

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

February 14, 2024

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 14th day of February 2024, at 9 a.m.

Present were Rich Johansen, President (Division V) and Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II), Karen Hull (Division III), 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 Johansen called the meeting to order
- President Johansen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Don Coenen, a resident of S. Nevada County, addressed the Board in support of hydroelectric power, considering Centennial Reservoir include hydroelectric power, and suggested the state help pay the cost to build

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2024

Approved the minutes as submitted. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2024

Approved the minutes as submitted. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

FY2025 BUDGET CALENDAR

Received and filed the FY2025 Budget Calendar. Approved the minutes as submitted. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

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SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT FOR SOUTH YUBA CANAL OUTAGE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

Approved a sole-sourced agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Co. in the amount not to exceed \$190,400 for maintenance support for the 2024 South Yuba Canal outage and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

RECREATION RATE INCREASES FOR 2025 AND 2026

Approved a 10% Recreation Rate increase (each year) for the years 2025 and 2026, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

AWARD A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR HELICOPTER SERVICES

Awarded a multi-year contract to A&P Helicopter, Inc. for helicopter services for an annual cost not to exceed \$175,000 and a total not to exceed \$525,000 through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend the contract for an additional three-year term, and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

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 13, 2024 through February 2, 2024. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE / SURPLUS WATER DECLARATION

Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, provided an update on current and forecasted water supply conditions.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Carryover storage
- El Niño and La Niña
- Plan for Water Climate Change Modeling
- Modeling future additional FERC flows
- Forecasting runoff from snowpack
- PG&E water and factoring into Prop 218 process
- Managing needs of cities of Nevada City and Grass Valley in circumstances where surplus water cannot be declared
- The District's ability to change its surplus declaration in the event projections dramatically change

Public Comment: None

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Adopted Resolution No. 2024-07 - Making a Declaration of Surplus Water Availability for 2024. M/S/C Bierwagen/Hull, unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Recent storm update
- Nevada County Joint meeting with elected bodies of NID, City of Grass Valley, Nevada City, and Town of Truckee on Feb 29th, focusing on emergency services and emergency response
- Update regarding Voluntary Agreement
- Will share the updated schedule when received from Water Board related to the Bay-Delta Plan update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Busy with trainings and certifications

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

- Attended tour of Gold Country Rescue in Placer County
- Attended Placer County Farm Bureau Meeting and shared highlights
- Attending annual Placer County Farm Bureau event
- Heading to Yosemite

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

- Recently returned from a trip to Kauai, Hawaii
- Shared about Placer Resource Conservation District Chipper Program – the 1st hour is free for the rest of this month

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

- Recent storm took out half of his 125-year heritage walnut tree

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

- Lost approximately ten trees in recent storm
- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau meeting
- Met with the Resource Conservation District
- Commented on his recent op-ed piece and follow-up article
- New puppy

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:44 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 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