MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-MAY 29, 2025
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The special board meeting was called to order by President Ron Smith at 1:03 p.m. Present were Directors Jason Bolin (via zoom), Andy Judd, Dan Keller, Jim Milton (via zoom) Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd and Assistant Laurie Beth Hood. Justin Bezold of Trout Unlimited, Kelsey Collins of Ecology and Norman Semanko of Parsons Behle & Latiner were also present via zoom.

A diversion reduction agreement proposal was presented to the Board of Directors by Trout Unlimited and Dept of Ecology, which would allow approximately 5000.00-acre feet (or less) of YTID water to not be diverted and instead left instream to directly benefit fish. Many issues were discussed, including, but not limited to, water rights, usage, protection of our water users and board members, as well as flexibility of water diversions and consideration for future years, should there be drought or emergencies. After a lengthy and productive Q&A with presenters, it was the consensus of the Board that they would discuss the proposal and work toward a final decision to accept or decline sometime within the next few weeks. Trout Unlimited and Ecology agreed to revisit details and submit a final draft for consideration asap.

Both Justin Bezold and Kelsey Collins left the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

At approximately 2:02 p.m., President Smith declared that the Board would go into executive session per 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 the executive session would be 43 minutes. The Executive session would be concluded or extended by public announcement at the conclusion of the 43-minute period, which began at 2:02 p.m. At 2:45 p.m. the executive session was extended by public announcement an additional 12 minutes to 2:57 p.m. At 2:55 p.m., the executive session ended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. by President Smith.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SEC. MANAGER