

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on September 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President Jim SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Sandy Neville	Secretary
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Kaitlyn Constantine, Summit Engineering	Wyatt Fereday, NSE	Sarah Fichtner, NSE
Silas Adams, WBC	Taylor Thomas, USBWC	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD

1. Public Comment:

Ed RYAN, Smith Valley/Mason Valley Conservation District is doing a resource needs assessment, there is an online questionnaire that the public is encouraged to fill out. Cards were handed out to explain and access questionnaire.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

All five directors present. Water Master SARKISIAN was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

4. Water Master's Report:

Taylor THOMAS has no update as of today.

Treasurer NUTI asked if there are any plans to get the radial gates replaced at the Weir, with the absence of Water Master SARKISIAN that question could not be answered.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI gave the Treasurer's report as of September 6, 2019:

Cash in Checking:	\$ 189,991.40
Cash in Money Market	\$1,144,907.19
Cash in CDs	<u>\$1,081,728.50</u>

Total \$2,416,627.09

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.

AUGUST 2019 Bills & Payroll

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
120956	8/7/2019	AFLAC	\$ 35.70
120957	8/7/2019	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	\$ 907.60
120958	8/7/2019	Frontier	\$ 289.36
120959	8/7/2019	Mason Valley QuickNet	\$ 410.00
120960	8/7/2019	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$ 149.94
120961	8/7/2019	Public Employees' Benefits	\$ 870.23
120962	8/7/2019	Cal Poly Corporation	\$ 97,754.16
120963	8/7/2019	NV Energy	\$ 2.18
120964	8/7/2019	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$ 1,592.04
120965	8/7/2019	Champion Chevrolet	\$ 28,501.25
120966	8/7/2019	Woodburn & Wedge	\$ 28,084.90
120967	8/7/2019	Desert Engineering	\$ 2,000.00
120968	8/7/2019	Snyder Livestock Company	\$ 598.85
120969	8/14/2019	Giomi, Inc.	\$ 110.95
120970	8/14/2019	AT&T	\$ 145.74
120971	8/14/2019	Napa Auto & Truck	\$ 223.57
120972	8/14/2019	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 19.35
120973	8/14/2019	MF Barcellos	\$ 4,247.32
120974	8/14/2019	Pape' Machinery Exchange	\$ 14,940.00
120975	8/14/2019	PDM Steel Services Centers	\$ 121.56
120976	8/14/2019	Purchase Power/ Pitney	\$ 1,614.50
120977	8/14/2019	Reno Gazette Journal	\$ 343.80
120978	8/14/2019	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$ 361.82
120979	8/14/2019	NV Energy	\$ 193.73
120980	8/14/2019	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$ 39.03
120981	8/14/2019	Verizon Wireless	\$ 460.22
120982	8/14/2019	Wild West Chevrolet	\$ 471.62
120983	8/14/2019	City of Yerington	\$ 134.84
120984	8/14/2019	Desert Research Institute	\$ 7,139.73

120985	8/14/2019	Sierra Office Solutions	\$	134.25
120986	8/14/2019	Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	\$	2,734.32
120987	8/14/2019	Greater Nevada Credit	\$	250,000.00
120988	8/29/2019	AFLAC	\$	35.70
120989	8/29/2019		\$	VOID
120990	8/29/2019	ABILA	\$	177.75
120991	8/29/2019	Farm-Assist, Inc.	\$	5,676.00
120992	8/29/2019	Frontier	\$	288.92
120993	8/29/2019	AT&T Mobility	\$	116.10
120994	8/29/2019	MBK Engineers	\$	13,168.92
120995	8/29/2019	Power Plan	\$	1,573.75
120996	8/29/2019	Quill	\$	180.88
120997	8/29/2019	NV Energy	\$	2.81
120998	8/29/2019	Alhambra	\$	137.38
120999	8/29/2019	Standard Insurance	\$	242.47
121000	8/29/2019	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	\$	153.02
121001	8/29/2019	Xerox Financial Services	\$	139.44
121002	8/29/2019	HomeTown Health	\$	5,348.53
121003	8/29/2019	CT Corp.	\$	378.00
121004	8/29/2019	Desert Research Institute	\$	12,487.73
121005	8/29/2019	Petty Cash	\$	238.14
PAYROLL		PAYROLL	\$	34,439.72

Total Bills & Payroll \$ 519,418.45

Vice-President MASINI inquired about the Cal Poly bill; GM BRYAN stated it is a multi-part bill, Cal Poly is currently working on the Watershed grant with NRCS. They are also working on the NFWF grant for the Storage Water Leasing Program in studying conveyance losses on the canals. ITRC is also surveying on WRID Drains to give recommendations for infrastructure upgrades, as well as working on upgrades on the ARMY railroad tracks at Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

President SNYDER asked if the expense for Cal Poly is going to be ongoing; GM BRYAN offered if you as the Board want to see continued modernization and improving infrastructure than yes you will see continued and/or higher expenses.

Vice Director MASINI inquired about the Champion Chevrolet; GM BRYAN explained that was the first truck that was picked up last month.

Vice Director MASINI made a motion to pay the bills; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised the USGS gages for the system are provided in the Board packet. As of September 9, 2019, there is 33,800 AF in Topaz at 56% capacity and 24,310 AF in Bridgeport at 57% capacity. There is 227cfs at the Wabuska Gage due to the Storage Water Leasing Program.

GM BRYAN reported the shop crew has continued working on sediment removal with the County and City at the Weir. Several loads of sand have been hauled out already and the rental equipment has been returned. All the District's equipment is back at the yard for cleaning and maintenance. Starting today equipment will be shipping out to the Topaz Diversion for repair and maintenance over the next couple of weeks.

GM BRYAN stated he would like to hold a Saroni Canal Annual Meeting on September 23, 2019 or September 30, 2019.

GM BRYAN reported that we received an agreement from the NRCS Watershed grant and executed program about a week ago. The Reno office has accepted the Statement of Work that was filed, currently we are waiting for the State office at NRCS to give us the green light to proceed with working with the engineers and consultants based on the budget that we have. The grant was awarded for \$300,000.

GM BRYAN reported that we are hoping to get approved for the second phase on the Saroni Canal project from the Bureau of Reclamation within the next month. A second grant was filed with the Bureau of Reclamation on the Plymouth Canal, but it was not successful.

GM BRYAN reported that ITRC was down with several techs in the field in August to perform field measurements and download Data Loggers, as well as surveying on Hwy 208 on the West Drain to replace a culvert. ITRC was also working on the final survey for the ARMY railroad crossing on the East Drain to replace a culvert. The plan is to cut back on stock water flows to dry out the East Drain to do the culvert replacement. Along with working with the Manager for the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area, we are going to cut a separate trench into some of their ponds to bleed off excess water through Perks Slough and down the drain.

GM BRYAN stated that the District was approached by members of the Board of the Josh Farler Helping Hands Foundation. The Foundation is holding a Wine Walk on October 12, 2019, and they would like the District to be a stopping point. Since alcohol will be served, we would like to decline.

D. Legal Counsel's Report:

Counsel DePAOLI has nothing new and he has not heard anything from the Nevada Supreme Court. When he hears anything, he will let everyone know.

E. 2019 Flood Mitigation Update

GM BRYAN stated that the rental Long Reach had been sent back on the 15th of August. We have received 2 months reimbursement form the county, and we are still ironing out any loose ends.

Treasurer NUTI asked if we should continue cleaning of the river into the Fall. GM BRYAN stated yes.

F. Review and approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the transfer; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

G. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN stated that Program started delivering water on August 8, 2019. As of September 6, 2019, 10,637AF that has yet to be delivered. We project that all water will be delivered by the second week of October.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming field work schedules.

1. Wyatt FEREDAY reported that he went out in the field with Sandy, Bert, and the students from ITRC to see how flow tracker measurements are conducted. Ground water pumping has been low but starting to pick up. Totals through July are: 6,300 in Smith Valley and 12,200 in Mason Valley for a total of 18,500. Last week Wyatt was informed by Adam Sullivan (Deputy State Engineer) that UNR was given a large grant to study the effect of food security in relation to climate change in arid Western Basins. The point of this study is to focus on three water sheds in the Western US, one of them being the Walker River, Wyatt asked the board if provide an e-mail list of stake holders so UNR could contact them.

7. Update by Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Silas ADAMS stated there was no update at this time.

8. Consideration of Frade Ranches, Inc., of Yerington, Nevada, Application # 313106291-51619 to the Walker River Irrigation District for permission to change the place of use of 72.6626 acre feet of Supplemental Stored Water from Bridgeport Reservoir heretofore apportioned by the Walker River Irrigation District of Lyon County APN's 001-491-05, 001-491-07, 001-671-02, 001-671-06, 001-671-08, 001-671-09. The existing point of diversion is from the East Walker River through the Fox

Ditch. The new proposed place of use is with in Lyon County Parcel No. 001-671-02 and the point of diversion remains the same.

GM BRYAN explained that on this application the Decree had gone through the Federal Court and had been approved, the District is cleaning up any Storage that needs to be moved with Decree. No protests have been filed.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Walker River Irrigation District approving Frade Ranches, Inc., Application # 313106291 to change the place of use of Stored water, Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

- 9. Consideration of 2008 Vlot Revocable Trust, of Smith Valley, Nevada, Application # 167267A-52019 to the Walker River Irrigation District for permission to change the place of use of 252.5198 acre feet of Newland Stored Water from Topaz Reservoir heretofore apportioned by the Walker River Irrigation District of Lyon County APN's 009-286-01, 009-286-02, 009-286-03, 009-286-04, 010-081-33, 010-081-34, 010-111-33, 010-111-34, 010-331-35, 009-285-01, 009-285-02, 009-285-11, 009-285-12. The existing point of diversion is from the West Walker River through the Colony Ditch. The new proposed place of use is with in Lyon County Parcel No. 010-111-20 and the point of diversion remains the same.**

GM BRYAN explained this application is Newlands water only. There was a discussion on if water could be moved, temporary transfer of water and if production has been done on current land. No protests have been filed.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Walker River Irrigation District approving 2008 Vlot Revocable Trust, Application # 167267A to change the place of use of Stored water, Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

- 10. Consider and possible approve the dispose/sale of three used District owned vehicles, 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD VIN 1GBHK29K18E207187, 2008 Chevrolet Colorado VIN 1GCDT33E188229446 and 1984 Chevrolet C3500 VIN 1GBHC34M2EV140333, pursuant of the provisions of NRS Chapter 332.**

GM BRYAN explained all three vehicles and the two other pieces equipment for auction. Director GIORGI made a motion to dispose/sale of three District owned vehicle, Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

- 11. Director Comments:**

None presented.

- 12. Public Comment:**

None presented.

- 13. Adjournment:**

Treasurer NUIT made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director

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