**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE
April 7, 2025
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**PLACE**: Vina Elementary School Auditorium, 4790 D Street, Vina, CA 96092
**TIME**: 5:00 P.M.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Linda Pitter, Doug Amato, Jake Thompson, Patrick Johnson
**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jeff Rabo

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Linda Pitter, at 5:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Secretary, Jennifer Salisbury, recorded the minutes. With no corrections to the agenda, Director Thompson moved that the agenda be approved as-is. Director Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comments were presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The minutes from the March 17, 2025, meeting were postponed to the May 5, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented district invoices from March 17, 2025, to April 7, 2025.

 ACH Payments:

* ACH QuickBooks, April bookkeeping subscription, $65.00

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Stephens reported on the district’s first quarter financials, noting that the district remains within its 2025 budget. Current year costs have shifted toward repair and maintenance, particularly for equipment rentals and diversion repair work as a result of damages incurred during two high creek flow events.

Director Thompson reported substantial ditch maintenance, including the removal of fallen trees, silt buildup from February flooding, and bank repairs. Spraying operations were carried out on multiple ditches, but a lapse in the spray permit was noted. Ryan Knight, the Tehama County Deputy Agriculture Commissioner reviewed the matter, and recommendations were presented for safer pesticide application near the ditches containing water. The board also discussed safety protocols for spraying operations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The new Ditch Tender, Kurt Frank, was introduced to the board. Kurt’s start date was April 5th, 2025.

The Right-of-Access Policy was reviewed, and it was agreed that it will be accompanied by a cover letter from the Board. The policy and cover letter will be mailed to all of the District’s constituents.

A brief update was provided by Director Pitter regarding a meeting attended by Director Pitter and Director Rabo with Matt Johnson and Jason Roberts from CDFW, and Brian Wardman of Northwest Hydraulic Consultants. They discussed possible funding sources and long-term repair solutions for the diversion damages caused by high creek flows.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the increased expenses directed towards the diversion repairs, as well as the potential for additional costs that will affect the District’s budget. A motion was made by Director Thompson to increase heavy equipment budget from $4,000/year to $5,500/year. Director Amato seconded. Directors Amato, Thompson, and Pitter voted yes, and Director Johnson voted no.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m