

Dee Irrigation District Minutes

April 23, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Dee Irrigation District met on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the office of Farmers Irrigation District and via Zoom for the purpose of conducting its regular quarterly business. Those in attendance were Directors Erick von Lubken, Derek DeBorde and Steve Hunt; District Manager Alexis Vaivoda; Watershed Project Manager Megan Saunders; and Office Manager Erika Guth.

Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS: The minutes of the February 26, 2026 board meeting were presented. It was moved by Derek DeBorde and seconded by Steve Hunt to approve the minutes as presented. Erick von Lubken, Derek DeBorde, and Steve Hunt voted in favor. The motion passed.

Accounts payable for December 2025 (\$437.75), January 2026 (\$15,789.75), and February 2026 (\$714.70) (see attached) were presented. It was moved by Derek DeBorde and seconded by Steve Hunt to approve the payables. Erick von Lubken, Derek DeBorde, and Steve Hunt voted in favor. The motion passed.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial statements for February and March 2026 were presented and signed by the board. The balance, including reserves, as of April 23, 2026 was \$380,546.42

Erika reported that DID has received \$111,020.72 in payments as of April 23, 2026, representing 84% of the total 2026 assessments. Seven accounts remain unpaid, including one account representing a significant portion of the budget. Erick von Lubken made a motion to lock the service of said account until at least 75% of the assessment is paid. Derek DeBorde seconded the motion. Erick von Lubken, Derek DeBorde, and Steve Hunt voted in favor. The motion passed.

The Board discussed adopting a lien policy on unpaid accounts similar to that of Farmers Irrigation District, in alignment with ORS 545.494. No formal action was taken.

Alexis updated the Board on the status of the 2026-2027 budget. Budget planning is in progress, and a refined update will be presented at the next meeting.

Alexis reported that she is finalizing the process of opening an LGIP account for DID. This account will serve as DID's new savings account, maintaining the checking account with Columbia Bank and transferring funds into LGIP for higher interest collection.

IRRIGATION STATUS: The pump station remains off and DID is currently diverting water from Camp Creek only. One patron reported a leak along the main pipeline. George investigated and determined it may be at the opposite end of a previously repaired section of pipe. Alexis recommended investigating and repairing the leak prior to full system operation to minimize service interruptions.

MAINTENANCE / PROJECTS: FID installed the new flowmeter at pumphouse 1. Bob Wood came out to check out the new unit. Bob will also be installing the old unreliable flowmeter near the diversion on the West Fork Hood River. OWRD will be managing the new flowmeter for DID water use through the irrigation season.

DID contracted a crew to complete two days of vegetation management work along the pipeline. Alexis estimated that an additional two days would likely complete the remaining pipe alignment to pumphouse 1.

The Board discussed conducting an inventory of leaks along the pipeline at some point during the year to help prioritize future repairs.

LEGAL: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Erick von Lubken at 11:19 a.m.

President _____