

**DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE  
February 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**PLACE:** Vina Elementary School Auditorium, 4790 D Street, Vina, CA 96092

**TIME:** 5:00 P.M.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order by Board President Linda Pitter at 5:11 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately after the call to order. Secretary, Jennifer Salisbury, recorded the minutes. With no corrections to be made to the agenda, Director Amato moved that the agenda be approved as-is. Director Thompson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Rabo the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on February 3, 2025. Grammatical revisions were proposed and Director Rabo motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Director Thompson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer Ellen Stephens presented the following invoices for the period of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 through February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

ACH payments:

- Allevity for payroll period 1.27.25 - 2.9.25, \$1,871.6

Other Invoices:

- #853 Tri Counties Bank, January credit card, \$51.06
- #854 Gregory Engineering, 2024 Annual Water Report
- #855 Downey Brand, December legal services, \$352.00
- #856 Ellen Stephens, ink purchase reimbursement, \$69.81
- #857 Mark Boggs, February mileage reimbursement, \$81.74

**REPORTS**

Director Johnson spoke briefly about the status of tax collections. He said that he still had not received payments from three landowners.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed potential repairs to the district's diversion and access road, focusing on improving the structure's resilience against future high-water events. Ben Cook with Trout Unlimited provided an update on the condition of the ditches and explored possible short-term and long-term solutions. Currently, about \$2,000 is available for temporary repairs, but Ben will assist with identifying and seeking grant funding for emergency repairs or fire recovery funds for future improvements. Tommy Ostrowski and Cassie Clark from Davids Engineering presented a Power Point on water resource planning. President Pitter highlighted that the system is over 100 years old and suffers from significant seepage issues. Ben Cook said that there is currently money available to perform flow studies and engineering analysis. Director Rabo emphasized that addressing maintenance issues is the District's primary goal. Mr. Ostrowski recommended identifying key problem areas as a first step towards finding

effective solutions. It was recommended by Ben Cook that the Board create a committee to provide communication and research alongside Trout Unlimited and Davids Engineering.

The Board reviewed the Ditch Tender job description and public posting notice for potential applicants. Director Rabo motioned to appoint Directors Thompson and Johnson to an Ad Hoc Hiring Committee for the purpose of screening and interviewing potential candidates for the position of ditch tender. Director Amato offered to be an alternate to the committee should a scheduling conflict occur during the interview process. Director Pitter seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 pm**