

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

August 22, 2018

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 22th day of August, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were William Morebeck, President (Division IV); John H. Drew, Vice President (Division II); and Directors Nancy Weber (Division I); W. Scott Miller (Division III); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, Brian Powell, Maintenance 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 – Erickson, Retirement Presentation (Res. 2018-18)

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented Ms. Erickson with a Certificate of Appreciation (Resolution No. 2018-18), and the Board applauded her for her 22 years of service to the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Karena Benskin, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding her dissatisfaction of recent property negotiations, in opposition of the Centennial Water Supply Project, and provided a copy of the October 25, 2016 Protest from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding herbicide use and his map to be displayed on September 1, 2018
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding the River of the Roundhouses video and items she exhibited at the Nevada County Fair
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board requesting that the River of the Roundhouses video be shown and regarding herbicide use
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the Raw Water Master Plan, and in opposition of Centennial Water Supply Project
- Mark Johnson, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding credibility, separate meter policy, and in opposition of the Centennial Water Supply Project
- Carol Brady, resident of Alta Sierra Ranches, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir's potential negative impact on wells

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MINUTES – July 25, 2018 Regular Meeting

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 25, 2018, as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

QUARTERLY BUDGET VS ACTUAL REPORT

Received and filed the quarterly budget vs actual report for the period ending June 30, 2018. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT, SHORT-TERM FORECAST & RESERVES

Received and filed the quarterly investment, short-term cash forecast and reserve report for the period ending June 30, 2018. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

ADDITIONS AND UPDATES TO ENGINEERING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Approved additions and updates to Engineering Job Classifications, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

NEVADA COUNTY OES LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTION

Adopted Resolution 2018-19 - Nevada County Office of Emergency Services Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION (DFWLE) – TABLE MEADOW ROAD

Approved First Amendment to Funding Agreement for DFWLE project entitled Table Meadow Road Waterline Extension with property owners: Ritchart, Uhl, Chalko, Stevens/Macdonald, Pettus, Beeman, Mackey and Sample as previously recommended by the Board of Directors. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

TEMPORARY SERVICE LOCATION (TSL) AGREEMENT – WILKINS

Approved Agreement for Temporary Water Service and Contribution for Future Treated Water Main Extension with Armando D. Wilkins and Rita S. Wilkins, as recommended by the Variance Screening Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

CENTENNIAL AUDIT REPORT

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, introduced Ingrid Sheipline, CPA with Richardson & Company, LLP, who presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Mike Pasner, Penn Valley
- Melinda Booth, Executive Director of South Yuba River Citizens League
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City
- Tracie Sheehan, with Foothills Water Network
- Mark Johnson, member of the public

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- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley
- Peter VanZant, resident of Nevada City
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge

Reviewed and received the independent CPA audit report, and reviewed Board and public questions.

COMBIE SOUTH POWERHOUSE TRASH RACK FABRICATION (FATR #2163)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Approved a contract with Unico Mechanical Corp. in the amount of \$326,800 for fabrication of a trash rack, and authorized the General Manager to sign the appropriate documents. M/S/C Drew/Wilcox, unanimously approved.

LOMA RICA & NEWTOWN RESERVOIR CLEANING PROJECT (FATR #2090 & #6958)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

Awarded a construction contract to Koch & Koch in the amount of \$344,100, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Thanked Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer and Debbie Martin, Controller, the Financial Department and auditors for their hard work and professionalism
- Reported that findings from Centennial Audit proved that financial information reported from staff to the Board to be true, accurate and credible
- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Announced that a request for proposal is in the works for alternative banking services – currently with Wells Fargo Bank
- Reported about a boat incident at Long Ravine, and staff's impressive work that was noticed by county officials
- Development of response trailer to continue response efficiencies
- Watershed department hiring two AmeriCorps Interns
- District working on \$1 million Forestry Grant with SNC for work around Scotts Flat Reservoir and Cascade Shores community
- Iron Horse District Financed Waterline Extension update
- Statewide legislation update
- Nevada County Fair update – President Morebeck drew winning ticket and announced Deanna Chilton as winner kayak
- Announced Special Board meeting to be held on September 6, 2018

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- Water Rates Committee update
- Community Choice Aggregate Roundtable at Fairgrounds on August 22, 2018
- Watershed Open House at Gold Miner's Inn on October 17, 2018
- Fay Road/Clover Valley Road/Brewer Road – walk through on August 24, 2018
- Rattlesnake Pipeline in service; finishing control structure and anticipate in service by end of the month
- Alta Sierra Tank Replacement update
- Main building design discussed at August Engineering Committee
- Hemphill fish and water studies reviewed at August Engineering Committee
- Closing permits for Orchard Springs store, play structure update
- Power to Ditch Tender's house, contracting for roof replacement, bidding deck around structure
- Recommended that Karena Benskin and her issue to be referred to legal counsel

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Miller reported on the following items:

- Salmon count reflective of 4-year drought
- Attended Water Rates Committee meeting on August 21, 2018

Director Wilcox reported on the following items:

- Reminder that Victoria Whitney, past Deputy Director of the State Water Resource Control Board, will be conducting a workshop pertaining to water rights issues, at the September 26, 2018 Board meeting. She also has served in the past as Chief of the Division of Water Rights, Chief of the SWRCB Water Quality Division, Chief of the Bay Delta Unit and the Chief of the Hearings Unit within the Division of Water Rights.
- Attended SYRCL's event on August 1, 2018 "Impacts and Alternatives: The Dam Story", and shared highlights

Director Morebeck reported on the following items:

- Farm Bureau Meeting and introduced the Raw Water Master Plan
- Responded to requests for River of the Roundhouses video to be played and/or returned

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. in Closed Session.

Director Drew left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:30 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment; the property subject to negotiation is Placer County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 099-020-005, 099-020-006 & 099-020-007

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Board Action: Director Wilcox made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase agreement with the land owner for a below market purchase price of \$500,000, the balance being recognized and received as a donation to the District. Director Miller seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	Aye
Drew, Division II	Absent
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:30 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Banner Lava Cap Road, Nevada County

Board Action: Director Wilcox made a motion to conditionally accept the claim, with the following conditions:

- 1. The claimants execute a release of liability**
- 2. The District’s insurance carrier, SDRMA, accepts the claim and processes payment in an amount to be determined by the carrier.**

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	Aye
Drew, Division II	Absent
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:30 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager

Evaluation was conducted.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 1:59 p.m.

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

GENERAL MANAGER – Performance Evaluation and Salary Increase

Director Weber made a motion to approve a salary increase for the General Manager in the amount of four percent. Director Miller seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	Aye
Drew, Division II	Absent
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:03 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 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
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