

**Minutes
North Unit Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 2026**

Chair Kirsch called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:31 am, in regular session at the Jefferson County Annex, 66 SE D Street, Madras, OR 97741. Remote participation available via Teleconference: 1-408-638-0968 Meeting ID: 373-976-1157 Participant ID: # or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3739761157>

Board Members Present

Mike Kirsch, Chairman left at 9:16 am
Ryan Boyle, Vice Chairman
Evan Thomas, Director
Ryan Feigner, Director arrived at 8:44 am
James Macy, Director

Staff Members Present

Joshua Bailey, District Manager
Erek Fuchs, Assistant District Manager
Dennis Krueger, Operations Manager
Leslie Maynard, Finance Manager
Collin Cowsill, Special Projects Manager
Michelle Camphouse, Water Records Clerk

Others Present

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Approval of Agenda

Correct date from August 11 to September 8. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Macy moved/seconded to approve the agenda with the above change. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained from vote. Director Feigner absent.**

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from August 11, 2026, regular board meeting were presented. **Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the August 11, 2026, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained. Director Feigner absent.**

Draft minutes from September 1, 2026, special board meeting were presented. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Thomas moved/seconded to approve the September 1, 2026, special board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained. Director Feigner absent.**

Approval of Bills

Finance Manager Maynard presented the July 2026 bills. **Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained from voting.**

Financial Reports

Finance Manager Maynard presented the July 2026 Budget Comparison, DBBC Report, Reserve Funds, and Bank Statement. **Director Macy/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Office Report

Finance Manager Maynard presented the August 2026 Office Manager's Report.

2027 Budget Committee Member Selection

FM Maynard requested two Board members to collaborate with District staff on preparing the 2027 Budget. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Macy moved/seconded to appoint Directors Feigner and Thomas to the Budget Committee. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Madras Farms Water Transfer Request

GM Bailey submitted a request for a temporary water transfer for Madras Farms, allowing water to be transferred from outside NUID during the 2027 season. Madras Farms would like to temporarily transfer irrigation water from its lands in Lone Pine Irrigation District to its lands in North Unit Irrigation District. **Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve Madras Farms' temporary water transfer. Motion passed 4-0. Chair Kirsch recused himself from the vote.**

Budget Amendment – Bend Fish Screen Replacement Project

GM Bailey requested the following budget amendments:

- HDR has nearly exhausted the ESDC and construction closeout budget for the District's Bend Fish Screen Replacement Project and is requesting an additional \$180,000.
- BRC has requested \$21,300 for bidding support and project implementation for the trash rake, and \$9,310 for QC and ESDC for the fish bypass tie-in.
- \$10,000 is requested for SKADA automation integration.

Vice Chair Boyle/Director Feigner moved/seconded to approve the Bend Fish Screen budget amendments listed above. The motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained from voting.

Segment 4 Lateral 43, 425 LF Bid Proposal

K&E Excavation has submitted a proposal to pipe approximately 425 LF of the 43-10 lateral, which marks the start of Segment 4 of the 43 pipeline project. Leftover DBBC funds are exclusively allocated for this project and must be spent before May 2027.

Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to award K&E Excavation with

425 LF of the 43-10 lateral pipeline project. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.

Special Projects Manager's Report

SPM Cowsill delivered the Special Projects Manager's report during the meeting.

- 58-11 Valve – new motor installation scheduled for fall 2027.
- 58-11 Flume – To be completed 10/31/2026.
- Wickiup Automation Project – Flow measurement installation material orders being finalized. WaterSMART application is under review.
- NLINE/ETO Hydro @ Bypass – General review of data and DEQ WQ compliance considerations.
- GIS classes for Caleb Cody – Caleb will begin GIS classes on 9/21/26 at COCC.

O&M Report

Operations Manager Krueger presented the O&M report at the meeting.

- Maintenance – relief ditch riding, vegetation clearing at CR pumping in preparation of DBBC tour, tree removal and material prep for main canal liner project on Juniper Butte.
- Ditchriders – weed spraying.
- Mechanic Shop – Fleet maintenance, grader hydraulics, work on 10-yard dump truck.
- Misc. – 37 and 51 ditchriders have begun the moving process from rides.

Assistant Manager's Report

Assistant District Manager Fuchs presented the Assistant Manager's report at the meeting.

- LBCPP – Feasibility study will remain funded, despite questions regarding an amended scope of work.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Bailey presented the following Manager's Report at the meeting

- Delinquent Account/Lien Report.
- Temporary Water Service Contract request for Prineville Reservoir storage water.
- Travel Schedule for Fall/Winter 2026.

Water Supply

Operations Manager Krueger presented the Water Supply Report. Review of current supply & demand, precipitation, snowpack, and storage vs. same date in 2025. USF&W requested conserved HCP water to be released out of Wickiup Reservoir starting September 15th until all 15,000 acre-feet have been released. Final ramp-down schedule will begin early October and will be completed on October 17th. The headworks will be closed at 8 AM on October 9th.

Public Comment

Leroy Buck mentioned the addition of an osprey pole on his property to be installed by the end of year.

Other Business and Announcements

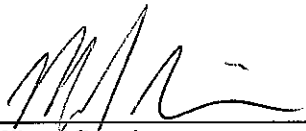
None.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 8:30 am at the Jefferson County Annex, 66 SE D Street, Madras, OR 97741.

Board adjourned at 9:33 am.

Signed,



Mike Kirsch
Chairman



Joshua Bailey
District Manager