

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on June 8, 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
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Dale FERGUSON	Legal Counsel, via phone
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC Taylor Thomas, USBWC

1. Public Comment

None presented. Vice President MASINI inquired about a letter sent to the District last month; GM BRYAN stated he spoke to legal counsel, but the constituent has not contacted the District again.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All members were present with President SNYDER, Vice President MASINI, Director GIORGI, and Counsel FERGUSON on the phone.

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

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

4. Water Master's Report

Water Master SARKISIAN stated Bridgeport is currently at 25,630 acre-feet and Topaz is currently at 38,900 acre-feet. Today's delivery is 526 cfs with 472 foot of decree and 53 foot of storage water. The West and Main are still running at full decree and the East is dropping to 1872 on Wednesday and is dropping quickly. Leavitt Lake has approximately 7.4" of water and the daily average is 22% of normal. Treasurer NUTI asked if any water had been stored; Joanne stated water has been stored, but once the decree comes off full, she will know how much was stored.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of May 31, 2020:

Cash in Checking:	\$ 199,870.24
Cash in Money Market	\$ 790,745.65

Cash in CDs	<u>\$1,082,598.12</u>
Total	\$2,073,214.01

Secretary HALTERMAN advised the Money Market account is low due to having approximately \$750,000.00 of grant and accounts receivable reimbursement outstanding. Secretary HALTERMAN has spoken with NFWF and approximately \$395,000 will hopefully be reimbursed on June 15th but if it does not make that check run, it will be in the July 15th check run.

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

May 2020 Bills & Payroll

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
121441	5/13/2020	PERS Administrative Fund	7,660.25
121442	5/13/2020	AFLAC	35.70
121443	5/13/2020	Giomi, Inc.	32.83
121444	5/13/2020	AT&T	152.56
121445	5/13/2020	AT&T Mobility	115.83
121446	5/13/2020	Mason Valley Quicknet	245.00
121447	5/13/2020	Peri & Sons Farms	957.75
121448	5/13/2020	Power Plan	158.25
121449	5/13/2020	Public Employees' Benefits	1,740.46
121450	5/13/2020	Quill	162.52
121451	5/13/2020	Jim Menesini Petroleum	130.82
121452	5/13/2020	NV Energy	215.14
121453	5/13/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	159.98
121454	5/13/2020	Wells Fargo Card Services	2,293.88
121455	5/13/2020	Desert Research Institute	14,671.47
121456	5/13/2020	Charter Communications	209.23
121457	5/13/2020	Lyon County	VOID
121458	5/13/2020	City of Yerington	122.60
121459	5/13/2020	Lyon County Recorder	44.00
121460	5/13/2020	Verizon Wireless	497.91
121465	5/27/2020	USBWC	117,708.38
121466	5/27/2020	AFLAC	35.70
121467	5/27/2020	Ameritas Life Insurance	907.60

121468	5/27/2020	ABILA	186.64
121469	5/27/2020	Farm-Assist, Inc.	5,676.00
121470	5/27/2020	Frontier	379.82
121471	5/27/2020	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK	300.18
121472	5/27/2020	Mason Valley News	53.27
121473	5/27/2020	MBK Engineers	4,343.75
121474	5/27/2020	MF Barcellos	2,236.76
121475	5/27/2020	True Value	65.74
121476	5/27/2020	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	145.18
121477	5/27/2020	Power Plan	8,615.22
121478	5/27/2020	Purchase Power / Pitney	453.00
121479	5/27/2020	Alhambra	64.29
121480	5/27/2020	Standard Insurance	242.47
121481	5/27/2020	Vision Service Plan -	162.25
121482	5/27/2020	Woodburn & Wedge	40,495.00
121483	5/27/2020	Xerox Financial Services	139.44
121484	5/27/2020	HomeTown Health	7,244.09
121485	5/27/2020	Sierra Office Solutions	81.98
PAYROLL		PAYROLL	40,543.17

Total Bills & Payroll \$ 259,686.11

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

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised Topaz is currently 65% and Bridgeport is 61%. Leavitt Lake is the only location of any remaining snow with 17" of snow and 7.4" SWE. With the warmer weather, the snow was melting between 1-2" per day, but it should slow down with the expected cooldown. Once the decree is off full, GM BRYAN and Joanne will sit down and run the numbers; there may be potential for another reallocation on the West, Main and Tunnel sections.

For staff safety, a lobby was created in the front office. The shop crew installed a wall with two windows and a door to minimize the public access to the rest of the building. The lobby improvement complies with the Governor's restrictions but will also be beneficial when all restrictions are lifted. The public will be helped via the two windows and the door will be open only on meeting days.

The shop crew has completed the small projects on the Saroni and now we are waiting for the reimbursement money to come in.

The Smith Valley Conservation District sprayed the Topaz Gatehouse and spillway and will be starting on the Saroni. Once the Saroni is completed, the Colony Ditch and all drains will be sprayed. The Saroni will be de-mossing this coming Thursday.

GM BRYAN and legal counsel have begun working on the modifications to the District Well Regulation. He hopes to have an agenda item on July's meeting.

The District received the proposed changes from the State Engineer's Office. The changes seem small, but users are concerned about the deadlines. There will be a hearing later this month. If any Board members would like a copy of the proposal, it can be mailed, emailed, or picked up in person.

Director GIORGI asked what the rule is for decree water being dumped into the drains; GM BRYAN stated the water entering the drains is not to be interrupted on its path back to the river.

President SNYDER inquired about a wreck at the weir recently; GM BRYAN stated he heard about it after the fact that a car had driven into the river over the weekend, but no notifications were made to the District. GM BRYAN also stated NDEP potentially should have been notified, but he is not certain they were. President SNYDER asked if the District had any liability and should do something to limit access to the area; GM BRYAN stated the District does not have any liability because it does not own the weir and State Lands would have to put measures in place on their property. Blockades have been placed, but people go around or damage them.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel FERGUSON stated the State Engineer is proposing regulation modifications and there will be a hearing soon.

E. Review and Approval of the Monthly Storage Transfers.

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

F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN reported we are exactly where we were last month. We have received the petition, but it has not yet gotten into the courts or the State Engineer's Office. Counsel FERGUSON reported on June 5th, the California State Water Resources Control Board filed a report indicating approval of the District's temporary transfer petitions.

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

Wyatt FEREDAY emailed his update: 'Pumpage numbers through May were: Smith= 7,300 acre-feet and Mason= 15,280 acre-feet. Other updates: There were 9 non-functioning totalizing meters on irrigation wells when Kerry did his monthly run at the end of May. I sent letters out to each of the underground water right owners. Please pass the word along to check on your totalizing meters, replace batteries, etc. if you have a well. Kerry will be out checking irrigation wells as usual near the end of the month and will have a couple of field investigations to complete in June as well. We expect supplemental wells to be pumping this year; that is fine. But I have already sent a couple of over-pumping letters this season, so please be aware of your permitted groundwater duties.'

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 the Conservancy is running another auction. The District did email the notice to the mailing list.

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

Counsel FERGUSON advised he had a summary of the evaluation reports. Ratings are 1= unsatisfactory, 2= fair, 3= satisfactory, 4= good and 5= excellent. Six areas of performance were rated as follows:

- Job Knowledge 4.8
- Interaction/Communication 4.4
- Decision Making 4.8
- Planning/Organization 4.6
- Public Relations 4.8
- Work Environment/Safety 4.4
- Overall Performance 4.8

GM BRYAN's strength was identified as working with staff and public and the improvement recommendation was to improve safety awareness of employees.

Counsel FERGUSON advised there were salary increase recommendations from 3-10% but the average was not calculated. President SNYDER stated his recollection was that, assuming the evaluation was satisfactory, the salary was intended to increase 10% annually until it was in line with his peers' salary. President SNYDER asked GM BRYAN what his peers received as salary; GM BRYAN stated it depends on the area as figures were gathered a few years ago and they were all over the board starting in the \$120,000s. Treasurer NUTI stated he is okay with a 10% increase to keep on path.

Director GIORGI made a motion to give a 10% salary increase effective 5/2/2020; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Director Comments

None presented.

10. Public Comment

None presented.

11. Adjournment

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Director GIORGI offered a second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director