MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – JULY 23, 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 (via zoom until he entered the meeting in person at 12:14 p.m.), Andy Judd, Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd, Administrative Assistant Laurie Beth Hood, and Brittany Huges of Jacobs, Norman Semanko of Parsons Behle & Latimer, via zoom. (Norm Semanko joined the zoom call at approximately 12:55 p.m.)

There was one visitor, Randy Adams, a property owner in the district who is interested in the Board vacancy.

A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Judd and passed, to approve the July 23, 2026, Special Board Meeting agenda.

The Manager discussed the Director vacancy and the recommendation for Interim Board Member.

a. The Manager spoke to the Yakima County Commissioner's office and was told they are bound by statute to fill the position. However, it was determined that YTID directors can nominate a candidate and bring the nominated candidate's name to the commissioner's office by August 4th, 2026.

b. Vice President Turner nominated Dan Fuller and Ron Smith nominated Randy Adams for the Interim Board member position.

c. It was the consensus of the Board that the discussion be tabled until the Manager was able to speak to council.

A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Bolin and passed, to authorize the Manager to sign the EXM contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. The Manager is still waiting to hear from the Bureau about what canal repair items will qualify for this loan. Also, The Bureau has stated that they have administrative costs to bill to the district. The Manager will ask for clarification on the Bureau of Reclamation's ability to levy these costs to YTID.

A motion was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director Bolin and passed, to approve the purchase of additional emergency canal cover, not to exceed 600K, including installation.

A motion was made by director Turner, seconded by Director Judd and passed, to proceed with the MP 7.2 Emergency CMP replacement, not to exceed 350K at this time.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Judd and passed, to proceed with MP 0.8 Emergency Stabilization work, that is estimated at $654K, once YTID obtains approval from the Bureau of Reclamation.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Judd and passed to approve the attendance of two YTID employees to the annual governor's safety conference in Tacoma, WA on September 29th – October 1, 2026.

Travis Okelberry report:

a. Main canal: EXM loan – Currently, YTID canal has 6-12 Category 1 issues identified since YTID obtained the emergency determination, which was approximately four months ago. The Manager and Assistant Manager met with the new Project Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation, who needed to be informed on everything that has happened to date.

b. YTID was informed that FEMA has a program called the "406 mitigation", that may provide funds to hire a contractor to seal all the cracks on the canal in the 2026 off season. The project will need to exceed $4100.00 to qualify for the program.

c. FC Dam raise: This project will be extended to the Fall of 2027. The RFP will need to go out to obtain updated bids in the Spring of 2026.

At approximately 1:00 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 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 40 minutes and would be concluded or extended, via public announcement. At approximately 1:40 p.m., the executive session was extended an additional 10 minutes. At approximately 1:50 p.m., the executive session ended.

Brian left the Executive session at approximately 1:25 and was asked to then join the Executive session at approximately 1:35.

A motion was made by Director Judd, seconded by Director Bolin and passed, to recommend Randy Adams to the Yakima County Commissioner's office for the open director position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55 by Director Smith.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SECRETARY-MANAGER