

**Minutes
North Unit Irrigation District
Regular Board Meeting
May 12, 2026**

Chair Kirsch called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:31 am, in regular session at the Madras Municipal Airport 2028 NW Berg, 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, Chair
Ryan Boyle, Vice Chair
Evan Thomas, Director
Ryan Feigner, Director
James Macy, Director arriving at 8:36 am

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Virtual: Michael (declined to identify further)
Virtual: David Filippi re Preferred Pathway Memo Implementation
NUID Patron: Ron Oliver, David Kaiser

Approval of Agenda

Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained from voting. Director Macy absent.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from April 14, 2026, regular board meeting were presented. **Director Feigner/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve the April 14, 2026, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Chair Kirsch abstained. Director Macy absent.**

Approval of Bills

Finance Manager Maynard presented the March 2026 bills. **Director Thomas/Vice Chair Boyle moved/seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Financial Reports

Finance Manager Maynard presented the March 2026 Budget Comparison, DBBC Report, Reserve Funds, and Bank Statement. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Office Report

Finance Manager Maynard presented the April 2026 Office Manager Report.

2025 Audit Report

Rich Winkel from Dougall Conradie LLC presented the findings from the 2025 Standard Audit and the 2025 Single Federal Audit.

- NUID is in full compliance with all Oregon accounting laws.
- Major Federal Program (grants) have complied with requirements.
- No weaknesses or deficiencies noted.

Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the 2025 Standard Audit and the 2025 Single Federal Audit as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.

Preferred Pathway Memo Implementation

District counsel David Filippi presented the draft document and answered board questions regarding the previously agreed-upon 2024 Preferred Pathway Memo issued by OWRD, which sets the process to allow water conserved by Deschutes Basin irrigation districts available to NUID.

NUID recently applied to transfer the character of use for a portion of its Wickiup Reservoir storage right, equal to the volume of that conserved water. NUID has also applied for a new secondary water right allowing the use of stored water for flow augmentation and irrigation.

OWRD has raised concerns about the potential for NUID to cancel the new secondary use right or transfer it to a purpose other than flow augmentation.

The draft agreement is intended to address OWRD's concerns regarding the implementation of the Preferred Pathway Memo. The draft will be resubmitted to OWRD, and a finalized agreement will be voted on at a future board meeting.

Black Rock Consulting (BRC) 3-Year Contract Renewal

District Manager Bailey presented the Extension of Agreement between NUID and Black Rock Consulting for Services Originally Executed August 11, 2011. The agreement proposed to extend the agreement for a period of three years from the last extension date of August 11, 2026. The new term of Agreement would terminate on August 11, 2029.

Director Thomas asked if there was room for negotiations due to the cost. District Manager Bailey advised that other engineers are charging more, and Black Rock comes with 27 years of experience and expertise. **Directors Thomas/Macy moved/seconded to approve the Extension of Agreement between NUID and Black Rock Consulting for three years terminating on August 11, 2029. Motion carried 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

BRC Amendment No. 3, Segments 3 and 4, Lateral 43

The scope of services under the agreement were amended to include additional service for bidding services and course of construction quality assurance. **Vice Chair Boyle/Director Feigner moved/seconded to approve Amendment No. 3. Motion passed 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

Special Projects Manager's Report

SPM Cowsill presented the special projects manager's report at the meeting. Wickiup Flow Measurement Automation Grant requires a 25% cost share. SPM Cowsill will request cost share funds from new USBR grant. Seeking board approval to commit 25% cost share from Hydro Power Fund if he is unable to secure federal funds. **Directors Thomas/Feigner moved/seconded to approve Hydro Power Fund as 25% cost share if federal funds are not secured. Motion passed 4-0. Chair Kirsch abstained.**

O&M Report

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

Assistant Manager's Report

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

- Staffing Report
 - 1 currently out on PLO
- Grant Funding Report
 - Cloud seeding grant extension.
 - The floating solar grant modification request is likely to be denied due to Federal budget changes, Department of Interior budget reviews, and Office of Management and Budget approvals. District staff have met with department heads in DC to rectify the situation, to no avail. The grant expires on June 30, 2026, if the budget amendment and extension are not approved. Emrgy has been notified, and District staff have charged all expenses for the grant.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Bailey presented the following Manager's Report at the meeting. Plan approval for segments 3 & 4 on lateral 43 pipeline project.

- Bend fish screen project report.
- Washington DC lobbying trip report.
- Wickiup water accounting discussions with COID.

Water Supply

Watermaster Lang presented the Water Supply Report. Error on BOR website shows Wickiup Reservoir at 4%. Review of current supply, precipitation, snowpack, and storage vs. same date in 2025. No allotment changes.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business and Announcements

None

Next Board Meeting

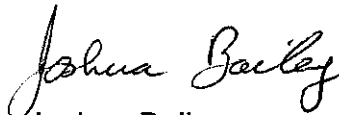
The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at 8:30 am.

Board adjourned at 10:38 am.

Signed,



Mike Kirsch
Chair



Joshua Bailey
District Manager