MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 23, 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 Dan Keller, Jason Bolin, Andy Judd, Secretary-Manager Travis Okelberry, Assistant Manager Brian Boyd, H.R. Safety Manager Burkett, Administrative Assistant Laurie Beth Hood and Todd Hunziker of Jacobs. Norman Semanko of Parsons Behle & Latimer, Brittany Huges of Jacobs, Donna Halliday and Luke Le Mond of the Dept of Ecology also attended via zoom. (Norm Semanko entered the meeting via zoom at approximately 12:50 p.m.)

Three visitors attended the meeting: Nancy Lust, Carol Degrave and Scott Cave of SC Communications. These visitors wished to be present for the DTG update because two of them have properties that are adjacent to this business. This area is also currently under remedial investigation for ground water contamination.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Keller and passed, to approve the April 23, 2026 Special Board Meeting agenda.

Hazard Mitigation Planning: The Manager reported that the final Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to FEMA & Washington State with expedited approval requested.

The Manager update on DTG: It has been suspected that DTG has been using water outside the irrigation season and potentially outside the YTID district boundaries. Therefore, in accordance with Board and legal counsel, the Manager drafted and sent DTG a cease-and-desist letter, ordering them to stop using the West Valley Fire Hydrant for YTID water delivery. DTG will be required to access their irrigation water from their assigned turnout delivery from now on and must not transfer water outside the YTID service boundary.

The Manager still had not received the NWRA DC meeting itinerary to-date. He will forward it on to the Board members attending the conference when he receives it.

Orchard Lane Apartments update: There are 10 properties that currently use turnout 2020 (multi-user) and one owner has not paid their bill yet, Orchard Lane Apartments, thereby delaying water delivery for all owners of said properties. Current YTID policy states that all water users must pay their annual assessment before water is delivered to the turnout. There was some discussion regarding this policy because it is an issue every year with various turnouts. The Manager requested that the administrative assistant try to gather contact and address information for Orchard Lane Apartments and provide this information to the other customers who are waiting for water delivery.

A motion was made by Director Bolin, seconded by Director Keller and passed to approve an amendment to MP 9.1 - the Emergency repairs helicopter contract, not to exceed $141,578.00, in accordance with Resolution 2024-17.

The Manager reported on the following:

1. Operations: YTID will deliver Extra water this year. The reservoirs are currently full, with a low snowpack still being an issue. Currently, there is a pulse flow in effect to push the smolt out.
2. Funding:

    a. The Manager has sent the first draft that shows damage to the canal and surrounding areas (from the atmospheric river storms) to the Emergency Management Division for review.
    b. Funding has been requested through Congressionally Directed Spending, for canal access improvements.
    c. Reclamation collaboration: The Bureau of Reclamation has held internal conversations, including Regional Director, and YTID has not been included in those conversations. The Manager requested that our office be included on those calls in the future. It was also noted that a zoom call is scheduled with the B.O.R. in order to discuss the repair work to the infrastructure at Milepost 9.1., before that work commences.
    d. Public outreach: YTID will need to identify what route we are taking with the canal repair before we can identify costs. We are gaining some clarity on the XM loan and hope to obtain a cost share agreement (EXM) with the Federal government.
    e. 2026 Offseason planning: Staff will work with Todd Hunziker to determine what projects and

repairs will need to be addressed this coming off season.

Jacobs Engineering report: Todd Huziker, Brittany Huges

The agenda was as follows:

1. Task Order 21: MP 9.1: We will get the contract back from GRW this coming week and they have provided us with the first draft of the design. We are still hoping to get this work done in May 2026, depending upon the response received from the Bureau of Reclamation.
2. Brittany Huges discussed Task Order 1 – replacement alternatives next steps:
    a. Plan A: Box culvert (costs start at $2800.00 psf)
    b. Plan B: steel pipe (costs start at $2000.00 psf) There are several contractors Jacob's has identified who can do this work. Jacobs will be preparing their own cost estimates for Plan B. If this project is selected, the work will need to begin upstream at the start of the canal.
3. Pilot project considerations for Plan B: approximate cost $2Mil.
    a. Will need a "proof of concept" – this ensures constructability prior to full scale implementation and Jacobs could have the design ready within a few months' time.
    b. Permitting considerations will need to be addressed.
    c. Permitting constraints will not allow for a Fall 2026 canal rehabilitation/replacement project start, rather this construction would likely commence next Fall of 2027.
    d. Pipe fabrication: would need to order the steel pipe by August 2026.
    e. YTID will be provided with two cost estimates for a potential pilot project within 4 weeks.
    f. A pipe staging concept was shared: YTID might use the current canal covers to stage the pipe, which could increase the speed of installation.
    g. The 30% complete project design will be completed as originally planned by May 22, 2026, which could allow us to proceed with a pilot project.
4. Offseason projects:
    a. Wasteway 1
    b. Covers in areas affected by the atmospheric river
    c. Preserve the liner
    d. Drainage improvements behind Trout Lodge – Jacobs getting cost estimate together now.

Executive Session: At approximately 1:50 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 10 minutes and would be concluded or extended, via public announcement, at 2:00 p.m. At approximately 2:00 p.m., the executive session was extended an additional 20 minutes. 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.

At 2:00 p.m., President Smith left the Executive session and Vice President Dan Keller assumed proceedings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 by Vice President Keller.

RON SMITH, PRESIDENT

TRAVIS OKELBERRY, SECRETARY-MANAGER

DAN KELLER, VICE PRESIDENT