

Arnold Irrigation District
Monthly Board Meeting

October 14th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Bob Schuur. Board members present were Bob Schuur and Walt Warchol. Staff members present were Chris Webb, Ashley Buckner, and Juanita Harvey. Also present was the District's attorney Mark Reineke, and Lisa Seales and Jim Bond from the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC). Patrons present were Mike Penhollow and Mike Woll. As a quorum was not present, no formal decisions were made, and the meeting proceeded for informational purposes only.

1. OPEN FORUM: Lisa discussed OWEB grants, and the Lundy Project fees. Supporting Arnold Irrigation with any help needed from the DRC.
2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: September and October minutes were not approved at this time for lack of quorum. They will be voted on November's board meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts payable were not approved at this time for lack of quorum. They will be voted on November's board meeting.
4. MANAGER REPORT:
 - a. WATER REPORT: According to the US Drought Monitor, nearly 48% of Oregon is in moderate drought (D1) and just over 24% is in severe drought (D2). Additionally, just over 1% of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3) conditions. Over the past two weeks, abnormally dry (D0) and D1 conditions have decreased. Conversely, D2 and D3 conditions slightly increased over the past two weeks.

As of September 30th, no storage has been used, indicating the success of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 piping project.

Wickiup is 33% full and will need to be released this winter. Crane Prairie is 70% full, Crescent lake is 20% full, Ochoco 56% full, Prineville is 54% full, and Haystack sitting at 86% full.

- b. FINANCIAL REPORT: From the beginning of January till the end of August, AID has used 63% of Administrative expenses, 188% of Canal System expenses, 62% of Employee expenses, and 59% of Operating expenses.

At the end of September, we had \$428,336.34 in the Modernization fund, \$39,369.03 in Operations, and \$83,595.73 in Reserves.

c. MODERNIZATION REPORT: The butterfly valve issue was resolved after repairing the hydro ranger sensor, resulting in a significant reduction in false alarms throughout the day.

Crossing permits and railroad crossing will cost the district ten thousand dollars to secure moving forward with future piping.

4. OPERATIONS REPORT:

1-a: Complete water shut off procedure. Open all drains. Walk and inspect main canal from diversion at the river to horse butte rd. and walk and inspect all laterals. Mark all sink holes and damage that needs repair. Inspect all head gates and paint with high visible pink paint.

1-b: Dewater the pipe at the outlet in preparation of the repair by the KRAH. This will require the use of two 4" trash pumps. We will also be removing the manhole lid just upstream of the leak to gain access.

1-c: After completion of the repair of the pipe, back fill of excavated site at the leak site will take place using the dump truck and excavator.

2. Flume repair to begin after water shut off. Replace any sections that are rusted through. Seal the end of the flume where it meets the concrete and any location where sealant is needed. If weather permits, prep for the lining in the section that has no access. Install 1,300 feet of lining.

3. Blowout all deliveries using the compressor in preparation of cold winter temps.

4. Gosney box inlet repair: this repair requires the ditch at the inlet to be excavated back approximately 10ft and concrete mixed by hand to seal the ditch were it meets the concrete diversion box.

5. Remove all debris piles at the screen locations accumulated during the 2025 irrigation season. This requires the use of the excavator and dump truck to haul debris to the land fill.

6. New concrete check wall on the Brandon at #3064 for Jim Carson.

7. Cut all vegetation hanging over the main canal. Also, trim back and up any vegetation that might come in contact with company vehicles or company equipment on the ditch roadside. Haul all debris to the county landfill.
8. Gravel the ditch road on the Gosney lateral up to the turnaround. Also gravel the Sundance siphon section of the ditch road.
9. Investigate all deliveries and verify water rights for each connection on DWC1 and DWC 2 easements. Remove all delivery boxes that are no longer in use. Also cut and clear all overgrown trees and vegetation on DWC 1 and DWC 2 easements and haul all debris to the county landfill.
10. Install delivery shut off valve in DWC 1 and DWC 2 delivery located in the drain box number #3.
11. During maintenance season ditch riders will also need to operate daily routes in order to enforce Arnold Irrigation easements.
12. Adjust wheel size on fish screen trolley so screen cleaning brushes contact the screens for more efficient cleaning.

5. OFFICE REPORT: Ashley conducted the monthly safety meeting addressing wind, water and hail intrusions where staff watched a video and had a quiz.

Zone 2 and 4 need to be appointed at the annual meeting in January 2026.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 2026 BUDGET COMMITTEE: The draft budget was given to the Board for review.

7. NEW BUSINESS: There is no new business at this time.

Lisa Seals and Jim Bond left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 3:00 pm, Bob called to suspend the regular session and called an executive session to order pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (e) to conduct deliberations with person(s) we have designated to negotiate real property transactions.

At 3:20 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 3:20 pm.