

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

January 9, 2019

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 9th day of January 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were W. Scott Miller, President (Division III); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resource Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Austin

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary introduced Dannette Austin, Management Assistant.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Powell, Retirement Presentation (Res. 2018-36)

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item. Brian Powell was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- George Olive, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the Board's schedule of considering rate increases and the Plan for Water
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding salmon and read from an article entitled "10 Things You Should Know About Dams", by Peter Bosshard, International Rivers
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding observations on water and public service, made a public information request and provided a written request to the Board Secretary

President Miller pulled Item 4 - Nevada Irrigation District Joint Powers Authority – Reorganization of the Board, from the Consent Agenda, at the request of Director Heck.

MINUTES – December 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

Director Bierwagen made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 12, 2018, as submitted. Director Heck seconded the motion.

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Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Absent

MINUTES – November 14, 2018 Regular Meeting

Director Bierwagen made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 14, 2018, as submitted. Director Heck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Absent

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Smith Retirement (Res. No. 2019-01)

Director Bierwagen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01 (Resolution of Appreciation upon Retirement – Connie Smith). Director Heck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Absent

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY – REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item.

Director Heck made a motion to approve the 2019 elected and appointed positions (pursuant to Water Code, Sections 21375 and 21376). Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Absent

Director Wilcox arrived at the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

BOARD POLICY MANUAL ANNUAL REVIEW

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

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Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

REVISIONS TO DISTRICT POLICY 5020 – BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, resident of Grass Valley
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge
- George Olive, resident of Nevada City
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Richard Thomas, resident of Nevada City

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02 (Updating Administrative Policy 5020 – Board Meeting Agenda), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee, with the exception that Warrants remain under General Orders. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

ORR CREEK RESERVOIR CLEANING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (FATR#6963)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item, and introduced Janelle Nolan with J&A Consulting.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

Director Peters requested that it be on record that she had concerns pertaining to the Orr Creek Reservoir Cleaning and Infrastructure Improvement Project - Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (FATR#6963).

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-03 (Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Approve the Project and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project), as amended to include the following paragraph:

WHEREAS, the initial study and proposed project does not contemplate a change in historical operation of the facility's outlets, and any new operation of outlets would be subject to any necessary regulatory and permitting requirements.

M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Board electronic devices
- Scheduling meetings with individual Board members regarding Budget, Vegetation Management, etc. and system tours coming soon
- Working on schedule for Water Rates
- Combie Phase 1 is out to bid and is due on January 31, 2019
- Rock Creek Intertie update
- Rollins HBV scheduled for October 2019
- Maben Phase 2 emergency repairs are complete
- Iron Horse District Financed Waterline Extension and 2019 Hydroelectric Canal Lining Project will both soon go out for quotes
- Upcoming Pipeline Replacement Program meeting with residents of Boreham Lane and Gayle Lane
- Placer County Land Trust has planted oak trees at the Rock Creek Project
- Maben Phase 3 design plans under review
- Meade Canal update
- Scotts Flat recreation office replacement update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended Placer County Fish & Wildlife meeting and shared highlights
- Received letters from 3 Placer County constituents with concerns about rate increases
- Met with staff for Matt Wheeler, City of Lincoln Community Planning Director

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

- Recent meetings with constituents, mostly regarding related to the Scotts Flat area, with concerns about fire and fire access
- Requested a series of updates to the public regarding the District's commitment to improve fire awareness and access

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

- Presented at the Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce Town Hall meeting on January 8th and provided highlights

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

-None

Meeting recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:40 a.m. pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2) regarding potential litigation pertaining to Nevada Irrigation District's continued provision of water service to portions of the City of Lincoln.

Board Action: Direction was given to legal counsel.

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MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 12:32 p.m.

President Miller reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:33 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.


Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.

 _____	Director Division I
 _____	Division II
 _____	Division III
 _____	Division IV
 _____	Division V