

TID PATRON NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2026

Dear Fellow Patrons,

My last newsletter was in January. Sorry for the delay-family emergency, taxes, recall effort on Ron Cochran all took my attention.

So much has happened since the beginning of the year!!!!

**We ended 2025 with our usual five board members.**

**But on January 13, 2026**

Division 1 board member Yves Teirlynck replaced Steve Putnam. Yves has an extensive background in internal auditing and as a CFO for Fortune 500 companies. So now we have somebody with excellent qualifications overseeing the district finances.

Division 3 board member Jack Billings replaced Carol Shull. Jack has an extensive background in contracting. Everything from two page bids to 250 page government bids so now we have somebody on the board that can oversee the contracting portion of what TID does.

**And on April 6, 2026**

In response to a successful recall petition on Ron Cochran, he resigned effective immediately. And Ed Galazzo handed his resignation in effectively immediately also.

It is now the board's responsibility to appoint new board members to fill the interim vacancies. So there will be a **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 29** at which time the board will appoint the new members from from the applications that they have received. The application deadline was Friday, April 17 so no new applications are being accepted at this time.

**Other important news from the April board meeting is that the board** voted to hire an HR professional to write a complete and thorough employee handbook for TID. Our current employee handbook is not up to today's best practices and so a new one that will cover many of the issues that have become elements of frustration for patrons, board members, and employees alike should be very helpful.

**On April 10 Oregon Government Ethics Commission voted to move the following cases into the investigation phase:**

[26-053XJS Cochran, Ron PR.pdf](#),  
[26-054XJS Warbington, Martin PR.pdf](#),  
[26-055XJS Putnam, Steve PR.pdf](#),  
[26-056XJS Shull, Carol PR.pdf](#),  
[26-057XJS Galazzo, Ed PR.pdf](#),  
[26-011EJS Schull, Chris PR.pdf](#)