

SUNNYSIDE VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) was held in-person and via conference call and was called to order by Chairman Simpson on January 6, 2026, at 2:22 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Kevin Golob, Paul Groeneweg and Markus Rollinger; David Felman, SVID Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager-Engineering, Dave Bos, Assistant Manager-Operations, and Nikki Musson, SVID Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager and Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. Director Mike Hogue participated via phone.

The minutes of the December 8, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

The Board proceeded to organize for 2026. Director Golob moved that the current officers, Chairman Simpson and Vice Chairman Hogue, be re-elected by unanimous consent. The motion was seconded and carried.

Upon a motion by Director Golob, the following officers were appointed:

- General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer – David Felman
- Deputy Treasurer – Nikki Musson
- Auditing Officer – David Bos
- Deputy Auditing Officer – Ron Cowin

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Consent Agenda as shown below:

	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Facility or Description</b>
<b><u>Change of Point of Delivery</u></b>		
Gary Martin	221036-34006	34.60 #3A

Upon a motion by Director Groeneweg that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Ms. Musson presented the vouchers. The Status of Funds listed investments and other funds totaling \$12,228,463. Vouchers numbered 87982-88116 in the amount of \$260,943.49 and electronic payments in the amount of \$245,653.44 were submitted for approval. Ms. Musson presented a graph showing current funds compared to historical levels. Upon a motion by

Director Rollinger, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized payment of the vouchers as listed above.

Ms. Musson provided an update on foreclosures. As of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 parcel in Benton County is in the foreclosure process. The foreclosure sale is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

Ms. Musson presented the results from the 2022-2024 accountability and financial statement audits. The exit conference was held remotely on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Auditors commended the district's strong internal controls, reported no material misstatements, and made no recommendations, characterizing the audit as "very clean."

Ms. Musson notified the Board that the Annual update for Great Plains was installed and completed on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Workstation replacements for the 2026 fiscal year have been ordered and expected to be delivered in January or February.

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on the Steel Structure design. Statement of qualifications were submitted by seven engineering/architect firms for the steel fabrication building SVID desires to have built. They were all evaluated and Absolute Engineering out of Kennewick has been selected as the best firm to design and manage the construction of the new building.

Mr. Bos updated the Board on field operations. Crews were on winter break December 24 through January 2. ELIPS piping on the 29.68 and 49.90 laterals are progressing nicely. Beat repair, lining, drain maintenance, and piping throughout the district is ongoing.

Mr. Bos provided an update on damage sustained at the JD 26.6 facility during the December Yakima Basin flood event. Water backed up in the pipeline, causing bank sloughing. Excavation revealed that the old corrugated metal pipe (CMP) had completely rusted out. Continued excavation is underway to allow water to pass through the upstream section. Two primary repair options are being considered:

- Option 1: Re-pipe the drain. This option would be costly due to pipe size and depth. Trench boxes may not be feasible given poor material and debris on top of the existing pipeline, requiring full-area excavation.
- Option 2: Convert to an open drain. This option would eliminate pipe costs but still require significant excavation, bank stabilization with riprap, and road improvements for maintenance access.

This is a joint drain with the Roza Irrigation District, and their Board has been informed. Staff will evaluate the feasibility of each option and provide a cost estimate at the February Board meeting.

The Management Contract between SDBOC and SVID was brought before the Board. The contract was reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Rollinger that was seconded and unanimously carried, the contract was approved.

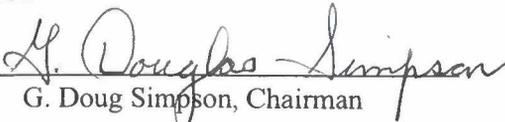
The Oath of Office was presented to Director Hogue and Director Groeneweg.

Mr. Felman asked the Board for authorization for Staff and Board Members to attend the Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference (NWIO) in February. Upon a motion by Director Golob, which was seconded and unanimously carried, the appropriate staff and Board members were authorized to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

  
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David Felman, Secretary

Attest:

  
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G. Doug Simpson, Chairman