

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

October 9, 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 9th day of October 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). Division IV Director seat is currently vacant.

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Peter Wade, Director of Power Systems; 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: 4 Members Present – Division IV seat is currently Vacant

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Michael Taylor, member of the public:
 - Expressed his appreciation for NID staff and Board for considering the District as a whole when making decisions
 - Voiced concerns regarding the Board’s recent decision to table the Centennial Reservoir

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Bierwagen/Heck. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

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 September 14th through September 27th. M/S/C Bierwagen/Heck. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

WORKSHOP ITEMS

PG&E UPDATE

President Johansen introduced Brandon Sanders with PG&E, who provided an update.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Coordinating future meetings through the General Manager
- Testing on alternative path
 - Duration of test process
 - Anticipated completion
 - Refilling Scotts Flat
- Robust discussion regarding root-cause analysis and providing to NID management team
- Description of scroll plug
- Capacity of Spaulding and Fordyce
- Bringing water into Scotts Flat in the event of dry winter months

Public Comment:

- Michael Taylor, member of the public:
 - Previous comments regarding liability, losses, and PG&E looking to NID to share in repair costs, and if that may be contributing to why PG&E has not yet provided root-cause analysis information to NID management

NID STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR 2025

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Bringing item back in the coming months after new Division IV Director is appointed

Public Comment: None

GENERAL ORDERS

2025 ANNUAL BUDGET

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager and Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Recreation taking a big hit
- Purchasing additional water from PG&E
- Timeline for completion of Hydro field office
- Future workshop for Cement Hill and Rodeo Flat special benefit districts and other opportunities to utilize similar financing method
- Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension project
- Conservative budget – does not include any rate increases
- 2025 Fiscal Reserves
 - FERC Reserve
 - Total minimum reserves and how held
 - Operational reserves
- Investments and returns
- Artificial intelligence and improving security

Public Comment:

- None

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-37 to approve the 2025 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. M/S/C Bierwagen/Hull. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

TREATED WATER PIPELINE REIMBURSEMENT (POLICY NO. 3175)

Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Capacity fees
- Affordability
- District Financed Waterline Extension properties
- Capacity Charge Study
- Industry standards
- Timing

Public Comment:

- Michael Taylor, member of the public:
 - Treated water use increase during summer months
 - Basing fee for connection on the entire system

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-38 approving:

- **Suspending Section 10.06.01 of the District’s Rules and Regulations**

- **Suspending Policy 3175 of the District’s Policy Manual**

M/S/C Hull/Heck. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

ROLLINS EMERGENCY SLOPE AND SEDIMENT STABILIZATION PROJECT (PROJECT #2709)

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Work bringing soil back to same condition as before incident
- Bids from local contractors
- Inquiry regarding any stabilization work on property not owned by the District
- Agreement with property owner pertaining to reimbursement District
- Size of parcel
- Trespassing and tree removal on District property

Public Comment:

- None

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-39 approving a budget amendment, authorizing the District to enter into an emergency contract in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for slope and sediment stabilization activities, and authorizing the General Manager or designee to execute appropriate documents. M/S/C Heck/Hull. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

- Introduced Peter Wade, the new Director of Power Systems
- Update regarding Division 4 Director candidates for appointment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ITEMS / REPORT

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

- Heard from a raw water customer who moved here from the Bay Area, who was very happy about the District’s water being so inexpensive

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

- Attended Lake of the Pines' Oktoberfest
- Attended Nevada County Supervisor Ed Scofield's annual BBQ
- Meeting with Christian Valley residents tomorrow

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

- Attending LAFCo conference next week in Yosemite
- Filmed video with President Johansen thanking the Bear Yuba Land Trust for naming NID as a partner of the year – Awards are on November 16th

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

- Shared highlights from filming and meeting with BYLT (Bear Yuba Land Trust)
 - Bill Haire, BYLT Board Member
 - Nevada County Media news program launching November 4th
- Sierra Harvest luncheon tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.
- Garden Goddesses will be at his farm the end of the month for farm tour, lunch and entertainment by comedian Eddie Brill

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:10 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, October 23, 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