

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

April 27, 2022

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 27th day of April 2022, at 9 a.m.

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

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

#### STANDING ORDERS

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Otis Wollan, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Plan for Water:
  - o Thanked the Board for the last Plan for Water meeting, providing well-spent time to learn about the Nisenan and possibilities of working together
  - o Provided comment regarding the Drum Spaulding System and considerations in the Plan for Water
  - o Recommended using a neutral facilitator and chairperson for the Plan for Water process
- Daniel Ojack, resident of North Auburn, near Joeger Road, addressed the Board regarding the District's recent response that it could not resurface timbers as it has in the past that are degrading on a bridge that the District regularly uses

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Bierwagen pulled the following items from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the request of members of the Board:

- Item 3A: Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 23, 2022
- Item 3C: Establish District Policy 5300 – Ad Hoc Committees
- Item 3D: District Policy 5040 – Board Actions and Decisions

Public Comment: None

**Director Hull motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda, excluding Items 3A, 3C, and 3D. Director Johansen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

MINUTES – March 28, 2022, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on March 28, 2022. M/S/C Hull/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITIES REPORT, AND INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS REPORT

**Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the Check Registers, Project and Facility Report, and Investment Transaction Report for the period March 19 to April 8, 2022. M/S/C Hull/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for Discussion:

MINUTES – March 23, 2022, Regular Meeting

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, responded to questions raised by members of the Board.

Public Comment: None

**Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on March 23, 2022, as amended to include the following to Director Bierwagen’s Board Member Reports:**

- **President Bierwagen referenced the Bear River as a low-elevation drainage ditch**
- **President Bierwagen indicated that he is running on a platform in support of Centennial Reservoir**

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

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ESTABLISH DISTRICT POLICY 5300 - AD HOC COMMITTEES

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion ensued regarding clarifying the purview of District business and the flexibility for the Board to create ad hoc committees when it chooses.

Public Comment: None

**Director Hull made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-20 (Establishing District Policy 5300 – Ad Hoc Committees). Director Heck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

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| <b>Heck, Division 1</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Bierwagen, Division 2</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Hull, Division 3</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Peters, Division 4</b>    | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>Johansen, Division 5</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

DISTRICT POLICY 5040 - BOARD ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding clarifying “high-level oversight” and “oversight” contract policies and financial reporting.

Public Comment: None

**Director Johansen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-25 (Updates to District Policy 5040 - Board Actions and Decisions). Director Heck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

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| <b>Heck, Division 1</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Bierwagen, Division 2</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Hull, Division 3</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Peters, Division 4</b>    | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>Johansen, Division 5</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

**GENERAL ORDERS**

WATERSHED DEPARTMENT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT & CONTRACT APPROVAL

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, and Neysa King, Watershed Resources Administrator, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

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**Adopted Resolution 2022-26 (English Meadow Restoration Project Budget Amendment and Contractor Expense), approved Project contract expense, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

NID OFF-SEASON WATER SERVICES

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the informational item.

Public Comment: None

The Board reviewed and discussed off-season water services offered by the District, and Board discussion ensued regarding conducting a future workshop to include the public while looking into possible solutions.

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

TEMPORARY SERVICE LOCATION PROGRAM - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

Board discussion and input ensued, directing staff to make the following adjustments and bring the item to the Board to approve at a future meeting:

- Section 10.12.05 (e): Strike “as needed”
- Agreement, Page 2, Item 2 – Easements, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Replace “of completion” with “of intent to construct”  
Final sentence to read: “Upon notification to Customer by District of intent to construct the Future Main”
- Rate Schedule 10B – rescind, includes TSL calculator that is no longer applicable

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

- 2022 Nevada County Fair – Board consensus was obtained to not have a District booth at the 2022 Nevada County Fair
- 2022 Fair Sponsorship Packages - Board consensus was obtained in support of sponsorship participation at the Nevada County Fair and Placer County Fair
- Capital Improvement Project – Exterior ramp leading to the Boardroom construction anticipated in July – When under construction, Board meetings & Plan for Water will be held at a different location to be announced
- Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided a water supply update
- Board discussion ensued regarding water efficiency, examples and education
- Looking into incentive-based programs – Sierra Harvest is willing to partner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Volunteered with League of Women Voters for the upcoming election

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- Attended South Sutter Water District / NID Ad Hoc Committee meeting
- Will be attending the ACWA Conference next week

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

- Attended Earth Day event at Sierra Pines Methodist Church near Lake of the Pines
- Attending a California Farm Bureau Meeting
- Plans to attend a meeting with Lake Wildwood and staff

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

- Shared positive feedback from a participant meeting with the environmental community and contractors
- Meeting with road association looking to access NID water

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

- Shared positive feedback regarding the ad hoc group
- Spoke about ET (evapotranspiration) imagery and suggested looking into for the Plan for Water
- Will be attending ACWA Conference next week

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 11:45 a.m.

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation was declared at 11:45 a.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (d)(3). Significant exposure to litigation; one case.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022, 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