

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

December 13, 2017

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; JR Lewis, IT Analyst; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board regarding recent Sacramento Bee article and the Rollins Reservoir Dam
- John Volz, candidate for Division 2, addressed the Board regarding Sacramento Bee article and transparency
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River, and gave the Board pictures of trees as they exist in the Bear River park
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Grass Valley, thanked the unpaid water protectors
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and the vegetation working group
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, recited a pledge to the Earth and addressed the Board regarding recent Sacramento Bee article
- Shirley Osgood, member of the public, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir

Director Weber requested to remove Items 3 and 6 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

MINUTES – November 8, 2017 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on November 8, 2017, as submitted.  
M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved**

WARRANTS

**Approved warrants as submitted on check and payroll registers. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved**

2018 INVESTMENT POLICY

**Adopted Resolution 2017-35 in accordance with Investment Policy 3035.18. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved**

HYDROELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUEST

**Approved expenditure of approximately \$120,000.00 for training, lodging, meals, and related expenses for Hydroelectric Department Staff to attend training in 2018, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved**

TEMPORARY SERVICE LOCATION (TSL) AGREEMENT – MARTIN

**Approved Agreement for Temporary Water Service and Contribution for Future Treated Water Main Extension with Melanie and Timothy Martin as recommended by the Variance Screening Committee. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved**

AMERICAN HILL ROAD WATERLINE EXTENSION (CHRIST) REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

**Approved Reimbursement Agreement with Glenn Christ for the installation of approximately 2,144 lineal feet of 8-inch pipe, a Pressure Reducing Valve station, one fire hydrant and all appurtenances. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved**

2018 RECREATION RATES

Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Shirley Osgood, Member of the public
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

**Director Miller made a motion to approve a 3% increase in Recreation rates presented in the 2018 Operating and Non-Operating budget, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee on December 5, 2017. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.**

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

Weber, Division I	No
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Abstain

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2018 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

**Awarded a contract to IEC Corporation for electrical engineering support services in 2018 in the amount of \$257,500, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved**

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 5020 - BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

**Adopted Resolution 2017-34 (Updating Administrative Policy 5020 – Board Meeting Agenda), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee with the exception of modifying “Thursday” in Items 5020.6.1 and 5020.6.2. M/S/C Drew/Morebeck, unanimously approved**

2006 EXPANSION OF WATER SERVICE WITHIN NID (SAUER’S STUDY) REVIEW

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Ricki Heck, candidate for Division 1
- Bruce Herring, candidate for Division 2

Director Miller left the meeting at 10:11 a.m. and returned at 10:12 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM - CENTENNIAL RESERVOIR PROJECT (FATR#7013)

Doug Roderick, Senior Engineer presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City
- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley
- Bruce Herring, candidate for Division 2
- Lilly Marie Moore, member of the public
- Shirley Osgood, member of the public

RATTLESNAKE ROAD BACKBONE EXTENSION PROJECT (FATR#1089)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Approved a construction contract with T&S Construction Inc. for the Rattlesnake Road Backbone Extension Project in the amount of \$2,546,233.00; approved budget amendment, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved**

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FAY ROAD PIPELINE PROJECT (FATR # 2132)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Approved a contract with C&D Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,041,440.00 for construction of the Fay Road Pipeline Project, approved budget amendment, and authorized the General Manager to sign the appropriate documents. M/S/D Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

BREWER ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT (FATR # 1081)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Approved a contract with C&D Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$299,974.00, for construction of the Brewer Road Extension Project, approved budget amendment, and authorized the General Manager to sign the appropriate documents. M/S/D Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Precipitation & Storage Report
- Vegetation Management update
- Rollins low level valve outlet replacement update provided by Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager
- Grant updates
- Upcoming Bonds: SB-5, Initiative Bond and SB-623
- State Water Board – Protest update and District has received written notice that protest by NMFS (National Marine Fisheries Service) has been resolved
- MOU's signed and posted on web
- Ms. Payne's second box is resolved
- Meade Canal update
- Loma Rica low-level dam outlet repair is complete
- Headworks at Newtown is complete and in service
- Shale Ridge Pipeline almost done
- Willow Creek Pipeline is complete
- Chicago Park Power House upgrade is complete and in service
- Dutch Flat Power House voltage regulator is complete and in service
- ACWA Conference Highlights

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/REPORTS:

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Spoke at event for Indivisible Women of Nevada County on November 12, 2017
- CABY meeting highlights

Director Drew reported on the following items:

- Department of Fish & Wildlife's new striped bass feeding station

Director Miller reported on the following items:

- Will not be at the first Board meeting in January 2018

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

**Motion was made by Director Miller to nominate Director William Morebeck for President and John H. Drew for Vice-President of the Nevada Irrigation Board of Directors. Director Weber seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, the vote was unanimous to elect Director Morebeck as President and Director Drew as Vice-President.**

**Director Miller moved to appoint Kris Stepanian as Secretary to the Board for 2018. M/S/C Miller/Morebeck, unanimously approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley

Meeting recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 12:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION as declared at 12:17 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Kucera.

**Claim rejected and staff instructed to prepare appropriate notices. M/S/C Drew/Morebeck, unanimously approved**

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:17 p.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 Nevada County Assessor’s Parcel Number 27-090-27.

**Director Drew made a motion to authorize property negotiators to offer the appraised value of the property to the seller. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.**

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

<b>Weber, Division I</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Drew, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Morebeck, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:17 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger, Sommers, and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment for acquisition and sale of rights in real property; properties subject to negotiations:

- South Yuba Canal, Chalk Bluff Canal, Deer Creek Powerhouse; flowage/wheeling rights in Drum Canal, Bear River Canal, Wise Canal, and South Canal (all owned by PG&E)
- Flowage Rights in Bowman-Spaulding Canal, Fall Creek Flume, Dutch Flat Flume, and Chicago Park Flume; right to storage in Rollins Reservoir (all owned by NID)

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Persons with whom negotiations will be conducted: PG&E Management

The Board took the following action during Closed Session:

**Director Drew made a motion to authorize execution by the General Manager of the 2018 Bridging Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Director Weber seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved**

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 12:34 p.m., and President Wilcox requested that Dustin Cooper, District Counsel report on actions taken during Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:35 p.m. to reconvene in regular session on January 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary

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

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Division III

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Division V

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