

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 5th, 2026
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

PLACE: Vina Elementary School Library, 4790 D Street, Vina, CA 96092

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Board President Linda Pitter at 5:15 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately after the call to order. Secretary, Steven Lockwood recorded the minutes. Two corrections were requested to be made to the agenda. Under consent agenda line B and C. The meeting minutes dates should be December 1st for line B, and December 2nd for line C. Director Amato moved that the agenda be approved with corrections. Director Johnson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Rabo read the minutes from the meeting on November 17th, 2025, aloud. Corrections were requested to the Treasurer's Report regarding the decimal point location on the bank statement register balance, as well as a change to the Ditch Tender report regarding flow measurements reported as CFS that should be changed to feet. Director Rabo moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Amato seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Director Rabo read the minutes from the meeting on December 1st, 2025, aloud. Corrections were requested to the Ditch tender's report regarding flow measurements reported as CFS that should be changed to feet, and the spelling of a landowner's name. Director Pitter moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Amato seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer, Steven Lockwood presented the following invoices for the period of December 2nd, 2025, through January 5th, 2026.

ACH Payments

- ClockShark, December timecard services - \$58.00
- Allevity, payroll processing for 11/17/25 through 11/30/25 - \$2,330.25
- Allevity, payroll processing for 12/01/25 through 12/14/25 - \$2,434.93
- QuickBooks, bookkeeping subscription - \$75.00
- Allevity, payroll processing for 12/15/25 through 12/28/25 - \$1,904.95

Other Invoices:

- Ck #901 to Ellen Stephens, reimbursement for McAfee 1 year VPN subscription - \$149.99
- Ck #902 to USPS, P.O. Box renewal fee for 12 months - \$78.00
- Ck #903 to Steven Lockwood, reimbursement for office supplies - \$46.74
- Ck #904 to Johnny on the Spot, monthly porta potty services - \$30.00

- Ck #905 to Downey Brand, general legal counsel services for November - \$598.00

Treasure Lockwood reported a bank statement ending balance of \$125,820.88 for the month of December, with an adjusted register balance of \$120,911.36 after outstanding payments have cleared. The profit and loss detail report for 2025 was also presented to the Board to review. Additionally, Treasurer Lockwood will be creating a spreadsheet for the 2026 DCID water assessments received for Board review. Director Amato motioned to approve the Downey Brand invoice for legal services. Director Johnson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

DITCHTENDER'S REPORT

Kurt Frank reported that the water is going out to sheep camp and at Tod Leininger's. Recent rains have brought about high debris loads at the diversion and downstream ditches. There were approximately 2 cfs in the ditch registered on Christmas eve, and by 4 am Christmas day it rose to 37 cfs. The North Ditch had tree limbs fall, of which Kurt piled for later burning. Repairs are currently being performed on the north ditch.

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Patrick Johnson will have an update on past due payments at the next meeting on Monday February 2nd 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ad-Hoc Project Committee: The recently reconstructed diversion channel and fish screen rock armoring saw an increased sediment load within the concrete diversion channel, screen bay and paddlewheel bay. The rock armoring performed well and prevented erosion from occurring adjacent to the diversion structures.

Lands Assessment analysis: Director Pitter asked if there was a way to list and accurately measure the total land in the District as well as the acres irrigated. Director Rabo proposed the Board could request Lot Books from a title company for all parcels in the district. There are discrepancies in the reported total acreage for the District, as well as acreage being charged for "Use" and "Non-use". The discrepancies seem to have begun around the time the District first changed it's method for charging taxes based on soil types. Additional discrepancies occurred around the time that the District allowed landowners to remove sloughs from the taxable land as well. The Board will need to track original parcel acreages starting at formation of the District to current and determine how many acres should be assessed to each parcel. This information and analysis will be needed to rectify the balance sheet of acreage and tax assessments.

2026 Budget Review: The Board reviewed the 2025 budget, and then began discussion and assembly of the 2026 budget. After review and deliberations for budget categories, the 2026 budget was prepared at an estimated expenditure of \$146,653.00. Director Amato made a motion to approve the 2026 budget. Director Thompson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.