

**Minutes
North Unit Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 2024**

Vice Chair Boyle called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:31 am, in regular session at the Madras Municipal Airport, 2028 NW Berg Drive, Madras, OR 97741. Remote participation available via Teleconference 1-408-638-0968 Meeting ID 373-976-1157 Participant ID # or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3739761157>

Board Members Present

Ryan Boyle, Vice Chair
Vern Bare, Director
Evan Thomas, Director
Ryan Feigner, Director

Staff Members Present

Josh Bailey, Secretary, District Manager
Gary Calhoun, Operations Manager
Dennis Krueger, Watermaster
Leslie Maynard, Finance Manager
Collin Cowsill, Water Operations Specialist
Michelle Camphouse, Water Records Clerk

Others Present

NUID Patrons: Gary Harris, Ron Oliver

Approval of Agenda

DM Bailey requested the addition of Backhoe Replacement. **Directors Bare/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the agenda with the above addition. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained from the vote. Chair Kirsch absent.**

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the October 9, 2024, regular board meeting were presented. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded to approve the October 9, 2024, regular board minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

Approval of Bills

Finance Manager Maynard presented the September 1-30, 2024, bills. **Directors Bare/Thomas moved/seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

Financial Reports

Finance Manager Maynard presented the September 2024 Budget Comparison, DBBC Report, Reserve Funds, and Bank Statement. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

2025 Budget Proposal

FM Maynard presented the 2025 budget for consideration. O&M charges will increase by \$1.39/acre, while all other assessment charges will remain the same as 2024 rates. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded to approve the 2025 budget and assessment charges. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

Resolution 2024-08 ODFW Grant Agreement

DM Bailey presented a grant award of \$750,000 for the District's Bend Fish Screen Replacement Project. Resolution 2024-08 authorizes DM Bailey to enact the grant agreement. **Directors Bare/Thomas moved/seconded to approve Resolution 2024-08. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

2025 DRC Instream Water Leasing Program

DRC's annual water leasing program offers NUID patrons the opportunity to lease water instream to satisfy Oregon's beneficial use requirements. DRC will pay district patrons \$14/acre for Deschutes water rights and \$7/acre for Crooked River Water Rights. **Directors Bare/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the 2025 DRC Instream Water Leasing agreement. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

Backhoe Replacement

During a recent excavation job, the kingpin sheared off on the District's older 420 Backhoe, causing the swing frame to become damaged and leaving the rear bucket inoperable. Advised to rent a suitable machine while continuing to gather costs of a replacement backhoe.

Water Operations Specialist Report

Water Operations Specialist Cowsill presented the water operations report at the meeting. Bend Headworks EAST Transducer replaced, conduit cleanup Gate 59, gate sensor repair Gate 51, rebuilding 43-J meter, CRPS data loss resolution,

awaiting notice from USBR to proceed on 58-11 flume grant project, Emrgy floating solar update, overseeing Wickiup automation grant, tail-end dynamics data review.

O&M Report

Operations Manager Calhoun presented the O&M report at the meeting. Backfilling and compacting PL43-I delivery, removing old structures and filling in the unused portion of 43-2 lateral, removed all headgates and adjustable weirs from PL-43 for future use, shifting fill material for PL-43, PL-43 delivery fabrication, weed burning & mowing, new shower installation at Wickiup cabin, installed new countertop and minor repairs at Wickiup dam tender house, winterized the district, CR pumps winterized, usual fleet maintenance, replace air brake on low boy, Wickiup OVIC, chemical spray class, working with BOR & Yakama fab shop to build a new hub for Bend fish screens.

NUID Equipment Rental Price Update

The last equipment rental price update was in April, 2023. The district's equipment rental price sheets have been updated and included in your packet for review. **Directors Thomas/Bare moved/seconded to approve the updated equipment rental price list as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Chair Boyle abstained. Chair Kirsch absent.**

Resolution 2023-12 Revisions

OM Calhoun presented revisions to amend Resolution 2023-12 that include patron responsibilities. A new resolution will be drafted and submitted for approval.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Bailey presented the following Manager's Report at the meeting.

- District staff update: Caleb Kody applied and has been accepted for the Wickiup dam tender position. His maintenance position will need to be filled. Assistant District Manager job packet to be reviewed by Board before job listing made public.
- Madras UGB Annexation update. Public meetings attended.
- Project Matrix update.
- DRC/COID Smith Rock-King Way grant.

Executive Manager's Report

District Executive Manager Britton was absent. A packet was distributed.

Water Supply/Water Allotment Discussion

Watermaster Krueger presented the Water Supply Report. Review of current supply, water remaining to be delivered, precipitation, and storage vs. same date in 2023.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business and Announcements

None

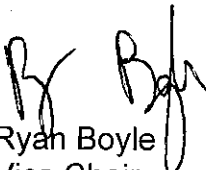
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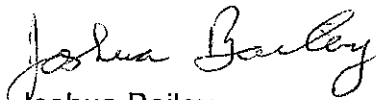
The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 8:30 am.

Executive Session rescheduled for December to allow Chair Kirsch to attend.

Board adjourned at 11:29 am.

Signed,


Ryan Boyle
Vice Chair


Joshua Bailey
Board Secretary/District Manager