

**THREE SISTERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

AUGUST 12TH, 2025 10AM

CALL TO ORDER: DON BOYER 10:00AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Don Boyer, President; Karl Nulton Vice President; Marc Thalacker, Secretary/Treasurer(called in); Emilia Ellington, Financial Administrative Manager; Jim Williams, Hydro Operations Manager

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Elwing, Joe Elwing, Denise Koos, Mark Koos, Sharie Forde, Tracey Karshner, Larry French, Lee Huffman, Sharon Amestoy, Sara Goodwin, Pam Mitchell, Bryson French, Bob Owen, Lori Owen, Ted Netter, Karan Swaner, Keith Cyrus, M Hoff, Chris Lawrence

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACTION ITEMS:

- Request signed approval for Emilia to apply for the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program
Motion: Don Boyer Second: Karl Nulton Vote: Unanimous

- Approve 2022 financial statement
Motion: Don Boyer Second: Karl Nulton Vote: Unanimous

- Approve O&M Sisters District Ranger 2025 plan
Motion: Karl Nulton Second: Don Boyer Vote: Unanimous

A. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Regular BOD meetings 07/08/2025

Motion: Don Boyer

Second: Karl Nulton

Vote: Unanimous

B. BOARD MONTHLY REVIEW OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

a. Previous month's transaction reports

I. Transactions to be Approved. 07/01/2025-07/31/2025.

Motion: Don Boyer

Second: Karl Nulton

Vote: Unanimous

II. Checks to be Approved 07/01/2025-07/31/2025.

I. First Interstate Bank Operating Acct 1110

Motion: Karl Nulton

Second: Don Boyer

Vote: Unanimous

II. First Interstate Bank Main Canal Project Acct 1140

Motion: Karl Nulton

Second: Don Boyer

Vote: Unanimous

III. Local Government Investment Pool Acct 1250 (Review Only)

Reconciled Statements to be Approved 6/01/2025-6/30/2025

I. Capital One

II. Citibank – Costco

III. First Interstate Bank Operating Acct 1110

IV. First Interstate Bank Main Canal Project Acct 1140

V. Local Government Investment Pool Acct 1250

Motion: Karl Nulton

Second: Don Boyer

Vote: Unanimous

C. FINANCIAL MANAGER BUDGET REPORTS: (Operating, Capital & Hydro Budget Reports)

With Cloverdale ended spending has decreased dramatically. We are on budget. We have received over half of the Cloverdale NRCS payments and we are at our biggest months for the Hydro's. Junes Hydro income is \$29,922.79 and we expect July to be the same or better. This is over what we anticipated in the budget. We expect the weir gate to be shipped in the next couple of weeks and will owe around \$45,000 for that to be paid out of the NRCS funds.

D. Updates: Water went to 80% July 28th and to 70% as of August 4th.

E. CONSTRUCTION REPORT: WATER & HYDRO MANAGER

- a. Cloverdale pipeline- as time permits cleaning is to be completed on the phase 2 properties fixing roads and ditches.
- b. Meter Repairs- will resume as the water season ends
- c. Operations & Maintenance- Watson reservoir has leaks. Bentonite has been used and more is needed. More will be purchased asap to complete the repairs.
- d. Operational Technology- there are new heads in DC that should be friends to TSID
- e. McKenzie Hydro

F. OLD BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS REPORT:

- a. Signing of Documents
- b. Operational Technology- SCADA has been glitchy. Century Link said its probably due to an old modem so we have ordered a new one and plan to install it Wednesday morning.
- Walen in finally received the photos he needs to help us get the gauge updated because it's it's got a 2 hour delay, so when we're trying to get the levels going it's causing problems, but we only just got the photos yesterday, so I'm following up with him again today to get on his schedule.
- c. Anadromous Reintroduction & HCP
- d. Solar Project Update- read TSID Solar Project Letter aloud. We are looking at DEQ loan Crep grant and using the 40% credit for fixing our supplemental wells.

NEW BUSINESS:

LETTERS TO THE BOARD:

ADJOURN: Don Boyer 10:22

Motion: Don Boyer

Second: Karl Nulton

Vote: Unanimous

WATER USERS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Koos- Why aren't the DEQ loan numbers in QuickBooks accurate? TSID-As stated before there are issues being fixed in the correct time with the auditor. We are now correct through 2022, there were a lot of issues in 2023 that will be adjusted soon. Koos- wanting to know why TSID using accounts payable to record payments starting this is the incorrect way. TSID- there was confusion on what was being asked, but we will research and work with the auditor for best practices to help with real time reporting.

Is there a required minimum water for floating solar? No, they sit on the ground if reservoir is dry. Is ice an issue? We will get a better answer in time, but we do know these project have been built in Montana where temperatures go to 50 below. Will they be in the ice or on top? The expectation is the reservoir would be dry or the ice would be too thin to be an issue, but we will get back to you once we know what company we are able to ask.

Are the panels cabled to the bottom? Yes.

What is their lifespan? How are they disposed of? We will find out once we know what company we are able to ask.

Jackie Elwing- Would like a commitment from the Board that TSID will get approval from the patrons before adding any more debt. TSID board all agreed.

Jackie requested for links and any information be made available to the patrons so an informed decision can be made. TSID- agreed.

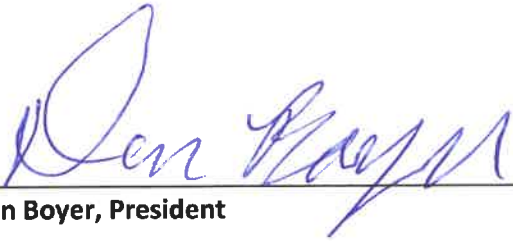
Keith Cyrus- comments on TSID being the largest source of misinformation he's ever seen. Lots of complaints regarding free water promised and liens. Discussion about his wells, the history and how they've been performing. Water levels and well certifications.

Karan Swaner-Questions about the DOE. What if the grants get pulled? TSID- we will be watching closely at what changes are happening. We still have the 40% tax credit and the 2 Million in principal forgiveness.

Concern that only those who attend the BOD meeting know what is going on. Just reading the minutes does not explain what everything is. TSID- propose have a work/learn event each month to teach and explain goings on in the district. Requested volunteers to help organize these.

Patrons have ideas that would be helpful. Instream leasing, water rights

Ted Netter- very upset over Junior water users still using after July 28th. And the accuracy of supplemental well water being used for junior water users.



Don Boyer, President

9-9-25

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Karl Nulton, Vice President

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Marc Thalacker, Secretary/Treasurer

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