

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

February 22, 2023

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 22nd day of February 2023, at 9 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; 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; Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance; 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 Hull called the meeting to order
- President Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

President Hull pulled the following item from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the request of Director Johansen:

- Item 3.B: 2023 Collection Agreement Financial Plan between NID and the USFS

Public Comment: None

**Director Bierwagen motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda, excluding Item 3B. Director Heck seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023

**M/S/C Bierwagen/Heck, unanimously approved as submitted.**

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITY REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

**Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, the Project and Facility Report, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period January 28th through February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Item pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

2023 COLLECTION AGREEMENT FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN NID AND THE USFS

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, and Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Expired agreement
- Expenses and liability
- FERC licensing
- Absence of legal requirement for agreement
- Re-evaluating the agreement beyond 2023

Public Comment: None

**Director Heck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 - Approving the 2023 Collection Agreement Financial Plan between Nevada Irrigation District, and the United States Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Tahoe National Forest, and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.**

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

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Caulder, Division 4	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	No

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

GRANT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board input was provided on the following:

- Capital improvement language
- Authorization levels aligning with an upcoming item for procurement authorization
- Notifying Board of grants under \$50,000
- Focus on capital and watershed improvements

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Board direction was given to bring the item back to the Board at a future Board meeting for consideration.

Public Comment: None

#### WATER TRANSFER WORKSHOP

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, presented the informational item.

Board discussion ensued regarding water transfers, including the following:

- Quantifying conserved water to acre-feet
- Surplus
- State mandates
- Communication issues
- New connections and deliveries
- Drought
- Carriage loss
- Components of reservoir reoperation water transfers
- Refill criteria
- Key policy decisions

Public Comment: None

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Rain and snow in the forecast
- Central Square update – now live
- Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided a water update

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Meetings with constituents
- Attended meeting with Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, and Lisa Swarthout, Nevada County Supervisor
- Speaking at two upcoming public forums:
  - o Sierra College OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) Program
  - o Nevada County Board of Realtors

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

- Nevada County Supervisor Swarthout shared she was thankful for the recent meeting with NID General Manager, Jennifer Hanson, and Director Heck
- Commended NID crew working on Spenceville Rd.

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

- Working with constituents and successful outcomes

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

- Working with President Hull on future presentations to Nevada and Placer County Farm Bureaus

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

- Attended Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council meeting
- Attended the Lake of the Pines Board of Directors' meeting
- Presenting at the following meetings:
  - o Nevada County Contractors' Association
  - o Penn Valley Town Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 11:17 a.m.

Closed Session – Existing Litigation was declared at 11:17 a.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54956(d)(1). *Nevada Irrigation District v. PG&E* relating to the transfer of the Deer Creek Hydroelectric Project.

**Board Action: None**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:22 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By



Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary