

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on January 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President Jim SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
David GIORGI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
Marcus MASINI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

Public Present:

George Lindesmith	Steven Fulstone	Trina Johnson, NRCS
Dave Doughty, NRCS	Isaac Metcalf, NDOW	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC
Chad Walling, NSE	Sarah Fichtner, NSE	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD
Ed Moreda		

1. Public Comment:

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

Director ACCIARI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the December 7, 2018 Regular meeting.

Treasurer NUTI requested clarification be added on what was being discussed on Item #12. Secretary HALTERMAN advised she listened to the recording and there was a preface stating, ‘In regard to the Nevada State Engineer’s intent to file the amicus brief...’ and that can be amended on the December 7, 2018 minutes. Vice President GIORGI made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment. Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

4. Water Master’s Report:

Joanne reported both reservoirs are currently 42% full; Bridgeport Reservoir has 19,130 acre-feet and Topaz has 26,160 acre-feet. Joanne spoke to Joe Huggans in Bridgeport and he stated it is still snowing on top and there are 6” of snow on the valley floor.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer NUTI gave the Treasurer’s report as of December 31, 2018:

Cash in Checking:	\$ 413,696.69
Cash in Money Market	\$1,118,306.64
Cash in CDs	<u>\$1,242,660.75</u>
Total	\$2,774,664.08

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.

December 2018 Bills & Payroll

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
120517	12/7/2018	AFLAC	\$ 35.70
120518	12/7/2018	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	\$ 61.30
120519	12/7/2018	Frontier	\$ 282.47
120520	12/7/2018	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 385.64
120521	12/7/2018	Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc	\$ 979.18
120522	12/7/2018	Associated Concrete Pumping Material	\$ 1,292.29
120523	12/7/2018	Kent's Supply Center, Inc.	\$ 1,418.00
120524	12/7/2018	The Paul Laxalt Group	\$ 6,500.00
120525	12/7/2018	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	\$ 264.13
120526	12/7/2018	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$ 410.00
120527	12/7/2018	MF Barcellos	\$ 2,542.49
120528	12/7/2018	True Value	\$ 111.29
120529	12/7/2018	PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	\$ 406.02
120530	12/7/2018	Public Employees' Benefits Program	\$ 803.29
120531	12/7/2018	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	\$ 756.00
120532	12/7/2018	NV Energy	\$ 186.61
120533	12/7/2018	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$ 214.11
120534	12/7/2018	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$ 4,394.44
120535	12/7/2018	Woodburn & Wedge	\$ 27,425.09
120536	12/7/2018	Desert Research Institute	\$ 18,328.95
120537	12/7/2018	Action Glass Carson LTD	\$ 225.00
120538	12/7/2018	Yerington Ready Mix	\$ 5,424.63
120539	12/13/2018	PERS Administrative Fund	\$ 5,947.45
120540	12/13/2018	Giomi, Inc.	\$ 588.81
120541	12/13/2018	AT&T	\$ 137.71
120542	12/13/2018	John Deere Credit	\$ 369.96
120543	12/13/2018	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 24.00
120544	12/13/2018	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$ 1,419.87
120545	12/13/2018	Peavine Construction, Inc	\$ 5,450.00
120546	12/13/2018	NV Energy	\$ 37.20
120547	12/13/2018	Alhambra	\$ 190.23
120548	12/13/2018	City of Yerington	\$ 138.49
120549	12/13/2018	PAC Machine Company	\$ 399.00
120550	12/13/2018	Sierra Office Solutions	\$ 168.03
120551	12/13/2018	Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	\$ 2,238.05
120552	12/13/2018	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$ 1,496.93
120553	12/13/2018	Mellon HSA Solution	\$ 20,400.00
120554	12/26/2018	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	\$ 468.20
120555	12/26/2018	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 1,214.62
120556	12/26/2018	AT&T Mobility	\$ 174.26
120557	12/26/2018	Associated Concrete Pumping Material	\$ 1,577.10
120558	12/26/2018	MBK Engineers	\$ 6,910.00
120559	12/26/2018	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$ 18.99

120560	12/26/2018	PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	\$	270.96
120561	12/26/2018	Quill	\$	134.08
120562	12/26/2018	Reno Gazette Journal	\$	2,184.00
120563	12/26/2018	Standard Insurance Company	\$	263.00
120564	12/26/2018	USPS	\$	194.00
120565	12/26/2018	Verizon Wireless	\$	487.21
120566	12/26/2018	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	\$	279.31
120567	12/26/2018	Xerox Financial Services	\$	170.72
120568	12/26/2018	D & S Waste Removal	\$	194.04
120569	12/26/2018	Desert Research Institute	\$	5,754.35
120570	12/26/2018	CALM Water Control Co., LLC	\$	3,257.00
120571	12/26/2018	Mason Valley Heating & Cooling	\$	278.72
120572	12/26/2018	O.A.K. CUSTOMS	\$	200.00
120573	12/26/2018	Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	\$	1,295.48
120574	12/26/2018	Walker River Mechanical	\$	85.00
120575	12/26/2018	Yerington Ready Mix	\$	3,992.70
120576	12/27/2018	PERS Administrative Fund	\$	5,855.14
120577	12/27/2018	Petty Cash	\$	236.01
PAYROLL		PAYROLL	\$	25,714.22
			Total Bills & Payroll	\$172,661.47

Director MASINI inquired if the Paul Laxalt Group bill would be ending; GM BRYAN stated we should have received the last bill. Treasurer NUTI asked if the representation was worth it; GM BRYAN advised it was nice to have a voice in Washington and to know what was going on. Director MASINI made a motion to approve the bills for December 2018; Vice President GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised the current reservoir pools are:

- Bridgeport 19,130 acre-feet (42% capacity)
- Topaz 26,120 acre-feet (42% capacity)

GM BRYAN advised we have stored approximately 8-9% in each of the reservoirs over the course of the last month. The minimum flows are being released out of each reservoir. Figures were provided soil moisture, snowpack, precipitation and reservoir storage, and flow forecast per NRCS. We were phased out of the January reporting from NRCS, but GM BRYAN spoke to Jeff Anderson and asked to keep receiving the information as it is beneficial. President SNYDER asked if the change in reporting was going to be long-term; GM BRYAN advised due to funding and personnel issues, the reports will be given out less. GM BRYAN advised there is an update meeting at the Nevada State Engineer's office on January 17 in regard to weather and forecasting.

GM BRYAN advised the shop crew has been working on the Saroni Lateral A project and Weaver turnout upgrade. The concrete has been poured and the gate will be installed in a couple days. We have received help from many users on Lateral A. Other repairs and maintenance have been performed on the drains. Last

month it was reported that the Yerington Paiute Tribe requested cleaning of the Cottonwood west lateral. GM BRYAN, the shop crew and Lyon County burned the stretch. GM BRYAN advised that area will be sprayed. The biggest issue is the encroachment of the drain. There are mobile homes within 10-feet of the drain, powerlines above, and a water line under the road so an excavator cannot be used.

GM BRYAN reported there has not been a change in the BOR grant. We have kept in contact with the NEPA study personnel. Each time Mr. Drews is contacted about the cultural study, he says it is almost done. We have invited him to a Board Meeting but have not received any response. The pipe has been on the ground for over a year so hopefully we receive the 'go ahead' soon. Once the cultural study is completed, there is a 30-day waiting period for comment. Steven Fulstone inquired whether the District has received any complete paperwork from Mr. Drews; GM BRYAN stated we have received no documents from Mr. Drews. Steven Fulstone asked if anything has been received for the Plymouth Ditch; GM BRYAN advised we have not received any documents from Mr. Drews for either ditch.

GM BRYAN advised the District is working towards implementing a potential Storage Water Leasing Program for the 2019 irrigation season. The District has had meetings with the State Engineer Staff, Walker Basin Conservancy and Desert Research Institute as well as working with the consultants at MBK. There needs to be constituent meetings later this month or early February. GM BRYAN would like to agendize an item to introduce the Storage Water Leasing Program to comply with the court order and Regulation #14. In February, the District will need to meet with the tribe.

GM BRYAN advised there will possibly be an agenda item to revise the Personnel Policy Manual at the February meeting. POOL/PACT and PERS have recommendations that should be added to the manual. Secretary HALTERMAN has contacted Ellen and will be working on language for the manual. As soon as language is drafted, an agenda item will be added.

GM BRYAN stated Dr. Styles is scheduled to be here January 25th. If anyone has projects that need to be looked at or discussed, let GM BRYAN know.

Treasurer NUTI questioned the progress on the East Drain. GM BRYAN stated Dr. Styles sent an engineer who came down and did surveying. Prefabricated concrete culverts have been ordered. We will work with Lyon County to install new culverts on Pete Hendrichs Road. Dr. Styles has given a recommendation on the size needed. In February, the District will be focusing on replacing old infrastructure and re-laser leveling areas. The drain needs to be reestablished in the Vanderhoof and Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Treasurer NUTI reported he has received several comments about the water in the Wabuska drain. GM BRYAN stated he plans to work with Nevada Copper in contacting the railroad company. GM BRYAN stated there is statute that can be

used in working with the railroad company in getting the water to return to the river. There are 3- 18” culverts side by side, but the invert is 2 ½ to 3 feet higher than the rest of the channel. Director MASINI clarified that the problem is not under the highway but with the railroad. GM BRYAN stated the problem begins behind the Morose property and is willing to show anyone who would like to go see. There is also a Paiute Pipeline high pressure gas line in the area, so we need to coordinate with them to dig anywhere near the line. Ed Moreda stated if you shoot the area, it is nearly level and the water is basically going uphill. President SNYDER asked if moving the tracks was the solution; GM BRYAN advised he is looking at putting in a permanent oversized solution.

D. Legal Counsel’s Report:

GM BRYAN reported the court did grant the Nevada State Engineer to file the brief. The District will have 60 days after the filing to comment. President SNYDER clarified that is for the Public Trust; GM BRYAN confirmed.

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

Chad WALLING reported the State Engineer retires at the end of the week. There has not been a replacement named yet. On January 17th, there is a weather forecast meeting at the NSE office. Typically, space is limited, but if anyone wants to attend, let Chad know. Vice President GIORGI requested to know what numbers were obtained in November. Chad stated he met with the hydrology section to outline a procedure in the office that ensures not just one person is running the statistics. The rough average for Smith Valley was down approximately 2 feet and Mason Valley was down less than ½ foot. Chad stated the fall readings are tough due to not knowing when things were shut off. The Spring to Fall drop will be compared to the average flow rates of the river and will give more accurate readings.

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

GM BRYAN stated Silas sent an email stating there are no updates.

8. Update by Bridgeport Ranchers Organization (BRO) on activities related to the Bridgeport Watershed Approach.

Steven Fulstone stated BRO has been working on designs for the water quality improvement on WRID property. Steven stated the project is an EQUIP Project that BRO will apply for. Dave Doughty reported NRCS has obtained all necessary survey data and the preliminary designs have been completed. There are two types of proposed rock structures to install in Robinson Creek and Buckeye Creek that will raise the water level and spread the water out. Due to the size of the watershed, hydrology dictates that a California engineer will have to sign off the project. All the necessary information has been given to the engineer. Trina Johnson stated funding assistance BRO is working on they are going to apply and their eligibility. WRID as the landowner will need to give permission for the activity to occur. Steven has been given all the application documents. NRCS has set rates that cover specific projects, but it may not cover all the expenses. Steven stated he

does have the application, and once BRO has completed it, they will pass it to WRID legal counsel to create an agreement. Vice President GIORGI asked if the bank being washed away on the second site has been addressed. Steven stated upstream, there will be two diversion structures that will keep the water away from the bank. Steven also stated BRO will apply for fencing that will protect WRID and the other property owners. GM BRYAN inquired on the progress with Lahontan Water Quality Control Board. Steven stated they tried to do a field trip in the fall, but BRO wants to get WRID on board and get the process approved before BRO goes to them. Steven stated they are anxious to see the design and to have a field trip in the future. President SNYDER questioned what impact the project will have on the grazing and forage production. Steven stated it would improve the forage production and grazing. Steven stated a water model will need to be completed. Steven stated BRO is attempting to do is eliminate the 303 listing. GM BRYAN asked if the drawings were available; Steven stated he will drop them off. Steven stated they have been accumulating rock from CalTrans. GM BRYAN questioned how the rock would get to the project sites; Steven stated they have looked at routes, but a road may need to be made and timing would be a factor. Treasurer NUTI confirmed a study would be done to see how much water is/is not getting to the reservoir; Steven stated he did not know who was going to perform the study, but it would be done.

9. Director Comments:

None presented.

10. Public Comment:

None presented.

11. Adjournment:

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Jim Snyder, President

David Giorgi, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

ABSENT
Dennis Acciari, Director

Marcus Masini, Director