MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board meeting was called to order by President Smith at approximately at 12:05 p.m. Present were Directors Chuck Turner, Jason Bolin, Andy Judd, Randy Adams (via phone), Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd, Administrative Assistant Laurie Beth Hood and Brittany Huges of Jacobs.

There were no visitors.

Consent Items:

a. A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Judd and passed, to approve the September 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Judd and passed, to approve Resolution 2026-7, appointing Sujei Palmer as Assistant Treasurer.

A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Judd and passed, to approve the following Water Transfer:

SHARES TRANSFER	*EXISTING SHARES*	*TRANSFERRED SHARES*	*RESULTING SHARES*
FROM: 171310-21401	*18.83*	*-10.0*	*8.83*
RANDY ABHOLD			
TO: 171434-43006	*1.5*	*+5.10*	*6.60*
171434-43005	*.57*	*+3.70*	*4.27*
171303-21403	*2.5*	*+1.20*	*3.70*
ANDREW L & CYNDI S. MULLENHOFF			

Manager Okelberry is working on 2027 Budget preparation and will meet with staff and CLA next week to continue the process. One difficulty has been in planning the capital improvement projects with potential funding that is outstanding or still in the works. The same format will be used as in previous years, providing for a possible 3%, 5% and 7% increase to water rates.

Projects and Emergency repairs:

a. Lower canal concrete leak mitigation: Targeting the area identified in TSC Trip Report No. 2

1. The Manager reviewed the bids received and noted that ACME is the most qualified contractor to perform the work. ACME submitted a bid of $1.23 million for approximately 1,000 feet of concrete liner. The bid will require revision because the proposed liner thickness exceeds the District's specifications. Revising the design is expected to reduce the total bid amount. This test section will allow the District to evaluate the effectiveness of this alternative. If successful, the same concrete coating may be applied to the remaining portions of the canal.
2. After some discussion, a motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Turner and passed, to approve the ACME bid in the amount of $1.23 M, subject to the bid being adjusted for the concrete lining thickness, in accordance with the Resolution 2026-3 Emergency Declaration Continuation.

b. Canal Cover Project Update: YTID and Jacobs contacted four qualified contractors and requested bids to install the final 2,000 linear feet of hardened canal cover. The project was expedited to protect vulnerable sections of the canal from ongoing rockfall and debris. Granite Construction has already submitted the lowest bid. The FSA was revised and sent to Granite for review and execution. Jacobs

will issue the notice to proceed, with work scheduled to begin in late October.

c. MP 0.8 Retaining walls: There on ongoing environmental and permitting discussions in the works, so the construction window appears to be April/June of 2027. The Board has already authorized Global Rock Works $655K proposal.

d. MP 1.4 Restoration update: As a condition of our permit, YTID will need to seed, remove weeds and do possible off-site mitigation for support pier location in the ordinary high-water area.

e. MP 2.4 Retaining Wall: A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Bolin and passed, to approve the Global Rock Works Cost estimates: Option 1, in the amount of $494,114.00

f. MP 7.3 CMP Replacement: There is a mandatory pre-bid site visit scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on September 25, 2026. The contractor's sealed bids are due at the YTID office on October 8th, 2026. Notice of award is expected to be issued on October 16, 2026, the day after the October 15th Board meeting.

g. MP 3.8 CMP/Pipe Bridge Replacement: YTID is awaiting confirmation from USBR that replacing the CMP with a pipe bridge, rather than a like-for-like replacement, qualifies for EXM funding. Jacobs recommends scheduling installation during the 2027 off-season and beginning the permitting process as soon as possible.

h. French Canyon Dam Raise/Silt Removal:

1. The Water Smart grant in the amount of 1.3 M has been extended by Reclamation.
2. IACC Tech Team has been scheduled
3. The district has applied for Congressional Directed Spending
    a. Jacobs will contact HLA for a drone assessment and notifications are required for fire suppression.
    b. USBR wants to get into the 90" pipe and will need coordination to do so.

i. Columnar Tunnell Pedestrian Bridge: The ownership of this bridge is unknown. USBR suggested that YTID discuss this with WA State legislators to push WDFW to prioritize this bridge for recreation access.

j. VP/VE schedule – These planning studies will need to wait for an agreement that is currently being worked on by Ryan Nelson, so we are not scheduled for either the Value Planning or the Value Engineering at this date. Long term planning and replacement/rehabilitation alternatives will not be known until after the VP/VE.

k. USBR TSC Trip report No.2 – YTID response: Manager Okelberry sent an email to USBR Region leadership and TFG requesting formal follow up to our Trip 2 response. The response had requested complete and full engineering disposition of all outstanding items: canal liner, leakage, road damage, burned trees, rock walls, CT ped crossing, FC silt removal, CMP liners, etc.

O & M Manager report with Brian Boyd:

a. Assistant Manager Boyd informed the board that Systems 5, 6 & 7 were down for about 24 hours due to a leak in an air-vent on a 48" line. The crew got right on the issue and repaired it quickly.

District Manager report:

a. FEMA: Category B work has been submitted for the canal invert patching and lining. The Emergency Management Division is back from wildfire duties. There are concerns regarding the Federal Procurement policy expectations, so they are requesting YTID policy, grounds for bypassing competitive bidding, etc.

b. Reviewing Ecology 319 grant for canal lining: Also discussing WA State Capital Budget Appropriation for project. An application has been submitted to assist with the lower canal lining in 2027 and beyond.

c. Audit update: The audit was deferred for one week due to a close familial relationship between a member of the audit staff and the newly appointed Assistant Treasurer. District staff will meet with Justin Mills, the newly designated lead auditor, during the final week of September. Travis is preparing the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the section of the annual report in which senior leadership presents its assessment of the District's financial performance, liquidity, and outlook.

Jacobs Engineering report with Brittany Hughes:

a. Old MSA – Task Order 17 (French Canyon Dam Raise) –

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Turner and passed, to extending the period of performance for the project to April of 2028.

b. Old MSA – Task order 21 – (Retreat Fire Response) - Jacobs will put together and amendment to Task Order 21 for inspection work and the cost of the inspection itself in already included in MP 7.3 CMP.

c. Task Order 1 (Upper Canal Replacement Design) – Many of these tasks have been decommissioned but there are still a few left tasks to be completed.

d. Task Order 2 (Pipe Liner Pilot Project). Project is on hold pending Value Planning and Value Engineering.

e. Task Order 3 (Rock Walls): There are no concerns with this Task Order from legal counsel. This also made the square flume an optional task.

The Manager informed the Board that he had notified Ryan Williams of the cattle lease's approval and the revision establishing a three-year term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 by Director Smith.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SECRETARY-MANAGER