



Mission Statement

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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549**

March 19, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

President Schelly called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

President Schelly, Vice President Priefer, Director Olson, and Director Harsha were present along with General Manager Rojas and Chief Financial Officer Shouman. Director Davis was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

A. MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting: February 19, 2025

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Income statement for the eighth month ending February 2025.
- b. District warrants for February 2025
 - Check #18780-18827 = \$195,672.26
 - Gross Payroll = \$79,580
 - Federal/State PR taxes = \$8,520
 - LAIF Transfers = \$0
 - Transfers/charges = \$325

C. OPERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson commented that the 3% water loss was amazing. All board members agreed.



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PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Jerome asked for clarification on the 3% water loss and inquired about previous water loss.

General Manager Rojas responded that some leaks in the past were initially thought to be springs, but they were actually leaks, and they have been fixed. Additionally, the staff have been repairing leaks as they arise. He also noted that over the past few months, the staff started replacing well meters with more accurate ones, which has significantly helped. Rojas believes this will be a trend moving forward with our water loss numbers.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the Consent Calendar, and Vice President Priefer seconded.

AYES

**Director Olson
Director Harsha
Vice President Priefer
President Schelly**

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Director Davis

Motion approved.

INFORMATION

2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager will update the Board on accomplishments, challenges that have occurred, and key performance metrics.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Shouman mentioned that the GIS (Geographic Information System) will be a revolution for the District.

Mr. Rojas noted that this will benefit both the water and wastewater lines for the district.

Vice President Priefer asked if it would provide latitude and longitude to get close to the lines or valves. Mr. Rojas responded, 'Yes.'

Mr. Rojas also mentioned that we will be able to add new lines and valves into the system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hunt mentioned that GIS stands for (Geographic Information System).



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ACTION ITEMS

3. APPROVING GENERAL MANAGER AUTHORITY AND SPENDING POLICY AND RESOLUTION NO. 805.

The Board will consider approving an increase in the General Manager’s emergency spending limit to allow for more efficient handling of urgent and unforeseen expenses (the Spending Policy) and Resolution No. 805.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Schelly provided a brief background on this, mentioning that he took a class from California Special Districts Association (CSDA), where they recommended this approach. He also shared an example from a few years ago when we had a leak on 243, and the emergency repair exceeded the General Manager’s spending budget.

Director Olson asked, 'What is the definition of an emergency? And if the General Manager believes it’s an emergency, does he need to contact the President or Vice President to explain, or does he just have the authority to move forward?'

President Schelly responded that the General Manager would have the authority to proceed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Jerome asked for clarification on the pipeline repair and who was called to assist with it. President Schelly responded that it was EI-CO.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the Spending Policy and Resolution No. 805, and Director Harsha seconded.

AYES

**Director Olson
Director Harsha
Vice President Priefer
President Schelly**

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Director Davis

Motion approved.

4. APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE FROM HOT PURPLE ENERGY (HPE)

The Board of Directors considers and approves the expenditure of \$52,750 for the replacement of three inverters at the Solar Field located at Foster Lake.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson asked why this wasn’t included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Rojas responded that it was working, but our energy bills have increased in the last couple of months.



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President Schelly mentioned that we have three different arrays, and the issue is with the system (inverter), not the arrays/panels. He also inquired about the warranty. Mr. Shouman responded that it was a 1-2 year warranty. President Schelly then asked about the possibility of getting an extended warranty and how much that would cost.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the estimate from Hot Purple Energy, and Vice President Priefer seconded.

AYES

**Director Harsha
Director Olson
Vice President Priefer
President Schelly**

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Director Davis

Motion approved.

5. APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD DECORUM POLICY RESOLUTION NO, 806

The Board will review and consider adopting the revised Board Decorum Policy to ensure effective and professional conduct during meetings.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson pointed out multiple errors and typos in the policy and mentioned that he would provide his noted corrections to Mr. Guiboa.

President Schelly mentioned that we cannot require someone to identify themselves at a public meeting.

The Board directed the Board Secretary to provide Director Olson's marked-up policy to Mr. Guiboa.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve The Board Decorum Policy Resolution No. 806 as amended and revoke Resolution No. 714 and Vice President Priefer seconded.

AYES

**Director Harsha
Director Olson
Vice President Priefer
President Schelly**

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Director Davis



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Motion approved.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Olson thanked Mr. Rojas for his hard work in getting things 'cleaned up.'

Director Harsha was thrilled about the 3% water loss.

Vice President Priefer agreed with Director Olson and mentioned that Mr. Rojas has done a great job, and it shows. Mr. Rojas responded that it carries over to the staff and commended them for their hard work.

President Schelly mentioned some posters that the General Manager has displayed in his office and talked about how we have a ten-year plan for our testing. He thought it was incredible that we have such a plan in place.

President Schelly also mentioned that they have established a bank account with Vice President Priefer and himself, allowing them to deposit a portion of their stipends, and any other director who wishes to do so can contribute as well. Once the money is in that account, the directors can decide how they would like to use it. For example, they could award an employee, such as Employee of the Year, with a gift certificate or they can do other things with the monies.

President Schelly mentioned the National Special District Association grant monies to support the bill. He asked the Board to direct staff to look into what needs to be done to support that. Lastly, he mentioned the Idyllwild School and the scholarship the district provides, which is \$1,500. He suggested there could be an update next month regarding the water conversation with artwork and essays.

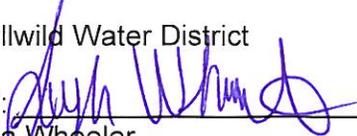
Mr. Shouman mentioned that we are looking into getting an EV Charging Station here at the office.

ADJOURNMENT

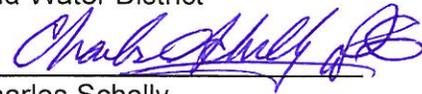
The Board adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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BY: 
Tyla Wheeler
Board Secretary

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BY: 
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President