THREE SISTERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING — MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Location: District Office, 68000 Highway West, Bend, Oregon 97703
Meeting Scheduled: 8:00 AM
Call to Order: 8:03am by Joe Elwing, President

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, Treasurer
Staff Present: Emilia Ellington, District Manager; Jim Williams, Hydro Operations Manager
Also in Attendance (per sign-in sheet): Ted Netter, Jackie Elwing, Keith Cyrus, Sara Goodwin, Sharie Forde

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. **Resolution No. 2026-14 — Designating That the Election of Director for Division 2, to Be Held November 10, 2026, Be Conducted by Mail**

   Discussion: None

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

2. **Policy No. 2026-2 — Remote Participation in District Meetings**

   Discussion: None

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

3. **Inclusion Request — 69695 Holmes Road, Sisters; Tax Lot 1411280000501**

   Discussion: Need petition at next bod meeting for approval

4. **Withdrawal of DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application No. 30501 — Floating Solar and Battery Storage Project**

   Discussion: None

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

5. **Submission of a DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application for Replacement of Two Supplemental Irrigation Wells Ahead of the 2027 Season, with Final Loan Terms Returned to the Board for Approval**

*Discussion:*The board asked for patron comment regarding the wells. Ted Netter questions how helpful they will be.

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

6. **Additional Auditor Fees Not to Exceed $600 — Dougall Conradie LLC**

   Discussion: Board made a motion to have all accounting/auditors and legal correspondence to go through district manager as the point of contact.

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

7. **MINUTES**

   Consideration of Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes — August 11, 2026.

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

8. **MONTHLY REVIEW OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

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

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

   b. Checks to be Approved — Period: August 1 – August 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.

   c. Reconciled Statements to be Approved — Period: July 1 – July 31, 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

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

   - Operating Budget Report
   - Capital Budget Report

   Discussion: Ellington noted overtime budget has been exceeded due to only having 2 field staff during an extreme drought year. The cost of overtime is preferable to hiring an additional employee. This is TSIDs first year in recent history with only 2 field staff and this increase will be considered for next year's budget.

10. **WATER AND HYDRO REPORT**

- Meter Repairs — Most are repaired and are working at this time
- Operations & Maintenance —
- Operational Technology —
- McKenzie Hydro — work is ongoing as time allows

11. **UPDATES**
    - Election — Division 2 Director. Nominations close October 6, 2026. Board to declare the election, appoint three Judges of Election, and designate the place of election at the October 13 meeting.
    - Cybersecurity — GNS Phase 1 installation September 3.
    - 1974 Kenworth dump truck sold for $10,500.
    - Work at diversion scheduled for the week of September 14.

    Discussion: Reminder to get 2 tires for Cat wagon before end of water season

12. **LETTERS TO THE BOARD**

    none

13. **WATER USER'S COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

    Keith Cyrus-is there grant money for the Schaad property to pipe to the pivot? Thalacker's response is no, that is on farm work and any grant would be between the property owner and NRCS.

    Jackie Elwing questions how an absentee board member can conduct the canvassing of election. Response, only a majority is needed.

    Ted Netter has requested clarification regarding the election petition being certified by the secretary of the board. TSID will ask Jordan Ramis for an opinion that can be shared with the division 2.

14. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

    Elwing has stated board absentees are out of hand and states he wants a cooperative board working to help the district. Board directed we ask SDAO asking for option in dealing with an absentee uncooperative board member.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48am.

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

APPROVAL

Joe Elwing, President — Date: 10/13/2026

Marc Thalacker, Vice President — Date: 10/13/2026

Mark Koos, Treasurer — Date

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