

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

December 9th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Bob Schuur. Board members present were Bob Schuur, Roger Fadness, and Walt Warchol. Staff members present were Chris Webb, Ashley Buckner, and Juanita Harvey via Zoom. Also present was the District's attorney Mark Reineke, Seth Flanders from the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, and Patron Mike Woll via Zoom.

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINTUTES: Bob motioned, Roger seconded his motion to approve the November board meeting minutes with an addition to the minutes stating that after the Board came back into regular session from Executive Session, Bob Schuur motioned and Roger seconded his motion to post the Manager position on the SDAO and OWRC job boards along with a posting on our webpage. Jon also voted in favor with Walt voting against. The vote for the November meeting minute correction was unanimous in favor with Walt also voting in favor.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Walt motioned, Roger seconded his motion to approve the November accounts payable. The vote was unanimous in favor with Walt also voting in favor.

3. MANAGER REPORT:

A. WATER REPORT: According to the US Drought Monitor, over 31% of Oregon is experiencing moderate drought (D1), just over 6% is experiencing severe drought (D2), and just under 1% is in extreme drought (D3).

Snow water equivalent (SWE) in every basin across the state is currently measuring well below the historical median. (min = 3%, max = 39%)

Precipitation over the past 30 days has been below normal across most of the state, especially in parts of southwestern, central, and eastern Oregon. Over the last two weeks, most of the state also recorded below normal precipitation, with deficits of 0.75 to 3 inches in western and parts of central Oregon.

Wickiup is 59% full, Crane Prairie 77% full at 42531 AF, and Cresnet Lake reaching 20044 AF. Irish Taylor and Summit are currently at 0" snow depth.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT: From the beginning of January till the end of October, AID has used 78.37% of Administrative expenses, 276.86% of Canal System expenses, 74.39% of Employee Expenses, and 72.23% of Operating expenses.

At the end of October, we had \$190,773.58 in the Modernization fund, \$9,500.23 in Operations, and \$84,225.63 in Reserves.

C. MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE: Chris participated in a virtual site meeting via Zoom with OWEB regarding Main Canal Phases 3 and 4. Attendees included Lisa Seals, Grant Traynor, and Gen Hubert of the Deschutes River Conservancy. The project supports flow targets in the Upper Deschutes River and provides ecological benefits for the Oregon spotted frog, Redband trout, and other fish and wildlife species. A key project objective is to convey water to the edge of the grassed areas, which is critical habitat for Oregon spotted frog breeding.

During the meeting at OWRC, Stacey Lowry from the FCA provided a task list outlining next steps for the project, including actions needed to pursue federal funding for the flume. Identified NRCS requirements include sharing Phase 1 and 2 cost information, confirming 100% design for Phases 3 and 4, and coordinating design with Kevin Crew. Federal funding requests will require documentation of 100% design completion.

4. OPERATIONS REPORT:

1. Ditch riders cleaned the Gosney from start to finish.
2. Ditch riders repaired the sink hole at the Gosney box with 60 bags of concrete purchased.
3. AID has no way of transporting water at this time and may need to purchase a trailer and 250-gallon water tank to complete task.

5. OFFICE REPORT: This month's safety meeting focused on first aid for human and animal bites and scratches. The ditch riders felt this was an important topic, as it provides guidance on properly treating wounds while working in the field on a daily basis.

As of today, we have received \$39,351.61 in assessments.

6. OLD BUSINESS: There is no old business to discuss at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS: Board President Bob Schuur is stepping down as the Zone 5 Board Member. Michael Woll has been attending board meetings and has expressed interest in being nominated as the Zone 5 Board Member. At the annual meeting in January, the board will have the opportunity to appoint a new Board President, Vice President, and Secretary as they see fit. If approved by the Board, Michael Woll will be appointed as the Zone 5 Board Member at that time.

8. OPEN FORUM: Bill Roats from Roats Water came in to discuss the use of mitigation credits. He will meet with Chris in the new year for further discussion.

Seth Flanders has replaced Todd Peplin, as Todd has retired with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 2:13 pm, Bob called to suspend the regular session and called an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (a) To consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member, or agent, and (e) to conduct deliberations with person(s) we have designated to negotiate real property transactions.

At 2:34 pm, Bob called to adjourn the executive session and called the regular session back to order at which time the regular meeting was adjourned at 2:36pm.