

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

January 13, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session via video-teleconference, on the 13th day of January 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Greg Jones, Interim General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Bob MacDonald, Interim Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; Andrew McClure, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

MINUTES – December 9, 2020, Regular Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on December 9, 2020. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – December 30, 2020, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on December 30, 2020. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT EXTENSION

**Approved an extension of the temporary appointment of Greg Jones as Interim General Manager and executed the necessary Personnel Action Form. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**Approved the Board Meeting Schedule for 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

CAL OES 130 RESOLUTION (FATR #2514)

**Approved the Cal OES Resolution and authorized the Board Secretary to execute the resolution certification for submission of grant reimbursement. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

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ESTABLISH DISTRICT POLICY 7050 - PANDEMIC PREVENTION POLICY

**Adopted Resolution 2021-01 (Establishing District Policy 7050 - Pandemic Prevention Policy), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS OVERVIEW

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, introduced David Guy, President of the Northern California Water Association, who provided an informational presentation on statewide efforts for Voluntary Agreements.

Public Comment:

- John Norton, Division V

**No Board action was taken.**

NEVADA COUNTY RELIEF FUND

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, introduced Allison Lehman, Nevada County Executive Officer, who, together with representatives working on the Nevada County Relief Fund, requested financial support from the District

Public Comment:

- None

**Director Peters made a motion not to approve the Nevada County Relief Fund request for financial support at this time and asked for acknowledgment of the quiet work that NID has been doing to support the Nevada County community.**

**Director Johansen proposed an amendment to the motion to add a caveat that the Board will revisit this request in the future.**

**Director Peters did not accept the proposed amendment to the motion.**

**Director Hull seconded the original motion. M/S/C Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY – SAMPLE RESOLUTION REQUEST

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- None

**Approved the distribution of draft resolution language to local, state, and federal agencies in recognition of NID's 100-Year Anniversary, as amended to include language regarding the District's contribution to agriculture, wildlife habitat, and fire protection. M/S/C Johansen/Peters, unanimously approved.**

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QUARTERLY INVESTMENT, RESERVES & SHORT-TERM FORECAST

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

Public Comment:

- None

**Received and filed the quarterly investment, reserve, and short-term cash forecast reports for the period ending September 30, 2020. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

Public Comment:

- None

**Approved the check register and received and filed the Project & Facility and Investment Reports for the period ending December 31, 2020. M/S/C Hull/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, reported on the following items:

- District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- New website update
- NMFS Proposed Experimental Population introduction into the Yuba River Watershed comments submitted
- Signed on to Western Water Call to Action
- AB1234 Ethics Training via CSDA
- Covid update
- Precipitation, storage, and conservation updates
- Loma Rica Powerhouse update
- Lake Wildwood Water Treatment Plant lime silo removed
- Zurich risk engineer recommendations complete, resulting in deductible savings
- Dutch Flat No. 2 balance of plant is complete
- Bank of the West update
- 2021 Recreation reservations are underway – not charging until Covid restrictions are known
- Continued Encroachment concerns at Cascade Shores

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- GM Search Ad Hoc Committee update
- Attended Cal Water Commission webinar
- Requested CABY projects update

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- Requested GIS Map of all NID owned properties
- Commented on why the Nevada County Relief Fund item did not go through the Committee process

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

- Commented on the Nevada County Relief Fund
- Congratulated everyone working on the Combie Project
- Shasta, Lake Oroville, and San Luis Reservoir water updates

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

- Surplus water
- NID Hydroelectric is investigating the possibility of contracting out services to South Sutter Water District (SSWD) – item recently brought to Administrative Practices Committee (APC)
- Attended meeting with El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), along with Director Hull and Greg Jones, Interim General Manager
- 2021 Rate Schedule is posted on the District website

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

- Enrolled in the California Water Commission class on January 26<sup>th</sup> and has information for anyone else who is interested in the free program
- Attended lunch meeting with Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) along with Greg Jones, Interim General Manager and was introduced to their Board and management team
- Met with the Nevada County Contractors Association
- Attended meetings with a number of ranchers – rates are very important to their economic viability

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

- Shared his thoughts about the District and goals for 2021

#### LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) – ELECTION BALLOTS 2021

Consideration and voting action regarding the Election of Regular and Alternate Special District Members (terms to expire May 5, 2025).

**Ballots were cast for Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Special District Member - Ricki Heck, and Alternate Special District Member - Rich Johansen, Nevada Irrigation District. M/S/C, unanimously approved.**

#### 2021 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, read out the 2021 Active Committee assignments.

**Approved the 2021 Active Committee Assignments, as submitted with the understanding that the entire Committee Structure will be brought back to the full Board for further vetting at the next Board meeting. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 1:30 p.m.

Closed Session Conference with labor negotiators was declared at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6; District Representatives: Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, Jackson Lewis, P.C., and Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, District Counsel; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 146.

**Board Action: Direction was given to labor negotiators.**

Closed Session was declared at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation - Sierra Springs Road, Nevada County.

**Board Action: None**

Closed Session was declared at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9. to confer with District Counsel regarding existing litigation - Bay-Delta proceedings, including the adopted and planned update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

**Board Action: Direction was given to legal counsel.**

Closed Session was declared at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation - personal injury, Nevada County.

**Director Hull made a motion to reject the claim. Director Peters seconded the motion. M/S/C Hull/Peters, unanimously approved.**

The meeting reconvened in open session at 4:41 p.m., and Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:42 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary

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

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Division II

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Division III

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Division IV

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