

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE
May 5th, 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, Jeff Rabo, Doug Amato, Jake Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Patrick Johnson

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 Amato moved to approve the agenda as-is. Director Thompson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Secretary, Jennifer Salisbury, read the minutes from the March 17th meeting aloud. Grammatical revisions were proposed. Director Rabo motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Director Thompson seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Presentation and review of the April 7th meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer, Ellen Stephens, presented the following invoices for the period of April 15th, 2025 through May 4th, 2025.

ACH Payments:

- Allevity payroll for period 3.24.25 - 4.6.25, \$296.31
- ClockShark for April timecard subscription, \$48.00
- QuickBooks for May bookkeeping subscription, \$65.00
- Allevity payroll for period 4.7.25 - 4.20.25, \$1,788.12
- ClockShark for May timecard subscription, \$53.67

Other Invoices

- #864 Tri Counties Bank, March credit card: gas and repair materials, \$71.54
- #865 Downey Brand, February legal services, \$3,665.00
- #866 Linda Pitter, reimbursement for burn permit, \$39.75
- #867 Kurt Frank, April phone allowance, \$100.00
- #868 Kurt Frank April mileage + May phone allowance, \$271.50
- #869 Meyers Earthwork, diversion repair, \$1,686.25
- #870 Downey Brand, March legal services, \$3,220.00

REPORTS

Treasurer Ellen Stephens distributed first quarter profit and loss statements showing comparisons between 2024 and projected 2025 figures. The board noted a reduction in legal expenses compared to the prior year and increased repair and maintenance costs related to equipment rental and diversion repair work. Copies of the 2025 budget were provided for reference. The board is currently operating within budget, though upcoming expenses such as the excavator rental and hiring of Meyers Earthworks for instream creek excavation work will require fiscal review.

The district's website has been updated by Treasurer Ellen Stephens. All archived records, meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, and agendas are current and organized.

Director Thompson reported extensive ditch maintenance repairs, including removal of fallen trees and bank restoration south of the DWR gauge. Ditch Tender Kurt Frank and Director Thompson began spraying of District ditches through properties with prior landowner notification. Operations halted when John

Edson raised concerns about the district's spray permit and legal spraying compliance. Director Pitter followed up with Ryan Knight at the Tehama County Ag Commissioner's office regarding permit renewal and verification of the District's legal compliance to spray District ditches.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Pitter provided a status update regarding responses to a Labor Commissioner inquiry, preparation of exhibits, and reviewing additional correspondence from the Department of Industrial Relations by District counsel. The board discussed right-of-access policy language previously drafted by District counsel.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed regulatory compliance and operational efficiency for pesticide spraying. The board reviewed chemical options and application protocols for ditch spraying. Ryan Knight's recommendation of Roundup Custom as a safer, more cost-effective herbicide was considered, along with personal protective equipment (PPE) and materials sourcing. Director Pitter renewed the District spray permit and spraying will resume while ensuring adherence to county regulations. Additional planning for equipment usage and coordination with the Ishi crew for debris removal was also discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.