

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

July 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Keane Sommers, Director of Power Systems; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation; Naomi Schmitt, Director of Human Resources; 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

- None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 3C: Board Policy 3200 – Claims Against the District
- 3E: Chicago Park Powerhouse Refurbishment Project

Public Comment: None

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

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON July 12, 2022  
**M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON July 13, 2022  
**M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

AB361 COMPLIANCE - BROWN ACT/COVID-19 TELECONFERENCE AND REMOTE MEETING REQUIREMENTS

**Adopted Resolution No. 2022-46 (Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings Consistent with AB 361). M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

PURCHASE OF 2022 CATERPILLAR 430F BACKHOE

**Approved the purchase of a 2022 Caterpillar 430F backhoe from Holt of California in the amount of \$168,056.60 and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITIES REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

**Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, Project and Facility Report, and Investment Transaction Report for the period June 25 to July 8, 2022. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

BOARD POLICY 3200 - CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding deeming claims appropriate for settlement and the Tort Claims Act.

Public Comment: None

**Adopted Resolution No. 2022-45 (Authorizing Updates to Board Policy No. 3200 - Claims Against the District). M/S/C Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

CHICAGO PARK POWERHOUSE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT (PROJECT #'S 2353, 2362, AND 2383)

Keane Sommers, Director of Power Systems, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding the estimated total cost for project upgrades, projected costs and revenues, and the need for a comprehensive analysis of the District's Hydroelectric operations.

Public Comment: None

**Director Hull made a motion to award a contract to Gannett Fleming, Inc. in the amount of \$197,168.89 for engineering services for Phase I of the Chicago Park Powerhouse Refurbishment Project and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. Director Johansen seconded the motion.**

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

<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>Abstain</b>
<b>Johansen, Division 5</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**WATER OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, presented the informational item, including a current Water Supply Update.

Board discussion ensued regarding the cost to pay water bills online, meter replacements, drought postcards & mailings, and emergency outages.

Public Comment: None

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, reported on the following items:

- The County of Nevada awarded the District an Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grant, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for \$18,000, for recreation parking at Scotts Flat Lake
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Pre-Proposals:
  - o Partnering with Sierraville Ranger District for a Wildfire Recovery & Forest Resilience Grant in the amount of \$575,000 to support the Tahoe National Forest’s completion of NEPA on 3,000 acres of forestlands
  - o Pre-proposal being submitted for \$1.3 million for 400 acres of fire fuels reduction treatment on District lands
- Nevada County Resource Conservation District and Nevada County Farm Bureau booth at the Nevada County Fair will house District information, and some District Board members have volunteered to help staff the booth
- Plan for Water Workshop – Stage 5: Strategic Planning scheduled for Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Gold Miner’s Inn
- A Special Board meeting is currently scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – The regular meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. is canceled

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ITEMS / REPORTS**

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

- Update regarding planning grant for fuel break from City of Nevada City to Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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- Attended the State Water Board Administrative Officer hearing regarding South Sutter Water District
- Attended meetings with local farmers
- Filed for re-election

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

- Commented on Oregon State University study done on fires and forest management practices

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

- Attended a North Auburn Ophir Firewise Council meeting
- Thanked staff for a recent tour of Lake of the Pines Water Treatment Plant, Lake Combie, and NID pipeline

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

- Attended West Placer County Watershed Resource Advisory Group meeting and shared highlights
- Attended a Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Committee meeting
- Requested the following policies and Rules and Regulations be updated:
  - o Policy 2090 – Work Apparel
  - o Policy 3080 – Procurement
  - o Rules and Regulations relating to Private Conduits
- Inquired about the rules and regulations for surplus water sales as mentioned in Resolution No. 2022-29 (Enacting Drought Contingency Plan Stage II Measures and Enacting Conservation Measures)

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:

- Filed for re-election

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:45 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California. The regular meeting of August 10, 2022 is canceled.

Submitted By

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary