

Staff Report

for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 22, 2020

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kris Stepanian, MBA, Board Secretary
DATE: April 15, 2020
SUBJECT: Board Minutes for February 26, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Board Minutes for the meeting held on February 26, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2020, the Board approved the February 26, 2020 Board Minutes as amended, to include the following item to Director Peters' Items/Reports on Page 22:

- Participated in the Wolf Creek Alliance monthly monitoring

Upon review of the recording (Recording Time Mark 3:19:10) it was discovered that no such item was reported on during Directors' Reports. Attempt to make the approved amendment to the minutes is not possible, as it would result in a contradiction between the written minutes and official video recording.

It is requested that the Board approve the Minutes of February 26, 2020, as originally submitted.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: None

- Board Minutes for February 26, 2020

Attachments (1):

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

February 26, 2020

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 26th day of February 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Ricki Heck, President (Division I), Chris Bierwagen, Vice-President (Division II); and Directors W. Scott Miller (Division III); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – James Caldwell, Retirement Presentation (2020-01)
Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager, provided the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Janette Carpenter, M.D., resident of Division II, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir, requesting continued scientific evaluations of environmental impacts and a comprehensive financial plan if moving forward
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, provided Board members with Bear River rocks, information from Shelly Covert, bearriver.us website and American Rivers
- Jerry Stout, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir and will be sending a letter to the Board of Directors
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir and the use of glyphosate
- Karen Hull, resident of Division III, addressed the Board regarding District finances and requested more focus on the revenue side of the budget
- Donn Coenen, resident of South Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding lack of rain and related increasing costs and regulations
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley, addressed the Board in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir
- Jake Pasner, resident of Penn Valley, thanked the Board for listening to and looking at materials submitted by the public and addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir

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President Heck pulled Item 1 – Minutes of the February 12, 2020, Regular Meeting for discussion.

CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT – LINCOLN CANAL ENCASEMENT (LINCOLN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION BY KB HOME)

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Bierwagen/Wilcox, unanimously approved.

MINUTES – February 12, 2020, Regular Meeting

Director Heck made a motion to approve the minutes as amended under the Quarterly Investment, Short-Term Forecast & Reserves item, to add that there was a request with Board consensus for a workshop on reserves. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	No
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

TABLE MEADOW ROAD PHASE 2 DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION FUNDING AGREEMENTS

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

None

Approved funding agreements with twenty-two (22) property owners within the Table Meadow Road Phase 2 District Financed Waterline Extension Project. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

RELEASE OF MORATORIUM ON KYLER CANAL AND PORTIONS OF MABEN CANAL

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

None

Approved the release of the water sales moratorium on the Kyler Canal and a portion of the Maben Canal as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Miller/Wilcox, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

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UPDATES TO DISTRICT POLICY 5300 – STANDING COMMITTEES

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

- Mike Pasner

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-06 – Updates to Administrative Policies - Standing Committees. M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

Public Comment

- Janette Carpenter, M.D., resident of Division II

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Heck/Peters, unanimously approved.

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, SEAT C

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

Board Action: None

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

WATER 2020 COST OF SERVICE (COS) WORKSHOP

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item and introduced Alex Handlers, with Bartle Wells Associates, who provided a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Jake Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Steven Steele, resident and farmer in Rough & Ready and the current Nevada County Farm Bureau President
- Dan Macon, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor with University of California Cooperative Extension covering Placer and Nevada Counties, and raw and treated water customer in North Auburn
- John Norton, resident of Division V
- Wayne Vineyard, resident and farmer in Western Placer County
- Joe Fisher, resident of Division III
- Kurt Lorenz, resident of North San Juan
- Brad Fowler, resident of Grass Valley

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 205,038 acre-feet in storage – 76% of capacity and 98% of the 7-year average
- January 2020 Conservation is at 11%
- Bowman Lake Precipitation at 28.98” – 65% of average

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- Snow Survey - 14.7 water inches – 72% of average
- Permission has been requested to roll gates at Jackson Meadows
- Online bill-pay is up and running
- Met with Doug LaMalfa's staff at Hemphill Facility, along with Director Peters
- Provided presentation for Lake Wildwood Sons in Retirement
- Distribution Main break on Ridge Road update
- The District is working with the developer on the Mercy Low-Income Housing Project at the DeWitt Center – will be an annexation
- Current Federal/CA issues - voluntary agreement update
- Training/preparations pertaining to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
- Reported SDRMA notified they will be discontinuing liability coverage to all distribution and power lines owned by the District – Staff working on solutions
- Combie Phase I update
- Doty North Canal Siphon update
- Alta Sierra Reservoir update
- Generator Install for North Auburn Treatment Plant
- Hemphill Diversion update
- South Yuba Canal Evaluation update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Met with Doug LaMalfa's office on Auburn Ravine, with General Manager

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

- Presented a Resolution of Appreciation received from Paradise Irrigation District (PID) in recognition of the support provided in helping PID make significant progress on the recovery and rebuilding efforts of its water distribution system

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

None

The meeting recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 12:54 p.m. in Closed Session.

Director Heck left the meeting at 1:27 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

Closed Session was declared at 12:54 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding Real Property Negotiations; Board will instruct the General Manager and the Hydroelectric Manager regarding negotiations with Chuck Alrichs and Chris Sinclair concerning terms and conditions of potential purchase of FERC Project Nos. 6028 and 6061, located in Sierra and Nevada Counties, California.

Board Action: Direction was given to the District's real property negotiators.

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Closed Session was declared at 12:54 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager.

Performance evaluation was conducted for the General Manager

Closed Session was declared at 12:54 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding Real Property Negotiations; Board will instruct the General Manager and the Hydroelectric Manager regarding negotiations with Northern California Power Agency concerning terms and conditions of potential purchase of hydroelectric power generated at NID facilities in Nevada and Placer Counties, California.

Board Action: Direction was given to negotiators.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 2:34, and Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, reported on Closed Session Actions.

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, provided a brief introduction to the final Closed Session item concerning real property negotiations with Northern California Power Agency.

Approved the following:

- **A services contract with the Northern California Power Agency; a contract for the sale of Portfolio Content Category 1 Product Resource Contingent Bundled RECs for the Deer Creek Powerhouse**
- **A contract for the sale of Designated Resource Adequacy (RA) Capacity of RA Attributes, LRA Attributes, and if applicable, Flexible RA Attributes from the Deer Creek Powerhouse**
- **A contract for the sale of Portfolio Content Category 1 Product Resource Contingent Bundled RECs for the Combie South Powerhouse**
- **A contract for the sale of Designated Resource Adequacy (RA) Capacity of RA Attributes, LRA Attributes, and if applicable, Flexible RA Attributes from the Combie South Powerhouse**
- **Authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary documents including any non-substantive modifications**
- **Authorize the General Manager to execute all applicable agreements with PG&E to place Scotts Flat Powerhouse on the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer (RES-BCT) tariff**

M/S/C Wilcox/Heck, unanimously approved.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:45 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Board Secretary

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

Division I

Division II

Division III

Division IV

Division V

