managing Director, Jessi Talbott, Water Rights Deputy Director; Jon Skidmore, Operations Deputy Director; Jenny Hartzell-Hill, HR Manager; Kelley O'Rourke, Internal Operations Manager; and Mikaela Watson, Water Rights Project Manager, all attended in person. Matt Singer, General Counsel; Heidi Dennison, Accounting Consultant; Douglas Watson, Hydro Manager; Cary Penhollow, Water Master; Baxter Davies, Operations Manager; and Penny Nickel, Staff Accountant, all participated via zoom. Additional participants on Zoom: Jeremy Austin with COLW, Michael Miller, Curt Saunders. In-person guests are listed in Exhibit "A".

1. OPEN FORUM:
None.

2. MINUTES:
The minutes of the 8/11/26 Regular Meeting were provided to the Board. A motion was made by Tom Burke to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Following a second by Jeff Larkin the motion was approved unanimously.

3. TRANSFERS / INCLUSIONS:
The water rights memorandum was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, Exhibit "B". Mikaela Watson provided a summary of water rights, and projects.

4. REPORTS:

A. Watermaster Report –
A written report (Exhibit "C") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Cary Penhollow joined the Board meeting and said that the rain over the weekend helped the flows. Adjustments are being made at the reservoirs. Tentative shut-off dates October 14th and 15th weather permitting. Discussion followed.

B. Operations and Maintenance Report
A written report (Exhibit "D") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Baxter Davies joined the Board meeting and provided additional information and informed them that the C-11-3 piping project has been completed during water season. Screens at Crane Prairie will be cleaned one more time before shutting down. Two piping projects are set to begin as soon as water is off for the season.

C. Hydro Report -
A written report (Exhibit "E") was provided to the Board at the meeting. Doug Watson joined the meeting. He explained that PacifiCorp is requiring an Interconnection Agreement and upgrades which are going to cost $1.7 million prior to agreeing to a Power Purchase Agreement. Discussion followed.

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D. Internal Operations & Communications-
A written report (Exhibit "F") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. The September Newsletter was emailed out. Craig Horrell also shared details regarding the DBBC tour that took place in September. COID staff played a large role in the day making it a success.

E. Finance -
The written report (Exhibit "G") was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Heidi Dennison joined the meeting and updated the Board on the current budget status. She also informed the Board that staff have been working on getting the 2027 Budget ready for the board to review.

F. Manager Report-
Craig Horrell reported that he is going to DC next week to represent DBBC at the Family Farm Alliance meetings.

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, on the EIS. NRCS is in the process of reviewing and researching the final comments. Once they complete the review and write their findings they then forward it on for a final decision. September 14th is the end of the 30-day period. We are still in public process with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding Juniper Ridge Historic Designation.

- **Grant Funding Update**

Obtaining funding is still in process.

- **RMG/Hidden Canyon Development**

Jessi Talbott provided an overview and history of the 2008 contract with RMG and where the process is currently. Jerry Jones, representing RMG, joined the meeting last month. The Board received the draft proposal at the August Board meeting. The updated irrigation plan is significantly different than it was originally. COID staff has been discussing the updates with them but there are still concerns that it does not meet the long-term needs for the water.

- **Annual Strategic Planning**

October 20, 2026 – City of Bend, new Public Works Building.

- **Union Contract Negotiations**

Craig Horrell informed the Board that the Union is working on their proposal and will request to meet with the committee prior to the October Board meeting.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

- **Access Easement Request from CMD Properties, LLC**
  Craig Horrell provided location information for the property owned by Curt Saunders and explained that he wants to sell the property, but it does not have recorded access to the property, and they cannot sell it without COID granting an easement. The request is a permanent easement on COID land to allow access to the property, which is what they have always used and maintained since 1990. Legal has reviewed the request. It does not have any revokable language in the draft for failure to maintain the road. Legal encouraged the board to continue to allow a crossing license but advised the board to not agree to the proposed easement. Curt said they are more than willing to provide monetary and language for COID protection. Discussion followed. Due to COID being in construction phases on this portion of the property the Board was not in favor of doing a recorded easement. Curt was willing to discuss a temporary license until the construction and piping is complete. Our legal will contact his attorney with the board's proposal.

- **2026 Irrigation Season Shut Off**
  See Water Report above.

- **Resolution 2026-5 Elections Divisions 1, 3 & 5**
  Resolution 2026-5 Election Divisions 1,3, & 5 was presented to the Board. Tom Burke made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Following a second by Jeff Larkin the motion was approved unanimously.

Tom Burke recessed the regular session to go into the Executive Session at 10:20 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 11:57 a.m.

9. BOARD COMMENTS:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. following a motion by Tom Burke and a second by CB Foss.

Craig Horrell, Manager	Tom Burke
Brad Clarno	Jim Fields
C.B. Foss	Jeff Larkin

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