

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on May 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President, via phone
Marcus MASINI	Vice President, via phone
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director, via phone
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via phone
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC Taylor Thomas, USBWC Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Director ACCIARI was absent. President SNYDER, Vice President MASINI, Director GIORGI, and Counsel DePAOLI on the phone.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to accept the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Water Master SARKISIAN stated 568cfs (509 decree and 60 storage) is being delivered today. The deliveries are averaging from 59-70 feet per day; mostly on the West. The wild roses have bloomed, so per the old wives' tale, the peak has been reached on the West. The East has yet to peak or has peaked but not reached full decree. There is currently 28,310 acre-feet Bridgeport and 36,790 acre-feet in Topaz. Vice President MASINI confirmed the West was carrying the Main on full decree; Joanne confirmed and stated the East carried the decree in March. Director GIORGI asked for an update on the weir; Joanne stated the radial was fixed and is not leaking but the other radial has 3 holes. GM BRYAN stated there is a homeless family living in the area. Joanne stated there is approximately 9 feet leaking per the gage. Vice President MASINI asked if it would be a good idea to call the welders to fix the other radial at the end of the season; Joanne stated it may a good idea to get on the list.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of April 30, 2020:

Cash in Checking:	\$ 132,083.28
Cash in Money Market	\$1,132,975.29
Cash in CDs	<u>\$1,082,598.12</u>
Total	\$2,347,656.69

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment
April 2020 Bills & Payroll

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
121391	4/7/2020	Frontier	284.71
121392	4/7/2020	AT&T Mobility	117.65
121393	4/7/2020	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	402.70
121394	4/7/2020	Mason Valley Quicknet	410.00
121395	4/7/2020	MBK Engineers	451.00
121396	4/7/2020	True Value	78.92
121397	4/7/2020	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	212.02
121398	4/7/2020	Power Plan	3,839.61
121399	4/7/2020	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	301.50
121400	4/7/2020	Quill	57.78
121401	4/7/2020	NV Energy	250.38
121402	4/7/2020	Alhambra	384.29
121403	4/7/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	298.05
121404	4/7/2020	City of Yerington	121.07
121405	4/7/2020	D & S Waste Removal	203.64
121406	4/14/2020	Giomi, Inc.	111.49
121407	4/14/2020	AT&T	154.65
121408	4/14/2020	Sticks and Stones Buildings	47.19
121409	4/14/2020	John Deere Credit	74.91
121410	4/14/2020	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	226.35
121411	4/14/2020	MF Barcellos	4,548.18
121412	4/14/2020	Mickey Mutual Ditch Co.	16.96
121413	4/14/2020	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	78.14
121414	4/14/2020	Reno Gazette Journal	72.96
121415	4/14/2020	California Dept. of Water	16,234.00

121416	4/14/2020	Jim Menesini Petroleum	708.49
121417	4/14/2020	U.S. Geological Survey	14,762.34
121418	4/14/2020	Wells Fargo Card Services	581.76
121419	4/14/2020	Woodburn & Wedge	42,378.90
121420	4/14/2020	Charter Communications	309.89
121421	4/14/2020	WEST Consultants, Inc.	10,571.46
121422	4/14/2020	PERS Administrative Fund	7,660.24
121423	4/14/2020	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	27,894.23
121424	4/28/2020	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	907.60
121425	4/28/2020	ABILA	186.64
121426	4/28/2020	Lyon County Recorder	27.60
121427	4/28/2020	MBK Engineers	5,697.75
121428	4/28/2020	MF Barcellos	5,030.22
121429	4/28/2020	Power Plan	3,887.78
121430	4/28/2020	NV Energy	3,226.40
121431	4/28/2020	Alhambra	89.86
121432	4/28/2020	Standard Insurance Company	484.94
121433	4/28/2020	Verizon Wireless	497.91
121434	4/28/2020	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	162.25
121435	4/28/2020	Woodburn & Wedge	38,281.75
121436	4/28/2020	Xerox Financial Services	139.44
121437	4/28/2020	HomeTown Health	6,569.33
121438	4/28/2020	Desert Research Institute	14,226.87
121439	4/28/2020	Sierra Office Solutions	135.66
121440	4/28/2020	Nevada Employment Security	1,822.52
PAYROLL		PAYROLL	34,993.09
Total Bills & Payroll			250,213.07

President SNYDER questioned the Ferguson bill; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it is the final bill for the Plymouth project which is being reimbursed by BOR and the Plymouth Ditch Company.

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

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised Topaz is currently 61% and Bridgeport is 67%. The West was on full decree from 4/28 to 5/8 and 910 acre-feet was stored in Topaz. With the extra water, GM BRYAN suggested reallocating an additional 4% for the West users effective tomorrow. The SNOTEL numbers indicate 70" of snow at Leavitt Lake with 31" SWE. There is little to no low-lying snow. There is another scheduled cooldown after this weekend with a potential of rain, but until there are high temperatures in the high country, there may not be a chance for another reallocation at this point. GM BRYAN emailed a weather and water outlook from the Weather Service. The NRCS released their May 1 forecast and, as of this morning, the basin was sitting at 59% of average for the day. GM BRYAN stated he has received multiple phone calls regarding a news story stating the Truckee is 93% and they are upset that there has not been another reallocation. If the decree hits full on the East, then water will be stored in Bridgeport.

The shop crew has been cleaning the drains. They are hoping to reroute to Smith Valley next week to complete the small concrete job at Mr. Burns' property. The Conservation District will begin spraying at the Topaz Dam in effort to get rid of the willows. From there, the Saroni and the Mason Valley Drains will be sprayed.

If this meeting were open to the public, the revisions to the Personnel Manual were going to be discussed. It will be held off until the public can be present. The material is available on the website for review.

The District well has been running since April 1st. A few things have come up that need addressed. The invoices will now stated the payment is due by the 15th or the water will be forfeited, and another user will be drawn. There were a few users who were drawn that did not pay. There were three or four users that waited until the end of the month to change their mind and decline the water. There is a lengthy list of users who want the water, so when someone changes their mind at the last minute they interfere with users who need and will use the water. The second issue is, on bad years, the District does recommend that the well water be used within the month. If the water is 'stored' for future months, there is no guarantee that Joanne can make the exchange. GM BRYAN would like stipulations added to the regulation; Counsel DePAOLI advised it would be useful to get it on the agenda and have it put in the regulation officially while implementing what has already been said.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI had nothing to report but hopes to have an attorney-client information session. President SNYDER questioned if the Supreme Court had made progress; Counsel DePAOLI stated he had not heard anything, but he thinks it is moving forward.

E. Review and Approval of the Monthly Storage Transfers.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the storage transfers for April; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN reported that since the last meeting, the District received the California petition. A few cooperators submitted comments, but Nevada has not submitted anything. With the Courts not meeting in person, the process is at a standstill. Counsel DePAOLI advised there was a 30 day period in which someone could ask California to reconsider their approval and that period is due to expire soon. GM BRYAN stated he spoke to Kyle and he had not heard anything either.

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

Wyatt FEREDAY emailed his update. Kerry was able to collect the reading later in April, but they were not allowed to do field work in March because of the Pandemic. The pumping totals were 2,786 acre-feet in Smith Valley and 6,848 acre-feet in Mason Valley.

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 had no updates other than making sure everyone was aware of the storage water lease. It will be an auction format. The total water available is 700 acre-feet from Bridgeport and 300 acre-feet from Topaz. They are hoping to get the anonymous bids soon and all bids are binding. The auction will begin May 18th at 8:00am and remain open until May 22nd at 5:00pm, subject to availability.

8. Review and consideration to grant permission for the Agro Research map proposal to put a driveway, parking lot and water line in the WRID 100 ft easement of the East Drain at 17 Pete Hendrichs.

GM BRYAN stated there is a copy of the draft lease agreement in the packet. There is a 100 ft easement on the East Drain that runs along Highway 95a and Pete Hendrichs. They want to install a driveway, parking lot and water line within the easement. GM BRYAN stated he has executed an agreement for a box culvert crossing already. The agreement language is like the one with the solar company on Sierra Way. The agreement safeguards the District's infrastructure and waives liability on the District if something happens. Treasurer NUTI confirmed there is an existing culvert on the corner; GM BRYAN stated they are proposing to move the culvert to the north end of the property and tie into an existing water line on David Little's property. Treasurer NUTI asked where the material would go when the drain is cleaned; GM BRYAN stated it would be put on the side of the bank as it has been in the past. They originally wanted an asphalt driveway but changed it to a gravel driveway, so the material will not disrupt the ground. Counsel DePAOLI advised the easement is on the parcel map and the landowner has the right to utilize the property but cannot reasonably interfere with the easement or activities involved with maintaining the drain. The agreement is worded to identify what they can do and what we can continue to do. The agreement locates where the water line and parking spaces can abut

or potentially encroach on the easement. It also allows the District to maintain the drain the way it has been including depositing anything taken out of the drain within the easement area so that in the future they cannot say the District must haul the contents. Director GIORGI questioned if the District is protected from any of the fertilizer seeping into the drains and making its way to the river and/or Walker Lake; Counsel DePAOLI stated there is a stipulation that they are not to divert or direct storm water into the drain. If the directly or indirectly allow something to get into the drain, it would be a violation of the agreement and the appropriate State officials will enforce what they need to enforce. Director GIORGI inquired who was responsible if the company fails and leaves a mess; Counsel DePAOLI stated it is the responsibility of the property owner or their successors.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the agreement; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Annual Review on the performance of the Walker River Irrigation District General Manager Robert C. Bryan and consideration of a possible adjustment in compensation.

Counsel DePAOLI advised he emailed the review to the Board members yesterday afternoon but suggests tabling the topic until each member has had a chance to review it.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to move the item to the June 8th agenda; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

10. Director Comments

None presented.

11. Public Comment

None presented.

12. Adjournment

Vice President MASINI made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President MASINI offered a second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

ABSENT
Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director