

12 January 2026

To: OGEC

Re: TID District Manager, Chris Schull

As a basis for my complaint I would like to point out that:

1. Tumalo Irrigation District (TID) District Manager (DM) Chris Schull although employed by TID as the DM since 2021 has not had nor does he, have today, an Employment Contract.
2. Also TID has no Travel Policies.
3. However it reasonable to expect that DM Schull would make ethical choices in his spending of TID money and that his spending would not constitute unnecessary and excessive use of TID Patron funds.

COMPLAINT:

According to ORS Chapter 244, a public official cannot use their position for personal or financial gain. I believe that the District Manager of Tumalo Irrigation District, Chris Schull, has violated this statute by lavishly spending the District's public funds without adequate purpose.

Mr. Schull has taken advantage of his position and use of the company credit card to purchase First Class airline tickets when traveling, paying for dinners and drinks for large parties that are not part of Tumalo Irrigation District's board or staff, and staying longer than necessary on business trips at TID Patron expense. He also chose and paid unnecessarily to stay at the most expensive hotels and use the most expensive forms of transportation while there.

Mr. Schull also purchased, at TID Patron expense, a luxury truck in January 2025 without getting board approval in a public meeting. This is a vehicle that he uses for personal transportation, including for transportation from his home to work and back (>9800 miles/yr) , accounting for approximately 50% or more of the annual miles on the truck. Further, he does not pay for any expenses related to he personal use of the truck. Instead Patrons pay for his personal use including depreciation, fuel, oil, tires and all other maintenance. He has never put the TID logo on the truck, as is usual practice, thus contributing to the perception that it is his personally owned truck.

He has used his close relationship with Board Chairman Ron Cochran to manipulate receiving 2 separate \$10,000 bonuses without discussing it with the rest of the Board in

a public meeting. Thus violating Open Public Meeting requirements for decision making that Mr. Schull is well aware of.

Summary:

I request an investigation into this complaint. There are plenty of documents that support the above claims and are available upon request to the TID Office Manager April Spath at: april@tumalo.org.

Thank you for looking into this matter:

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TID Patron
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Attached:

2 samples of receipts showing inappropriate use of the TID credit card.

More receipts supporting above claims are available upon request, as mentioned above.