MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 14, 2026
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board meeting was called to order by President Smith at approximately at 12:00 p.m. Present were Directors Andy Judd, Jason Bolin, Dan Keller, Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd, H. R. Safety Program Manager Mandy Burkett, Project Coordinator Josh Akehurst, Administrative Assistant Laurie Beth Hood, Administrative Assistant Trainee Caroline Risley, Todd Hunziker of Jacobs, and Norman Semanko of Parsons Behle & Latimer.

There was one visitor, Michael, who attended via zoom. No last name was identified and zoom caller did not respond when asked if they were logged into the meeting.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Keller and passed, to approve the following Consent Items:

a. Approve May 14, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda
b. Review/Approve April 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
c. Review/Approve April 23, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
d. Payroll for April 2026 - $142,344.37

A motion was made by Director Judd, seconded by Director Bolin and passed, to approve the regular bills for April 2026, in the amount of $182,169.15.

The manager gave a report on the budget. The Manager transferred $3 million to LGIP, leaving 1.4 M in checking and increasing the LGIP to approximately 8.2 M. The cone valve costs were budgeted for 2025 and were not spent, therefore these costs will come out of the 2026 budget. Main canal costs continue to be a growing budget line item and YTID will continue to make certain that all applicable grants will be applied here. The D.C. Manager/Board trips are currently over budget but remain a true necessity by making certain the district to remains in the Federal government's purview. Also, YTID will collect approximately 30K for Extra Water shares in the 2026 water season.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Keller and passed, to approve the following Water Transfers:

| *SHARES TRANSFER* | *EXISTING SHARES* | *TRANSFERRED SHARES* | *RESULTING SHARES* |
|---|---|---|---|
| *FROM: 171430-12401 METTIE PROPERTIES LLC* | *1.18* | *-1.18* | *0.00* |
| *TO: 171329-42407 SCOTT & JESSE GOLBEK* | *7.00* | *+1.18* | *8.18* |

| *FROST UNITS TRANSFER* | *EXISTING UNITS* | *TRANSFERRED UNITS* | *RESULTING UNITS* |
|---|---|---|---|
| *FROM: 171315-41405 RUSSELL & PHYLLIS GLEASON* | *2.0* | *-2.0* | *0.00* |
| *FROM: 171315-41406 RUSSELL & PHYLLIS GLEASON* | *4.0* | *-4.0* | *0.00* |
| *TO: 171315-41407 RUSSEL & PHYLLIS GLEASON* | *4.00* | *+6.0* | *10.00* |

The Rocky Top Orchard Water Transfer: The Manager reported that this customer had not yet come into the office to begin the permanent water transfer process before the May Board meeting as previously agreed. The Manager proposed shutting off water to the 2-share bypass being used to run water to a dry parcel. Legal counsel advised YTID that it is our right to do so.

A motion was made by Director Judd, seconded by Director Bolin and passed, to authorize the treasurer to proceed with the Certificates of Delinquency for all YTID parcels subject to foreclosure in 2026, and take all necessary action, including foreclosure, to collect these amounts.

a. The current delinquent parcels are: 181319-14402, 171420-24402, 181322-42467, 171334-23416 and 181315-33026.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Directo Keller, and passed, to authorize payment of critical bills between board meetings. The Manager will investigate the possibility of changing office policy as to the number of times bills are paid monthly.

a. This motion will authorize advance or demand batch payment of essential bills received after board meetings to avoid late fees or service disruption. (e.g., Pacific Power, US Bank Credit card, US Cellular, Yakima, Clean Team, fuel.) Includes demand batch/check runs for time sensitive or already issued payments, consistent with previously approved special bill procedures.

A motion was made by Director Judd, seconded by Director Keller and passed, to approve the Tort claim submitted by Hawkridge Estates in the amount of $956.58 for pipeline repairs, due to YTID over pressurizing their system. The amount being paid is not the full amount requested (for $1291.76), as the customer originally stated their sprinklers were not damaged, but put the sprinklers on the claim as one of the replaced items.

The Manager reported on the Hazard Mitigation plan. The completed plan was included in the packet sent out to the Board. This plan has been submitted to the State and should take no longer than 30 days for approval.

The Manager also discussed next steps for the YTID Bylaws and employee manual. The Board will review the Bylaws and employee manual and be ready to approve them at the June 2026 Board meeting.

HR Safety Program Manager Burkett update:

a. The Temp was unable to finish her term, leaving the front office short staffed for a few weeks The new hire for the Administrative Assistant position is doing well and is focused on learning job duties. The Safety Manager noted that in the final quarter of 2026, there will be all new hires in the front office.
b. The Assistant Treasurer Position closed May 15, 2026. Two of the applicants meet the minimum qualification requirements for the position and interviews will be forthcoming.
c. 2026 Safety training for staff and crew is almost complete.

O & M Projects report: Brian Boyd/Josh Akehurst:

a. It was reported that Yakima County hit one of the YTID valves and have also been covering up our valve cans with their chip seal project.
b. The canal is running 220 CFS currently, which is above the average for this time of year. (It normally runs around 180-185 CFS). The system is running well.
c. The Cowiche Hydro fire valve is damaged. The rebuild kit is on order and it will be repaired during the off season.
d. The cease-and-desist letter was sent to D.T.G., informing them that all YTID water users must be served from a standard district turnout and that water access from an emergency fire hydrant is not permitted. It has been noted that DTG is now obtaining water from the Nob Hill Water fire hydrant and accessing said hydrant on a private road. The H.O.A. on this private road has informed YTID that they will probably take legal action against D.T.G. over the misuse of their private road access.
e. YTID has received a cost estimate from RH2 for the Rotary Cone Valve procurement in the amount of $508,811.00. YTID will install the valve but will need to hire out for the electrical. Target date for the install will be in 3-5 months, giving time for the valve to be manufactured and make the required roof modifications necessary to replace said valve. A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Keller and passed, to approve the purchase of the Rotary Cone Valve.
f. Uribe Tree Service should be finished with the entire tree removal job by May 22nd.
g. The log boom secondary support has been installed.
h. No start date has been named for the headgates' automation project due to funding issues, as these costs are currently proposed in the State budget.

The Manager report: Travis Okelberry

a. TWSA River ops: The reservoirs are 96%- 99% full, with precipitation remaining above average. Pro- rationing remains at 52% for junior rights and is at 100% for senior rights. The current forecast is for a hot & dry summer with El Nino conditions persisting through the end of 2026. The Snow Water Equivalent is well below average.
b. The NWRA DC conference was held on April 27-29, 2026. Board members who attended the conference stated that the meetings went well and that the Manager's presentations were very well done. This was the first time that the Senior Water Districts attended the conference as a unified front to showcase what we do here in the basin, thereby reminding those in attendance that water conservation begins with us, the Senior Water Districts. It was also a reminder that during times of drought, the focus needs to remain on maintaining and repairing infrastructure, as our legacy structure supports fire suppression.
c. Main Canal rehab and replacement project update:
    a. Funding: Meaningful funding support is lagging after the denial of funds from the OBBBA. However, 100M of this bill was held back for emergencies and will be dispersed to shovel ready projects. Due to these factors, the district will pivot away from installing full box culvert and look to the installation of the 90" steel pipe liner project instead. The installation would be in a phased approach, which would allow YTID to apply for more funding as we go.
    b. USBR will be coming out a second time to walk the canal in May 2026. The Bureau will determine what sections of the canal will be included in the EXM loan, and it has already been determined that YTID has six Category 1 projects to be addressed.
    c. Funding sources could include the following: the EXM loan (35% grant), bonds and impact investors, and possibly State funding. It will help with the funding sources if we are able to get the pilot project ready for 2027 and Jacobs has already begun the environmental engagement with permitting.
    d. The Manager stated that the Board will need to have a special Board meeting the third week in May to go over the 30% design review, estimates, pilot project and next steps.
    e. Public outreach: Future outreach will continue when we have more information to share.

Jacobs Engineering Report: Todd Hunziker

a. Task Order 21 update: (Retreat Fire Response)-
    a. Milepost 9.1: Global Rock Works has provided the design for this repair work, and it has been forwarded to B. O. R. We should be able to proceed with work on the slope underneath the pipe bridge within the next few weeks and the job should be completed by the end of June 2026.
    b. Emergency action plan: After the retreat fire, the next 3-5 years are considered the most vulnerable time for the canal. Five contractors walked the canal, and Jacobs will get their feedback on how they would proceed in the event of a canal failure or emergency. With this information, Jacobs will create an emergency contact list with phone numbers, suppliers and contractors to have on hand for the emergency action plan.
b. Task Order 1, Canal design 30% update:
    a. The 30% design on the upper canal will be completed in the third week in May and will be sent to the Bureau of Reclamation after Board review.

Todd Hunziker left the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., President Smith declared that the Board would go into Executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (i) and RCW 42.30.110 (iii), to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation, and legal risks of proposed actions or current practices, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The duration of this executive session would be approximately 20 minutes and would be concluded or extended, via public announcement, at 2:20 p.m. At approximately 2:20 p.m., the executive session was extended an additional 15 minutes. At approximately 2:35 p.m. the executive session ended.

It was the consensus of the Board that a Special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, to discuss the 30% design, estimates, pilot project and next steps.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. by President Smith.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SECRETARY-MANAGER