THREE SISTERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING — MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Location: District Office, 68000 Highway West, Bend, Oregon 97703

Meeting Scheduled: 10:00 AM

Call to Order: 10:04 AM by Joe Elwing, President

Adjourned: 12:00 PM

Remote attendance was available via the meeting notice on the District's website.

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Joe Elwing, President; Marc Thalacker, Vice President

Directors Absent: Mark Koos, Secretary/Treasurer

Staff Present: Emilia Ellington, District Manager; Jim Williams, Hydro Operations Manager

Also in Attendance: Sara Goodwin; Jackie Elwing; Nicole Sandkulla; Sharie Forde; Ted Netter; Bruce Rognlien; Dave Parks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President announced that public comment would be taken at the end of the agenda, with each person limited to three minutes. Attendees were asked to keep comments civil and focused on District business, and were advised that the meeting would be adjourned if that direction was disregarded.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept the 2025 Audited Financial Report

No additional discussion was recorded.

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

2. Transfer of Funds — LGIP to First Interstate Bank

Transfer of $90,000 from the Local Government Investment Pool (1250) to First Interstate Bank — Main Canal Project Account (1140) to fund the DEQ loan payments due September 1, 2026, and an additional $30,000 to First Interstate Bank Account (1110) to cover accounts payable.

No additional discussion was recorded.

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

3. Resolution No. 2026-13 — Drought Water-Delivery Overage Rate Schedule and Over-Allotment and Unauthorized-Use Penalty Schedule; Confirming Shortage and Delivery-Discontinuance Authority

Director Thalacker noted that the irrigation season is almost over and that it would be hard to change the rate schedule mid-year.

Director Elwing stated that there needs to be a penalty charge.

It was noted that an existing policy addresses this subject and should be addressed in the Rules and Regulations.

Action: No motion was made. Resolution No. 2026-13 was not adopted; the item was left for further consideration.

4. Policy No. 2026-1 — Director Requests for District Records

No additional discussion was recorded.

Motion: Elwing **Second:** Thalacker **Vote:** Carried — majority

5. FY2026 Wage Adjustment — Water and Hydro Operations Manager

No additional discussion was recorded.

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

A. MINUTES

Consideration of Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes — July 14, 2026.

Approved as amended; Board edits to be incorporated into the final version.

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

B. MONTHLY REVIEW OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Transactions to be Approved — Period: July 1 – July 31, 2026

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

b. Checks to be Approved — Period: July 1 – July 31, 2026

i. First Interstate Bank — Operating Account (1110)

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

ii. First Interstate Bank — Main Canal Project Account (1140)

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

iii. Local Government Investment Pool (1250) — review only; no action required. No discussion was recorded.

c. Reconciled Statements to be Approved — Period: June 1 – June 30, 2026

- i. First Interstate Bank — Master Card (2320)
- ii. First Interstate Bank — Operating Account (1110)
- iii. First Interstate Bank — Main Canal Project Account (1140)
- iv. U.S. Bank — North Hurtley Electric Account (1190)

Motion: Thalacker **Second:** Elwing **Vote:** Carried — majority

Staff direction: update the U.S. Bank account name; locate the paperwork for the name change; and locate the articles of incorporation.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Operating Budget Report
- Capital Budget Report

Accounting and legal line items are over budget due to multiple audits performed and legal work. Spending and mitigation of future spending were previously discussed by the Board.

D. WATER AND HYDRO REPORT

- Meter Repairs — ongoing; meters are being fixed.
- Operations & Maintenance — no discussion recorded.
- Operational Technology — no discussion recorded.
- McKenzie Hydro — work is still being done.

Director Thalacker suggested providing a discount for patrons who send in a picture of their meter.

E. UPDATES

- Board Expansion (ORS 545.199) — division map complete; an enlarged copy was available for review at today's meeting. No Board action taken to date.
- McKenzie Hydro — Energy Trust of Oregon review of 2025 performance for a potential incentive payment.
- Wells — water right transfer application submitted to OWRD.
- Cybersecurity — GNS Phase 1 agreement signed; equipment order and installation scheduling underway. To date Equipment order is done; installation date set for September 7.
- Lateral Piping — initial patron meeting held August 7 regarding piping of the District's remaining open lateral; NRCS and the Soil and Water Conservation District attended to discuss funding and process and to answer questions. Staff to speak with Marc regarding best practices.
- Operational Technology — workbook consolidation completed in-house; replaces several standalone legacy files with one workbook, reducing entry time and the risk of figures diverging between files.

F. LETTERS TO THE BOARD

None recorded.

G. WATER USER'S COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- Nicole Sandkulla — appreciated the conversation regarding penalties and meter readings/installations and hopes to see a robust policy ready for 2027.
- Dave Parks — spoke regarding speaking up so he can hear and getting a sign at the entrance. Board commented that USFS said we can't as its on their land
- Sara Goodwin — asked whether the District can publicly show who is in overuse. Response, TSID will need to ask SDAO for guidance

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None recorded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Motion: Elwing **Second:** Thalacker **Vote:** Carried — majority

APPROVAL

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Joe Elwing, President — Date: 9/8/2026

Marc Thalacker, Vice President — Date: 9/8/2026

Mark Koos, Secretary/Treasurer — Date

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