

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

April 8, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session via video-teleconference at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 8th day of April 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Tomi Riley, Public Information Officer; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Plan, Raw Water Management Plan and in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir
- Marin Lipowitz, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding procurement and use of COVID-19 stimulus funds and in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir
- Betsy Lombard, member of the public, addressed the Board in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir

President Heck pulled Item 2 – Water Surplus Declaration from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

#### BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**Approved amendment to the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule to include the previously cancelled regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2020. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

#### WATER SURPLUS DECLARATION

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided an update on the Water and Hydroelectric Committee's declaration of surplus water availability for the 2020 irrigation season in accordance with District Policy #8200.

Public Comment:

- None

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## WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Public Comment:

- None

**Approved as submitted. M/S/C Peters/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Thanked Chip Close, Water Operations Manager for providing the water report
- Insurance Package update
- Rate setting update –Bartle Wells currently working on and anticipate the rate package to be complete by November 11th
- Raw Water Master Plan update
- Combie Phase 1 update
- Doty North Canal Siphon public hearing scheduled for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- Hwy 174 update
- Table Meadow Phase 2 District Financed Waterline Extension Project out to bid
- Greenhorn Sediment Removal update
- North Auburn Treatment Plant Generator Install update
- Alta Sierra Reservoir update
- Scheduled upcoming Board items:
  - o Back-up Generator purchase to the Board at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting
  - o E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Project scheduled for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
  - o Raw Water Master Plan Public Outreach Design Plan scheduled for the June 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Using down-time on diving into the District's bonds and investments and proposed the Board receive an update on where the District is as it relates to those markets

**Request was made with Board consensus for a workshop on how the current economic climate is impacting the District's long-term and short-term investments and bonds.**

President Heck re-opened public comment to allow all members of the public in attendance of the video-teleconference the opportunity speak

## PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Lorraine Webb, member of the public, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir and of using recovery monies towards the Centennial Reservoir and expressed her well-wishes to Director Wilcox
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the hydrology report and in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:00 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via video-teleconference from 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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