

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

July 24, 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 24th day of July 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; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Pelton

Aurora Tipton, Customer Service Administrator, introduced Melissa Pelton, Cashier.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Blank

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, introduced Ted Blank, Senior Hydroelectric Systems Technician.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Sterrett

Gary King, Engineering Manager, introduced Trevor Sterrett, Engineering Technician II.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS - Service Awards

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<u>25 Years</u>		
Armon W. Close III	Water Operations Manager	01/10/1994
<u>20 Years</u>		
Larry Martin	Senior Vegetation Control Worker	04/14/1999
<u>15 Years</u>		
Jerry A. Green	Hydroelectric Superintendent	06/01/2004

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10 Years

Jennifer Vendley	Management Assistant	01/20/2009
Matthew R. Baker	Senior Utility Worker	02/17/2009
Jason C. Gates	Equipment Operator	02/17/2009
James H. Pelton	Senior Park Ranger	03/30/2009
Justin Koster	Senior Hydroelectric Plant Operator	06/29/2009

The meeting recessed at 9:16 a.m. and reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Marin Lipowitz, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River and in opposition of the proposed Centennial Reservoir
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Plan Update, Raw Water Master Plan, proposed Centennial Reservoir DEIR and groundwater storage
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding her recent visit to the Bear River and transparency
- Chris Hall, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Centennial Reservoir, transparency and use of local contractors
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding aquatic herbicide use, cancellation of committee meetings, vegetation management alternatives, and hydrology study for proposed Centennial Reservoir and thanked the District for posting spraying notices
- Kurt Lorenz, resident of the San Juan Ridge, shared concerns pertaining to the proposed Centennial Reservoir and how it will be paid for
- Darrell Johnson, resident of Iron Horse Drive area, addressed the Board regarding the Iron Horse Drive/Brewer Road waterline extension
- Carmen Mateo, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding climate awareness and in opposition to the proposed Centennial Reservoir
- Debbie Porter, President of Golden Oaks HOA, addressed the Board in support of both the Iron Horse/Brewer Road Pipeline Extension Project and the proposed Centennial Reservoir, and misinformation being used by those in opposition
- Devon Phoenix, resident near Colfax, addressed the Board in opposition of pesticide use and the proposed Centennial Reservoir and requested that the Board look at alternatives
- Michael DeMartini, Nevada County property owner, addressed the Board regarding issues surrounding the maintenance and cleaning needed at the Newtown Reservoir and applauded Staff for their assistance and professionalism
- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board requesting to pull Item 3 – Low Income Rate Assistance Policy from the Consent Agenda

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President Miller pulled Item 3 - Low Income Rate Assistance Policy from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

President Miller opened the following items of the Consent agenda up for discussion:

- Item 1 – Minutes of the June 26, 2019, Regular Meeting
- Item 2 – Higgins Marketplace Waterline Extension Conveyance Agreement

MINUTES – June 26, 2019, Regular Meeting

Approved as amended to complete an item in the General Manager’s Report on Page 50 to read, “Rates can be moved forward without a budget.” M/S/C Peters/Miller, unanimously approved.

HIGGINS MARKETPLACE WATERLINE EXTENSION CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT

Approved Conveyance Agreement with KKP Lake of the Pines, LLC for installation of approximately 1,793 lineal feet of 10-inch pipe, and all appurtenances to serve Nevada County parcel 057-260-017. M/S/C Peters/Heck, unanimously approved.

ESTABLISH DISTRICT POLICY 11110 – LOW INCOME RATE ASSISTANCE

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley

Director Heck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-22 – Establishing District Policy 11110 - Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) for qualifying District customers, as amended to reflect following underlined additions:

Policy 11110.3 Program Details (third paragraph) and : The Board of Directors established a 2019 Fixed Fee rate of \$26.25, resulting in an \$8.47 difference in the monthly fee (\$26.25-\$17.78), which will be rounded to the nearest half dollar. In 2019, LIRA qualifying residential accounts will receive an \$8.50 monthly discount on the Fixed Fee beginning July 1, 2019, if applied for by August 31, 2019.

Resolution 2019-22: WHEREAS, the discount will apply to the District's base rate annually and will not be retroactive, except as identified in the policy; and

Director Bierwagen seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

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NID FIRE RESPONSE, RESILIENCY & STEWARDSHIP DISCUSSION

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, and other department managers provided a presentation on the District's operational activities as they relate to fire response, resiliency, and stewardship.

Public Comment

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

GREENHORN SEDIMENT REMOVAL AT ROLLINS RESERVOIR PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FATR #8515)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Hearing

- No public comment

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-23 - Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report, Adopting the Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and Approving the Greenhorn Sediment Removal at Rollins Reservoir Project, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

2019 AMENDED BUDGET

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item. Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, provided PowerPoint presentation.

Public Comment

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Melinda Booth, Executive Director for SYRCL
- Loren Oest, representing the Placer County Farm Bureau
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1

Director Heck made a motion to adopted Resolution No. 2019-23 – 2019 Amended Budget, as amended to remove Item 8 and to replace “as amended” with “is eliminated” in Item 7. Director Miller seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	No
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Abstain

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Director Wilcox made a motion to forego the Boards' salaries and benefits for the remainder of 2019. The motion died for lack of a second.

Director Miller made a motion to reduce Board salaries by fifty percent for the remainder of 2019. Director Wilcox seconded the motion.

Motion failed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	No
Bierwagen, Division II	No
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	No
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

DUTCH FLAT FLUME FOUNDATION REHABILITATION PROJECT – AWARD OF CONTRACT

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Approved a contract in the amount of \$317,000 with Syblon Reid for design and construction of foundation protection at four problem sites on the Dutch Flat Flume, approved the associated budget amendment and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C/ Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Current water supply status - Storage is at 256,264-acre feet
- Zero precipitation at Bowman
- New spill response trailer
- NID staff met with US Forest Service regarding forest management and fire protection
- Sustainability efforts update
- 2020 Budget process underway
- Redistricting consultant scheduled for August 28th Board meeting
- Attended meeting with Nevada County Executive Allison Lehman
- Attended meeting with PCWA regarding purchase/sale agreement
- Spoke at Lake Wildwood SIRS meeting
- Tour of Combie Sediment Project scheduled for August 9th
- Opening of Nevada County Fair on August 7th
- Administrative Practices Committee Special Meeting to be held the afternoon of August 7th
- Newtown Canal CEQA mitigation nearly complete
- Boreham Mine/Gayle Lane Project is approximately 65% complete
- Maben 3 Project – Contractor to begin work on July 29th

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- Control Station – Alta Sierra to LOP is now operational
- Combie Phase 1 – Contractor is working to mobilize, and the bypass pipe installation is underway
- Iron Horse District Financed Waterline Extension is scheduled to go to the Board on August 14th to award the contract
- Table Meadow Phase 2 District Financed Waterline Extension scheduled to go to the Board on August 14th for encumbrance of funds
- Meade Canal working through permitting for the project
- Combie Sediment Removal Project update
- Establishment of a web-based hydrant location identification platform update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Shared highlights from an event recently attended on July 9th, regarding Surface and Groundwater Connections, sponsored by South Yuba River Citizens League

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

- Attended the Special District Leadership Academy and shared highlights

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

- Attended Mountain Counties Water Resources Association's California United Water Conference June 26th-28th
- Attended Hemphill site visit on July 2nd
- Attended the Special District Leadership Academy and shared highlights

MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:15 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, August 14, 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.

Division I

Division II

Division III

Division IV

Division V
