

Dee Irrigation District Minutes

February 26, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Dee Irrigation District met on Thursday, February 26, 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 11:01 a.m.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: As the election for the board position held by Steve Hunt was missed in 2025, the Board addressed the resulting vacancy pursuant to DID's authority to fill vacancies. Erick von Lubken nominated Steve Hunt to serve in the position. Derek DeBorde moved to appoint Steve Hunt to the Board of Directors. Erick von Lubken seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BUSINESS: The minutes of the November 20, 2025 board meeting were presented. It was moved by Steve Hunt and seconded by Derek DeBorde to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial statements for November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026 were presented and signed by the board. The balance, including reserves, as of January 31st, 2026 was \$408,682.76.

Erika reported that DID has received \$106,923.75 in payments as of February 17th, 2026 representing 81% of the total 2026 assessments. Twenty-two delinquent accounts were sent late notices during the first week of February.

Alexis updated the Board on the current budget, outlining anticipated expenses through the end of the fiscal year (June 30th). The final budget outcome will depend on delinquent account payments and decisions regarding leak repairs and vegetation management.

MAINTENANCE / PROJECTS: The Board agreed to contract an outside crew for two days to clear the pipeline right-of-way and will assess next steps based on the crew's progress. Alexis reported that materials remain available for leak repairs following work completed by Farmers Irrigation District in 2025. Clearing the pipeline right-of-way will allow greater access and better evaluation of which leaks should be prioritized for repair.

The Hood River Watershed Group agreed to purchase a new flowmeter for Pumphouse 1. DID will pay for installation once the equipment is received. The flowmeter at the West Fork diversion is also in need of replacement; however, OWRD was willing to wait until 2027 to purchase and install another flowmeter at that location.

IRRIGATION STATUS: With irrigation season approaching, Alexis recommended delaying initiation of the pumphouse until growers request water.

LEGAL: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: Megan presented a draft newsletter for Board review, reminding patrons about their water rights and discussing the likely low water supplies this season. Steve Hunt moved to approve the newsletter. Derek DeBorde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Alexis reported that she been working to open a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account for DID due to its higher interest rate compared to the current Columbia Savings account. Erick von Lubken moved to open an LGIP savings account to deposit District funds. Steve Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board signed Resolution 01-26 to establish the LGIP account.

Alexis informed the Board about an SDAO sample Resolution for Recreational Immunity that could be implemented for DID. She will provide a draft for review at the next meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Derek DeBorde at 12:02 p.m.

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