Board of Directors
Tumalo Irrigation District
64697 Cook Ave.
Bend, OR 97703

RE: Request for Board Review—District Manager Attendance at OWRC event & Modification of District Owned Computer

Dear Board Members:

As a patron of Tumalo Irrigation District I write to request the Board's formal attention to two recent matters involving District Manager Chris Schull.

1. Attendance at the Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC) 2026 Technical Seminar

On September 30, 2026, Mr. Schull participated in the OWRC golf tournament at Black Butte Ranch during regular District working hours. He then attended the Technical Seminar on October 1–2. Photographs documenting his presence at the golf course on September 30 are attached.

No advance notification or written approval from the current Board appears to have been given for the event, any related registration, travel, or golf entry. The time appears to have been treated as regular paid District work time. Mr. Schull currently holds three formal roles with OWRC (Executive Committee At-Large Director, Region 4 Director, and Chair of the Federal Affairs Committee). The District already pays membership dues to OWRC.

I respectfully request that the Board:

- Require a formal written explanation from the District Manager regarding this attendance, any related expenditures, including use of TID truck, and confirmation of leave status.
- Review relevant expense records and time records; and
- Instruct the District Manager that all future external association roles, travel, and related expenditures require prior written Board approval.

2. July 2026 Modification of District Computer

An invoice from Steven Floyd Consulting, Inc. (Invoice 31658, attached) includes line items dated July 6, 2026, for consulting work whose stated purpose was to determine what programs needed to be removed to qualify Mr. Schull's office PC for remote exam testing and to address remote support tools. District funds paid for this work. No request for Board authorization to modify District-owned computer security settings or to use District IT consulting resources for this purpose appears to have been submitted.

The Personnel Manual provides that District equipment is to be used in accordance with District policies and that employees have no expectation of privacy in District systems. I request that the Board:

- Obtain a written statement from Mr. Schull identifying what exams he is taking and what classes or program those exams are for;
- Direct the Board or counsel to contact the IT consultant for the full written report and related details, and to determine whether District security tools were removed; and
- Review whether this use of District resources was authorized.

Requested Policy Direction

I further ask the Board to direct the development or revision of clear written policies addressing outside association work, travel authorization, personal use of District equipment and time, and changes to District IT security settings and charges for changes to allow unauthorized personal use.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I am available to provide any additional information the Board may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hart

Attached:

Photos of TID truck at Black Butte golf course

Floyd Invoice for changes to Schull's TID computer