January 27, 2021

Nevada Irrigation District Board Retreat

# **Facilitation Report**

Prepared by Lori Burkart Frank, Facilitator

# **Retreat Participants:**

**Board:** Director Chris Bierwagen, President; Director Laura Peters, Vice President: Director Ricki Heck; Director Karen Hull; Director Rich Johansen.

**Staff:** Interim General Manager, Greg Jones; Board Secretary, Kris Stepanian; Legal Counsel, Dustin Cooper

# **Workshop Purpose:**

Support a healthy, productive and respectful working environment for the Board of Directors.

#### **Retreat Outcomes:**

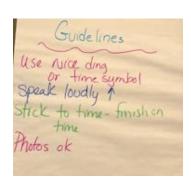
- Understanding member's distinct leadership style and goals for the District.
- Directors will be given high-level overview of District 2021 projects and timelines.
- Directors will be given high-level overview of District challenges and accomplishments.
- Enhance a healthy, productive and respectful environment for the Board of Directors.

## **AGENDA**

- 9:00 Welcome
  - Consent items / Public Comment
- 9:30 Guidelines, Warm-up Question, Expectations
- 9:45 Get to Know the Board
- 10:45 BREAK
- 10:55 Overview of District 2021 Projects & Timelines
- 11:15 Overview of District Accomplishments & Constraints
- 11:35 What are your Goals for 2021?
- 12:30 Debrief, Evaluation and Wrap-up
- 12:35 Adjourn

#### Guidelines

Use ding sound to indicate time is up Speak loudly Stick to time – finish on time Photo's ok

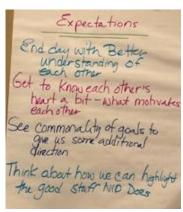


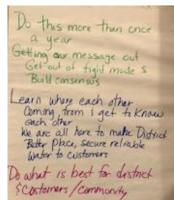
# Warm-Up Question

Each Director had up to two minutes to respond to the following warm-up question: "What inspired and motivated you to become a board member?"

# **Expectations**

- End day with better understanding of each other
- Get to know each other's heart a bit what motivates each other
- See commonality of goals to give us some additional direction
- Think about how we can highlight the good stuff NID does
- Do this more than once a year
- Getting our message out get out of fight mode and build consensus.





## Get to know the Board

# **Thinking Hats**

The six thinking hats developed by Edward de Bono was introduced as a tool to look at decision making from a number of important perspectives.

Directors shared with each other:

- Their dominant decision making style
- Their most often secondary style
- Examples of decisions they had made from their dominant style
- Examples of shifting their style

Directors also shared their answers to the following questions.

- 1. What do you see your role as a board member?
- 2. What is your definition of a board member

## Overview of District 2021 – Projects & Timelines

Presentation by Interim General Manager, Greg Jones.

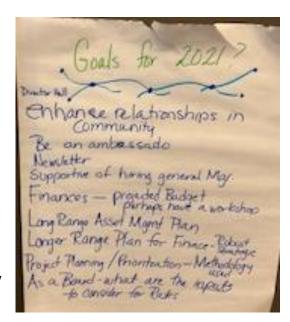
#### **Overview of District Accomplishments & Constraints**

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# What are your Goals for 2021

## Director Karen Hull

- Enhance relationships in community
- Be an Ambassador
- Newsletter
- Support hiring of General Manager
- Finances projected Budget perhaps a workshop
- Long Range Asset Mgmt Plan
- Longer Range Plan for Finance Robust Strategic
- Project Planning / Prioritization Methodology used
- As a Board what are the <u>inputs</u> to consider for rates



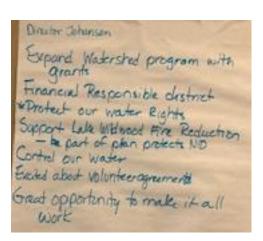
# **Director Ricki Heck**

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# **Director Rich Johansen**

- Expand watershed program with grants
- Financial responsible district
- \*Protect our water rights
- Support Lake Wildwood Fire Reductions part of plan protects NID
- Control our water
- Excited about volunteer agreement
- Great opportunity to make it all work

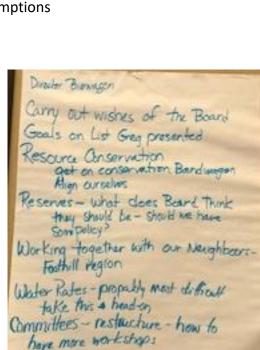


# Vice President, Director Laura Peters

- Water Rights Education
- Sound Financial Footing / Working Smart Feasibility studies
- Get more involved / proactive roles with neighboring counties
- Lots of ways to demonstrate beneficial use
- Better understanding of our demands for water
- Don't thing we should manage residential properties
- Modify way the Board meets everyone gets info at the same time
- Raw water Master Plan critical what are our assumptions
- Reach out to constituents

# President, Director Chris Bierwagen

- Carry out the wishes of the Board
- Goals on list Greg presented
- Resource Conservation get on conservation Bandwagon, align ourselves
- Reserves what does Board think they should be
   should we have some policy?
- Working together with our neighbors Foothill region
- Water Rates probably most difficult, take this head-on
- Committees restructure how to have more workshops



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#### **Evaluation:**

Did retreat meet your expectations?

5 out of 5 responded YES There were zero No's

#### Comments:

- Please schedule more!
- Great structure & facilitation. Excellent discussion. Thank-you Greg & Lori for a great meeting.