

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

May 26, 2021

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, via video-conference, on the 26th day of May 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; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Traci Sheehan, with Foothills Water Network, addressed the Board regarding the Urban Water Management Plan process
- Joe Fischer, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding time-certain agenda items and encouraging the use of sub-committees

President Bierwagen addressed the Board regarding meeting length and limiting Board comments that do not impact Board action, and discussion ensued.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Department Updates were provided to the Board.

Public Comment:

- Dan Macon, UC Cooperative, Sutter-Yuba Counties

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President Bierwagen pulled the following item to be brought back to the Board of Directors at a future meeting:

- Item 2: Revised Tektronix – Nevada City School of the Arts Raw Water Supply Agreement

MINUTES – May 12, 2021, Regular Meeting

Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2021. M/S/C Hull/Peters, unanimously approved.

BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PURCHASE OF PG&E WATER

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Dan Macon, UC Cooperative, Sutter-Yuba Counties
- Joe Fischer, member of the public

Approved budget amendment BA 2021-174 and authorized staff to purchase PG&E contract water. M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR WATER SERVICE TO PLACER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

Approved a Memorandum of Agreement with Placer County and Placer County Water Agency for the water system distribution and ownership at the Placer County Government Center, and authorized Interim General Manager to execute appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.

GRAND JURY REPORT - NID BILLING AND PAYMENT FEES

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, and Aurora Tipton, Customer Service Administrator, presented an informational update regarding the establishment of online payment options.

Public Comment: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.

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Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, was declared at 12:05 p.m., pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1). State Water Resources Control Board et al. v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (9th Circuit, Case No. 20-72432)

Board Action: Direction was given to Legal Counsel.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 1:40 p.m.

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 May 15, 2021. M/S/C Hull/Johansen, unanimously approved.

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Bear Valley Yard expense follow-up information provided
- Redistricting update – Process to begin in January 2022
- Potential California and Federal funds available for water infrastructure improvements, disadvantaged communities, and irrigation efficiencies
- Support for Western Agricultural, Municipal, Industrial, and Rural Water Infrastructure from the Western Water Coalition update
- New phone system is up and running
- Hemphill Project update
- Office of Emergency Services - NID Educational Tour – Thank you to Hydro and Watershed staff for making it a success
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy rejected grant application for \$1.4-million for forest fuel management project at Parker Ranch update
- Orchard Springs fire/hazard removal completed, including removal of massive hazard tree
- Scotts Flat Lake Trail between Gates 1 and 2 closed May 24-26 for continued fire fuels reduction treatment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Governor's proposed budget that includes \$1.3-billion for drinking water wastewater infrastructure focused on small and disadvantaged communities
- Spoke with a number of groups regarding their support of the Backbone Extension Program, including:
 - o Penn Valley Municipal Advisory Commission
 - o Sue Hoek, Nevada County Supervisor - requested that she take to the Board of Supervisors and reach out to other agencies for support
 - o Attending a meeting with Lake Wildwood on May 27th
- Rattlesnakes are out

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

- Attended meeting with Grass Valley City Council member regarding the idea of bringing the City of Grass Valley into the District
- Labor Committee update

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

- Attended Rural Lincoln Advisory Council meeting
- Attended Nevada County public meeting regarding the Dog Bar Bridge

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

- 2021 Flower season is over – better than 2020
- Spoke about local agriculture, farm sizes, and economic impact

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

- Spoke about farm sizes and similar needs
- Strategic Plan and dispersed camping
- Attended Nevada County Republican Womens' Meeting as keynote speaker

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 2:35 p.m.

Closed Session Conference with Labor Negotiators, was declared at 2:35 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 given to labor negotiators.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:30 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, June 9, 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.

Kyle Koch Division I

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Karen Hill Division III

Ian Peters Division IV

Rich Johnson Division V