

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

February 10, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session via video-teleconference on the 10th day of February 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Chris Bierwagen, President (Division II); Laura L. Peters, Vice President (Division IV); and Directors Ricki Heck (Division I); Karen Hull (Division III); and Rich Johansen (Division V).

Staff members present included Greg Jones, Interim General Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Aurora Tipton, Business Services Administrator; Jana Kolakowski; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager; Bob MacDonald, Interim Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

President Bierwagen announced that Agenda Items 2 and 3 would be presented in reverse order.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Service Awards

The following Employees were recognized for their length of service with the District.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<u>30 Years</u>		
Greg Cornejo	Electrical Systems Technician II	09/10/1990
<u>25 Years</u>		
Jason Wade Townsend	Senior Survey Technician	09/11/1995
<u>20 Years</u>		
Matthew Crowe 07/10/2000	Senior Right of Way Agent	
Christopher Friedman	Equipment Operator	09/05/2000
Nancy Alstrand	Finance Analyst	12/18/2000
<u>15 Years</u>		
Michael Rich McConnehey	Vegetation Control Worker II	07/11/2005
Troy Texeira	Senior Storekeeper	07/11/2005
Tonia Tabucchi Herrera	Senior Engineer	08/29/2005
Dean Hunt	GIS Technician II	11/07/2005

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10 Years

Robert Granholm	Hydroelectric Maintenance Technician II	09/13/2010
Tina Konkle	Hydroelectric Compliance Technician II	10/25/2010

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Jeff Litton, member of the public, addressed the Board in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir and entering into what he referred to as an age of moral recovery
- Casey Ganske, representing the Countryside Water Association, addressed the Board in support of the Centennial Reservoir and drought conditions or any related allocations

MINUTES – January 27, 2021, Regular Meeting

Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on January 27, 2021, as submitted. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.

UPDATES TO ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 2030 – HOLIDAYS

Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

Adopted Resolution 2021-03 (Updates to Administrative Policy 2030 – Holidays), as submitted. M/S/C Johansen/Peters, unanimously approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

Direction was given to staff to change the Standing Committee structure to consolidate all Standing Committees into a bi-monthly Board agenda. Thereby eliminating the schedule for Standing committees' regular meetings and allowing Standing Committees to convene as needed and at the Board's direction. Staff was directed to present this item to the Board at the next Board meeting, along with appropriate updates to District Policies, Rules & Regulations, and Board Agenda, to be effective by the first Board meeting in March 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

NID RESOLUTION 2020-08 AND DELINQUENT 2020 IRRIGATION ACCOUNTS

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, and Aurora Tipton, Customer Service Administrator, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Ashley Overhouse, Policy Manager for South Yuba River Citizens League

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Direction was given to staff to start the delinquency notification process as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

Approved the check register and received and filed the Project & Facility and Investment Reports for the period ending January 31, 2021. M/S/C Hull/Heck unanimously approved.

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- New website update
- Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) update
- Placer County Local Mitigation engagement update
- Phase 1C of the Nevada County Covid-19 vaccine schedule
- Facilitator Report provided to Board members from the Board retreat held Jan 27th and posting to the website
- Precipitation, Storage & Conservation reports provided – also on the website
- Surplus item to be brought to the Board soon
- January storm event update & thanked the Hydroelectric Department for their work
- English Meadow regeneration work update – working on CEQA documentation
- Provided responses to past Board inquiries pertaining to Warrants
- Provided key performance indicators for the Maintenance Department
- Alta Sierra Tank Replacement Project update – completion expected Sept/Oct
- Doty North near completion – completion expected by irrigation season
- Combie Phase 1 Project is on track
- New Website - looking into cellular/desktop use as requested by Director Hull
- Director Heck requested snapshots to the Board of upcoming items to be shared during GM Report or on the agenda

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Participated in the CABY meeting
- Participated in Placer County Farm Bureau meeting
- Met with Alison Lehman, Nevada County Executive Officer
- Met with Placer County Supervisor Cindy Gustafson with Director Peters
- Met with Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager at the Combie Project
- Continues to receive customer feedback regarding rates
- Requested item for Board to review expense side of rates
- Requested item for Board to discuss goals that came out of the Board retreat on January 27th

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

- Concurred with Director Hull regarding water rate development and commented on Capital Improvement Plan and Priorities
- Attended CABY meeting
- Met with Placer County Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, along with Director Hull
- Requested roll call order be changed

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

- Attended CABY meeting
- Provided GM Search Ad Hoc Committee update
- Thanked Greg Jones, Interim General Manager for water rates model

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

- Attending LAFCo Workshop on February 11th
- Met with Alison Lehman, Nevada County Executive Officer

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

- Water Rates Committee update
- Commented on the Board's process of how to put an item on the Board agenda
- Commented on parliamentary procedures, encouraging streamlining process for amended motions and tabling items

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 12:03 p.m.

Closed Session Conference with Labor Negotiators was declared at 12:03 p.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6. District Representatives: Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, Jackson Lewis, P.C., and Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, District Counsel; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 146.

Board Action: Direction was given to Labor Negotiators.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Kris Stepanian

Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions
had and taken at the above and
foregoing meeting our presence
thereat and our consent thereto.

Robin Noel Division I

Chris Berrisigan Division II

Karen Hull Division III

Ann Peters Division IV

Rick Johansen Division V