

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

July 24, 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 24th day of July 2024, at 9 a.m.

Present were Rich Johansen, President (Division V), 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; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; 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

- None

SPECIAL ORDERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION UPON RETIREMENT FOR WADE TOWNSEND
(RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27)**

Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering, fellow staff and the Board of Directors thanked Mr. Townsend for his many years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced Michael Kronbetter with PFM Management, who provided a presentation of the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter ended June 30, 2024.

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Board Discussion ensued:

- Factoring in trends over time to core inflation measurements
- Possible softening in economy
- Second jobs
- Balancing out of financial investments
- Why 1-5 year is preferable
- Projection on how long it will take to rewrite portfolio to be closer to benchmark
- Expressed appreciation to firm for managing portfolio
- Difficulty comparing District's portfolio to other agencies
- Improved position from 3-years ago
- Financing of future projects
- Impressive gains in short amount of time

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 10, 2024
M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved as submitted.

MICROSOFT LICENSE RENEWAL

Approved the Microsoft M365 and Server 3-year license agreement for \$300,732.93, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Hull/Heck, 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 June 29, 2024 through July 12, 2024. M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved

WORKSHOP ITEMS

PG&E UPDATE - Workshop

President Johansen introduced Seth Perez, Strategic Agreement Consultant and Eric Van Deuren, Senior Director of Hydro Operations and Maintenance in PG&E's Power Generation Department, who provided an update.

Board Discussion

- Repair time
- Inquired if water can go thru 1st horn while working on 2nd horn
- Inquired when timing will be known for next portion of repair and discussion regarding optimal timing for outage at a later date
- Stress testing on single horn
- Establishing procedures thru the repair process to help in the future
- Sensors installed
- Small amount of water now in Cascade Canal

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- Wet testing
- Helicopter – critical path for South Yuba Pipe
- Risks and fires
- Ongoing impact to Scotts Flat
- Difference between bypass and normal water flow
- Analysis of root cause of failures
 - o Engaging with NID & PCWA
 - o Timing
 - o Last repair 2011 and records
- What if 2nd horn is not repaired
- How built 100-years ago on side of steep mountainside
- Thanked Eric from PG&E for the update
- Thanked Chip Close, Director of Water Operations and staff for their hard work and operating thru this emergency

Public Comment: None

DAM SAFETY UPDATES and DISTRICT DAM SAFETY PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced the item, and Lacy Cannon, Associate Engineer, provided an informational presentation, along with Randy Bowersox with Gannett Fleming, Inc., who presented the portion on Part 3 - Regulatory Environment.

Board Discussion

- Federal Power Act and regulatory environment
- FERC relicensing and 4E conditions
- Hazard potential classifications
- Inundation Maps
- Factor (Prop 218) in replacement / modification of dams
- Inspection Frequency
- Causes of Dam Incidents
- Utilization of drones for inspections
- Map – Slide 13 – red orange lines represent fault lines
- Where reports are warehoused
- ODSP audit recommendations
- Cost of upcoming dam safety work
- Water rights transfers
- Liquification
- Timing of Combie Dam Safety Work and Funding
- Staffing needs for Dam Safety Program

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Time spent on issues due to PG&E repairs

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Congratulated staff regarding their exceptional help provided to a friend in need of assistance finding leaks on his property

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

- Provided a presentation to the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association along with Chip Close, Director of Water Operations
- Inquired about finishing up the Plan for Water
- Requested a workshop to discuss funding options for large projects

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

- Attended a Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Committee meeting
- Thanked staff for a creative approach and developing a better flow on the Lonestar Canal

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

- Attended a Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Committee meeting
- Wolf Dog Rescue
- Inquiry about meadow restoration management, as beavers are damaging trees and redirecting water
- Livestock still available through local FFA
- Lincoln FFA event 'Commitment to Corduroy' in September

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

- Visited The Penn Valley Community Center
- Attended a Nevada County Contractor Association event on Mill Street
- Presenting at a Nevada County Contractor Association meeting on July 30th
- Congressman Kiley will be visiting his farm to see the pond in August
- Viewed rough-cut of new video on micro-ponds
- Provided positive feedback about the professionalism of staff from constituent

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:54 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, August 14, 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