

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2025

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened a special session on Tuesday October 28, 2025. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winckler, and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt, Policy Director Sage Park, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, District Attorney Brian Iller.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

District Manager Revell reported that the 2026 draft assessment roll will be delivered to the Board electronically on November 3, 2025, pursuant to RCW 87.03.250 and will be available at the front counter in the Roza office and that notice of the equalization hearing on December 9, 2025, will be published in the Yakima Herald and the Tri-City Herald.

District Manager Revell presented the notice of equalization and noted the specified date and time the board of directors, acting as a board of equalization, will meet to equalize assessments pursuant to RCW 87.03.250

District Manager Revell gave a brief overview to the Board on the Roza-Yakama Nation relationship. He explained that the working rapport between the Yakama Nation and Roza is very strong and has been built over many years. The Wapato Irrigation Project A lands (WIP) on the Yakama Reservation have a irrigation water right priority date of June 9, 1855, and is the largest Indian irrigation project in the United States. The Wapato Irrigation Project also holds the largest proratable water right in the basin (Wapato B lands). The Yakama Nation has an unquantified water right for instream flows for fish with a "time immemorial" priority date. Ongoing projects for the Yakama Nation include removal of the Bateman Island Causeway, removal of the causeway will restore flow around the island to help out-migrating juvenile fish. Also, Stargrass management control, which can create a lethal dissolved oxygen problem for returning adult salmon, Roza has helped to examine this issue in the Yakima River, and bull trout acoustic tagging in rescued Bull Trout to study their seasonal movements in certain reservoirs. Roza spent \$15,000 on acoustic tags and the data collected significantly advanced the knowledge base on Bull Trout populations.

District Manager Revell informed the board on major conservation project funding. Mr. Revell explained that Wasteway 6 Re-Regulation Reservoir expansion is the top priority; the size and cost of the reservoir expansion could delay funding other Roza projects. Roza has requested \$19M for Main Canal floor replacement from United States Bureau of Reclamation through the One Big Beautiful Bill with a \$5M Roza match. The Main Canal floor project could be moved up 2 years because it conserves more water and Lower End Main Canal piping could be moved down 3 to 4 years. Roza will apply for \$5M for state capital grant funds for Main Canal floor replacement.

District Manager Revell reported to the Board on the mid-sized unfunded projects. There are a few larger projects not built into the winter work program for 2025-2026.

The Mile Post 32.8 leaf gate failed in March. The gate provides a mechanism for balancing the upper portion of the Main Canal in full supply years and is integral to drought year operations. Staff are of the opinion that replacement of the gate is the top priority in the near term. Replacement is estimated to cost \$200,000 +/- installed, with work done by Roza. Mr. Rollinger confirmed that replacing the gate is the top priority.

Mr. Revell and Mr. Rollinger discussed the Pump High 3 Right tail end, which is difficult to access and maintain and has roughly 8,500 feet which could be piped for \$155,000. The canal is located on a sandy hillside and is prone to failure. Piping would eliminate 3 to 5 leaks and repairs each season. The project could occur in the winter of 2026-2027. Director Valicoff, Willard and Winckler expressed their support.

Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation Reservoir operation and maintenance funding is not specifically budgeted. There have begun to be repairs needed since the reservoir came on line in 2017. The district has spent over \$700,000 on repairs. Examples of repairs which have already occurred include back up battery replacements, fuses, motor repairs, discharge/check valve repairs. Staff estimate that \$75,000 to \$100,000 per year is a reasonable amount to begin with. There was over \$4M remaining in the Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation Reservoir budget, the Board authorized the remaining funds to be moved to the districts' undesignated reserves in 2018. Those funds remain

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unspent. Mr. Revell stated that the district should begin budgeting for Wasteway 5 Re-Regulation Reservoirs operation and maintenance starting in 2027. No action was requested from the Board.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated thirty minutes beginning at 9:40 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate the legal risk of a proposed action.
- c. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.
- d. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). To evaluate the performance of a public employee.

District Manager Revell returned at 10:10 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional twenty minutes.

District Manager Revell returned at 10:30 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional fifteen minutes.

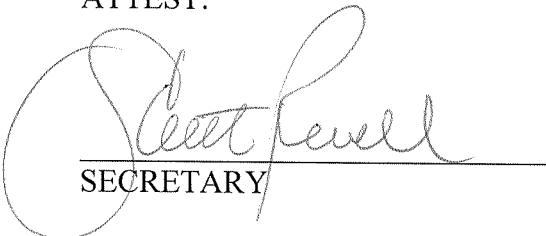
District Manager Revell returned at 10:45 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional fifteen minutes.

District Manager Revell returned at 11:00 A.M. and noted the presiding officer had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional ten minutes.

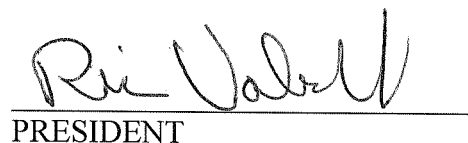
The President returned the Board to regular session at 11:00 A.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 11:33 A.M. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT