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IEDA BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES - Draft

November 18, 2025 – 12:30 PM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEDA”) was held on November 19th, 2025. The meeting was held virtually.

The following IEDA Members attended the meeting:

Todd Angle – San Tan ID
Mitch Basefsky – CAP – Virtual
Noel Carter – BWCDD – Virtual
Heather Cole – APA – Virtual
Dakota Councilman – AEPCO – Virtual
Sheri Farag – SRP
Jordy Fuentes – APA
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Josh Grier – SRP - Virtual
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk - Virtual
Daniel Herder – Clark Hill
Taylor Howerter - RID
Leslie James – CREDA - Virtual
Stephanie Knight – Agri-Business & Water Council
Adam McAnaly – SRP
Jason Moyes –/ Moyes, Sellers Hendricks (Virtual)
Donovan Neese - RID
Ken Saline – KRS & Associates
Scott Saline - TID, HVPD, Aguilla, Ocotillo
Kent Simer – KRS & Associates - Virtual
Meghan Scott – Scott & Rogers - Virtual
Russell Smoldon – B3 Strategies
Jim Sweeney – APA
Sheryl Sweeney – Clark Hill
Lori Taitano – SRP - Virtual
Bill Van Allen – ED6 - Virtual
Shelton Van Allen – ED6 - Virtual
Robert VanHofwegen – ED8, IEDA Vice-President - Virtual
Glen Vortherms – MWD, IEDA President
Jeff Woner – Ocotillo ID - Virtual

President Vortherms called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM

Based on a roll call, a quorum was established.

Introductions were made, as the group welcomed Mallory Smith (ABWC) to the meeting.

A motion was requested for approval of the minutes for October 21st, 2025. Donovan Neese made a motion to approve the minutes. Sheri Farag seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak provided an updated 2026 Budget for review and approval. Based on 2025 expenditures, some categories were increased Travel & Other, while Legal was reduced. There was no net effect to the proposed dues collections for 2026, just a reallocation of expenses. The floor was open for questions, and a discussion was held about the budget. Upon completion of the discussion, Scott Saline made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget. Todd Angle seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

The Nominating Committee was asked if they had a report for the Board. Due to timing, the committee hasn't had a chance to meet. Mr. Gerak informed the Board that the by-laws only require that a slate was approved prior to the Annual Meeting. That allows for action in January. Daniel Herder confirmed that the by-laws contemplated this situation and no action was necessary at this time.

President Vortherms presented the President's Prerogative. It focused on how to reorganize the agendas to make the meetings more participatory/interactive. President Vortherms highlighted the shift to a hot topics and good things to know, with an explanation of how these issues might impact IEDA members. President Vortherms asked Mr. Gerak to run through the discussion questions for Board Member feedback.

The main takeaways were to; focus more on the hydropower contracts, keep bringing in guest speakers, keep the committees, less reports and more dialogue.

Russell Smoldon shared about state issues. Bill prefilng has already begun. With 2026 being an election year, expect multiple election bills. Arizona is not in a recession, but there is still an anticipated deficit based on the One Big Beautiful Bill.

Mr. Gerak gave a brief overview of the shutdown. The main takeaway for Arizona is the seating of Adelita Grijalva in CD-7. The potential 2026 Arizona Congressional overview was touched on. Main takeaways are that we have a young delegation (seniority wise) as well as a large number of Representatives on Oversight. We do not have representation on Agriculture, House Energy & Commerce or Senate Appropriations. CD-1 & CD-6 are toss-up districts, with most other districts secure due to voter demographics.

Meghan Scott provided an update on the Post-2026 situation. The deadline for negotiations has been extended from November 11, 2025 to February 14th, 2026. It appears that no progress has been made towards a settlement.

Jordy Fuentes provided an update on the APA meeting and what is occurring regarding the wide-head turbines. Acting Commissioner Scott Cameron has requested a meeting with the largest Hoover customers to discuss the wide-head turbine issue on Thursday. Details were provided

regarding the risks associated with Lake Mead getting below 1035', the cost of turbines, the projected number needed to help preserve the capacity, and timing from order to installation. Tracey Lebeau also spoke at the APA, and her comments were summarized for the group.

Leslie James shared about the formal announcement that Jill Jones sent out earlier this morning.

The Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA) Board of Directors announced that Executive Director Leslie James will be transitioning to a new stage of life focusing on an advisory role with CREDA and victim advocacy in Arizona, while spending time with her rescue dog by mid-summer of 2026.

Stephanie Knight shared about the recent NWRA Annual Meeting in Tuscon, as well as the ABWC meeting on Friday.

President Vortherms thanked everyone who was able to attend the MWD 100-Year Anniversary on November 7th.

In Noel Carter's absence, Mr. Gerak shared with the group that a collection of Irrigation Districts are sponsoring another Legislative Harvest Dinner on December 11th, 2025.

Donovan Neese provided a financial report for October, as well as an update on the ADAWS process.

Mr. Gerak touched on a few "good to know" issues, including the increase in Lake Powell in October due to the heavy rains. It went up 1.5' in a month that typically sees a decline. Laura Swett has been designated the Chairwoman at FERC. Her history in pipelines and energy could aid in the expansion of more natural gas pipelines. Multiple initiatives from DOE and the administration are aiding in the competitive AI race against China. They involve partnerships for the development of supercomputers, new large load interconnections as well as funding for additional nuclear reactors.

Mr. Gerak reviewed the meeting from the past month and let the board know that he would be taking some personal time off after the meeting.

President Vortherms opened the floor to member comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 P.M.