

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

May 8, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 8th day of May 2024, at 9 a.m.

Present were Rich Johansen, President (Division V); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Karen Hull (Division III); and Trevor Caulder (Division IV).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Keane Sommers, Director of Power Systems; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation; Naomi Schmitt, Director of Human Resources; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Johansen called the meeting to order
- President Johansen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Don Coenen, member of the public, addressed the Board, inquiring when PG&E would complete the Yuba canal repairs. The Board Chair clarified the PG&E representative could address that during the Workshop item later in the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2024

M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved as submitted.

HARRIS ROAD DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION (DFWLE) PROJECT NO. 2650

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-17 approving:

- 1. Amendment of Fund 15 Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,449,574**
- 2. Awarding a construction contract with LaFluer Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,165,320 plus a 10% contingency totaling \$1,281,852 for the construction of the Harris Road DFWLE Project and authorizing the General Manager to**

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execute the necessary documents and any contract change orders within the contingency amount.

M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved.

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT AIR COMPRESSORS

Approved the purchase of two (2) 2024 Bobcat PA250V Tow-Behind Air Compressors for a total cost of \$88,675.90 from Saba Holding Company, LLC, dba Volvo Construction Equipment and Services, in Sacramento, California, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITY REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, the Project and Facility Report, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period April 12, 2024 through April 26, 2024. M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

PG&E UPDATE

President Johansen introduced Brandon Sanders, Senior Representative with Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Inquiry as to the vulnerability on the balance of pipe under ownership & responsibility of PG&E should a similar rockslide occur
- Is there anything else that can be done to strengthen the pipe under PG&E's care
- Removal of boulders from above
- Clarified the South Yuba Canal will not be out of commission
- Timing on demolition – 2nd horn
- Confirmed PG&E is now providing sufficient schedules with regular updates to NID Management Staff
- Clarified June 18th is the date for partial restoration of flows into Rollins, and approx. 50 cfs can be spilled back over into the South Yuba Canal, which will then go into Scotts Flat
- Cascade for water treatment and cost to run pumps until full restoration
- When will flows be sufficient to generate power from NID powerhouses
- How often is PG&E required to perform inspections? It would be helpful to better understand the systematic approach to the ongoing maintenance of this system that is so important to our District
- Inspections of columns, indicators, and what was done
- Will there be a conversation on the agreement in place, cost sharing, and responsibilities for S. Yuba Canal and Spaulding I & II and making sure this does not happen again
- Requesting access
- Maintenance and Inspection Schedule and District is receiving sufficient reports from PG&E

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- South Yuba River is extremely high and unsafe
- Inquired how flows that will become available approximately June 18th meet community needs
- Observation made on efficient management of canals
- Inquired when the Board can anticipate reservoir storage modeling for the remainder of this year and next year
- Voluntary reduction program for ag water users
- To understand Powerhouses 1 & 2, requested monthly projection records for the last five years to show kilowatt hours and understand value as powerhouse vs. value as water
- Visual of a map, where a small portion of water can spill back into S. Yuba below the break after the June 18th repair

Public Comment: None

THE FUND 15 (WATER CAPITAL) AND FUND 55 (HYDROELECTRIC CAPITAL) 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

President Johansen pulled the item at the request of Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, and it will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Board Comments:

- Add methodology to presentation to share a little on the history.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Very busy time at the District
- Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, provided a Water Supply update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Hull, Division III, reported on the following items:

- Flower season at Bodacious Blooms and thanked the District for making it possible
- Attended Placer County Ag Tour – this year's focus on ranching & grazing lands
- Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Ag Commissioner, made a farm visit to her farm - Bodacious Blooms

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:

- Spoke at two events regarding the PG&E water crisis

Director Caulder, Division IV, reported on the following items:

- Attended the Kentucky Derby, and it was great
- Thanked everyone, including Congressman Kiley, Assemblyman Patterson, Placer & Nevada County Supervisors, Placer County District 2 Supervisor, Shanti Landon, Placer & Nevada County Farm Bureaus and elected officials for applying pressure in getting pipe/materials to PG&E for repairs and urged to keep on it

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Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:

- Attended a Nevada County Farm Bureau meeting
- Attending the Nevada County Farm Tour next week
- Spoke about recharging in the valley

Director Johansen, Division V, reported on the following items:

- Nevada County discussion regarding Emergency Declaration pertaining to water
- Attending Nevada County Farm Bureau's Ag Tour
- Meeting with Congressman Kiley's representative
- Thankful for the rain
- Asked Legal Counsel to include any notable updates/reports:
 - ACWA Spring Conference this week
 - Provided a brief update on findings regarding Phase I – San Joaquin Tributaries and the 2018 decision of the State Water Board to adopt an unimpaired flow standard for those tributaries.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:07 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary