MINUTES
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING-JULY 24TH, 2024
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The emergency board meeting was called to order by President Ron Smith at 11:00 p.m. Present were Directors Andy Judd, Dan Keller, Chuck Turner, Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd, Project Coordinator Josh Akehurst, HR/Safety Program Manager Mandy Burkett and Administrative Assistant Laurie Beth Hood.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Board that the Rimrock Retreat Wildfire, which ignited on July 23, 2024, was posing an imminent threat to our critical infrastructure, including the 114-year-old main canal. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board that YTID staff immediately begin to lower the water level in the canal to approximately 2/3 the normal amount. This action was taken to mitigate any possible catastrophic failure due to the imminent threat of landslides, boulders, fallen trees and debris falling into the canal, being that the canal is vital for the valley's agricultural community and must be safeguarded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by President Smith.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SEC. MANAGER