

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS / JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES

August 26, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District and the Nevada Irrigation District Joint Powers Authority convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 26th day of August 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Present were W. Scott Miller, President (Division III); Nancy Weber, Vice-President (Division I); John H. Drew (Division II), William Morebeck (Division IV), and Nick Wilcox (Division V), Directors.

Staff members present included Rem Scherzinger, General Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Operations Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Karen Fassler, Human Resources Manager; Jeff Meith, District Counsel; and Lisa Francis Tassone, Board Secretary.

MINUTES – August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 12, 2015. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

WARRANTS

Approved the following warrants: Yuba-Bear Revolving Fund Nos. 28927 through 28962, inclusive; General Fund Revolving Account Nos. 69647 through 69716, No. 69526 being void; Recreation Fund Nos. 5359 through 5380, inclusive; and Payroll Direct Deposit and Warrant Nos. 80103 through 80114 and V6639 through V6816 inclusive. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – Period Ending June 30, 2015

Received and filed Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2015. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

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DATA RECOVERY MITIGATION TREATMENT FOR JACKSON MEADOWS RESERVOIR CULTURAL RESOURCES – Professional Services Contract

Approved contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$106,264.65 for professional services to complete the required Data Recovery Mitigation Treatment for Jackson Meadows Reservoir Cultural Resources, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Intersimone

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, introduced Joe Intersimone, Utility Worker I. Mr. Intersimone was born and raised in Palo Alto, CA. He attended University of California, Santa Cruz, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Mr. Intersimone moved to the Auburn area about three years ago and was married last year. Mr. Intersimone was a temporary employee in the Hydroelectric Division for a couple of seasons. When he applied for the Utility Worker position, Mr. Powell received a stellar recommendation from Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, to hire Mr. Intersimone. After interviewing candidates, Mr. Intersimone was selected for the position.

Mr. Intersimone stated that he is very happy to be working for the District.

The Board and Staff welcomed Mr. Intersimone to the District.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Ince

Aha Howard, Accounting Administrator, introduced Desiree Ince, Finance Assistant I. Prior to working at the District, Ms. Ince worked for a local insurance company in the accounting and finance department. She also has an Associate of Arts Degree in Business and Accounting. She is a native to Grass Valley and loves the area. She enjoys exploring new places with her husband and two children. She also likes to spend time with her animals.

The Board and Staff welcomed Ms. Ince to the District.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Newman, Retirement Presentation (Res. 2015-24)

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, recognized Todd Newman on his retirement from the District after 21 years of service. People may see a retiree wandering up and down Mill Street dressed very casually. That would be Mr. Newman. He and his wife recently purchased the Lazy Dog candy/ice cream shop. Since Mr. Newman missed the date of his original retirement presentation, Mr. Powell gave Mr. Newman a daily planner and an old watch to ensure that he makes all of his future appointments. Mr. Newman served in the US Marine Corps before working with the District and had construction experience. He started as a Utility Worker and was quickly promoted to an Operator. He was then promoted to the Welder position and excelled in that position. Mr. Newman was then promoted to the Maintenance Supervisor position in 2008, where he did a great job. Mr. Newman has been an excellent employee. He has supervised the

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Facilities Crew, the Service Crew and the Construction Crew. He has the most well rounded skill set of anyone Mr. Powell knows. Mr. Newman knows the water business very well, and has been a good people person. Mr. Powell appreciates the hard work and dedication that Mr. Newman has given the District for the past 21 years. He will be missed. All of the employees have been calling Mr. Newman the candy man since he embarked on his new career. Mr. Powell presented Mr. Newman with a framed and matted Golden Ticket to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

Mr. Newman thanked everyone at the District. It has been a great place to work, and has been really great for his family and for him personally. The District is a good organization.

Jeff Brady, Maintenance Superintendent, stated that Mr. Newman has been his right hand man and has done an outstanding job. He will be missed tremendously.

Chip Close, Operations Manager, thanked Mr. Newman for his cooperation and positive/can-do attitude. The customers were the ultimate beneficiary of Mr. Newman's great work. He wished Mr. Newman well.

The Board applauded Mr. Newman's 21 years of service.

ANNEXATION STRATEGY – Village I at the City of Lincoln (Res. No. 2015-28)

Chip Close, Operations Manager, presented a recommendation from the Administrative Practices Committee to adopt a Resolution for annexation of Village I to the District. Village I is a proposed subdivision in Placer County. A portion of Village I is an exclusion area and needs to be annexed in order to be served water. Staff has been working with the City of Lincoln and Placer County in efforts to annex exclusion area islands in Placer County. During these discussions, Staff learned of the fast-track that the Village I subdivision is on, and the fact that the City was currently in discussions with Placer County for annexation of those lands from Placer County to the City. The District viewed this as an opportunity to join in the process so that the exclusion area could be addressed as the property transitions to the City of Lincoln. Staff met with Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and the City of Lincoln and the result of these discussions was that this was the process to follow, and they encouraged the District to move forward.

The District has gathered the necessary information for the annexation application. This includes a survey of the land to be annexed and associated maps. This package has been sent to Placer County LAFCo and the City of Lincoln.

Upon adoption of the Resolution, the District will begin working with the City on a Tax Sharing Agreement for the lands to be annexed. This is separate from the Placer County Tax Sharing Agreement.

Mr. Close pointed out that the sixth 'Whereas' statement in the Resolution needs to be removed at the recommendation of District Counsel.

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Director Wilcox pointed out that the exclusion area has always been within the District's outer boundaries.

Adopted Resolution No. 2015-28 (Making Application for Annexation of Land to Nevada Irrigation District – a portion of Village I at the City of Lincoln), as amended. M/S/C Weber/Wilcox, unanimously approved

WATER STORAGE – Update

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the District has 165,500 acre feet in storage, which is 86 percent of average and 62 percent of capacity.

HYDRANTS – Taking of Water

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the District has received a number of calls from citizens reporting individuals taking water from fire hydrants. The District has several of the hydrants metered but is not in a position to place a meter on each hydrant. The honor system is currently being used for those hydrants without meters. Staff is planning on designating specific hydrants as 'use' hydrants.

Director Wilcox asked if the hydrants could be zip tied, much like the irrigation boxes.

Staff will review alternatives to address this issue.

PLACER COUNTY – Update on Master Tax Sharing Agreement

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, stated that he met with Placer County's Executive Officer and staff to discuss the Tax Sharing Agreement. He has been assured that the matter will be considered by the County Board of Supervisors in October. Once the Agreement is executed, the District will be able to annex parcels in Placer County.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – Update on Federal Legislative Amendment (HR 2898)

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that he has met with the individuals that provided public comment about the legislative amendment that was proposed regarding the acquisition of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) parcels. The matter will be discussed at the Board of Directors' meeting on September 9, 2015.

CENTENNIAL RESERVOIR AND POWER SUPPLY PROJECT – Reports released by the California Department of Water Resources

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the Department of Water Resources released the 'California Climate Science Data for Water Resources Planning' report and the 'Perspectives and Guidance for Climate Change Analysis' report. These reports are excellent and they work in the District's favor as the hydraulic model is moved forward for the Centennial Project.

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NEVADA COUNTY FAIR – Update on Survey Results and Winner of a High Efficiency Washing Machine

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, extended a thank you to the entire District and Staff for the efforts put into the fair booth, and those who engaged with the community while working fair shifts.

Aurora Tipton, Water Efficiency Technician, reported that those interested in participating in the raffle for the washing machine were required to complete a short survey. There were 153 entries, of which 129 were District customers. She reviewed the survey results.

President Miller announced the winner of the raffle: Elsie Weaver from Lake of the Pines.

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (MCWRA) – Meeting

Director Weber announced that the next MCWRA meeting is scheduled for October 16 at the Ridge in Auburn. The topic is 'The Truth be Told – the Delta, the Tunnels and the Tributaries.'

DRAFT PAPER BY OTIS WOLLAN – Director Drew's Comments

Director Drew stated that he had an opportunity to read the draft paper by Otis Wollan. The paper was full of contradictions, and there is one gross error that needs to be corrected. The District did not attempt to build a series of dams on the Yuba River. This is a complete fabrication. This is the kind of communication technique that the District is dealing with.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT – Director Wilcox

Director Wilcox reported that he will be providing a presentation on California water issues to the 8th grade class of Grass Valley Charter School.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 9:33 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - General Manager.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 11:09 a.m.

GENERAL MANAGER – Performance Evaluation and Salary Increase

Authorized President to execute the General Manager's Performance Evaluation and the associated Personnel Action Form. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

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**Approved salary increase for the General Manager in the amount of five percent.
M/S/C Drew/Wilcox, unanimously approved**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:10 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on September 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. 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.

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