

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

**Present:**

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

**Public Present:**

Taylor Thomas, USBWC

**1. Public Comment**

None presented.

**2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

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

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting**

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

**4. Water Master's Report**

Taylor THOMAS reported the decree has dropped to Tribe only today on the West, and tomorrow on the East, Main and Tunnel. The total delivery for today is 211.73 cfs- West 72.14 storage, Tunnel 25.78 (1.69 decree and 24.09 storage), Main 58.58 (1.2 decree and 57.38 storage), and East 55.23 (4.48 decree and 50.75 storage). Director GIORGI asked when Antelope Valley would be shut off; Taylor advised it is today. She has received phone calls from users in Antelope Valley and they are figuring out ways to water sheep and cattle. There was a question of stock water availability, but that is not available until after the irrigation season.

**5. Staff Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Secretary HALTERMAN reported as of July 31, 2020:

Cash in Checking	\$ 189,003.36
Cash in Money Market	\$ 828,022.50
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 745,557.42</u>
Total	\$1,762,583.28

Secretary HALTERMAN advised the NFWF reimbursement has been received. There is currently just over \$353,000 in outstanding receivables including ditch bills, grants, etc.

**B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment**  
***July 2020 Bills & Payroll***

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
121533	7/7/2020	AFLAC	\$ 35.70
121534	7/7/2020	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 907.60
121535	7/7/2020	AT&T Mobility	\$ 115.83
121536	7/7/2020	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 30.50
121537	7/7/2020	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$ 347.50
121538	7/7/2020	Pape' Machinery Exchange	\$ 282,470.85
121539	7/7/2020	Pitney Bowes Global	\$ 212.02
121540	7/7/2020	Quill	\$ 1,518.70
121541	7/7/2020	Southwest Gas Corp	\$ 42.44
121542	7/7/2020	Standard Insurance Co	\$ 242.47
121543	7/7/2020	Vision Service Plan - NV	\$ 162.25
121544	7/7/2020	HomeTown Health	\$ 7,244.09
121545	7/7/2020	D & S Waste Removal	\$ 203.64
121546	7/7/2020	USI Insurance Services	\$ 16,687.84
121547	7/14/2020	ABILA	\$ 186.64
121548	7/14/2020	Gioni, Inc.	\$ 120.39
121549		VOID- PRINTING ERROR	VOID
121550	7/14/2020	Sticks and Stones	\$ 163.41
121551	7/14/2020	John Deere Credit	\$ 75.80
121552	7/14/2020	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK	\$ 71.98
121553	7/14/2020	Local Government	\$ 27.00
121554	7/14/2020	True Value	\$ 35.45
121555	7/14/2020	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$ 687.86
121556	7/14/2020	Power Plan	\$ 1,187.81
121557	7/14/2020	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$ 376.24
121558	7/14/2020	NV Energy	\$ 282.33
121559	7/14/2020	USBWC	\$ 9,044.00
121560	7/14/2020	Verizon Wireless	\$ 500.31
121561	7/14/2020	CALM Water Control Co.,	\$ 7,514.00
121562	7/14/2020	Charter Communications	\$ 209.23
121563	7/14/2020	Sierra Office Solutions	\$ 94.79
121564	7/14/2020	AT&T	\$ 151.48

121565	7/14/2020	Purchase Power / Pitney	\$	453.00
121567	7/29/2020	AFLAC	\$	35.70
121568	7/29/2020	ABILA	\$	186.64
121569	7/29/2020	AT&T Mobility	\$	116.22
121570	7/29/2020	Lyon County Treasurer	\$	3,760.08
121571	7/29/2020	MBK Engineers	\$	414.75
121572	7/29/2020	MF Barcellos	\$	3,323.85
121573	7/29/2020	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$	123.75
121574	7/29/2020	Cal Poly Corporation	\$	70,592.30
121575	7/29/2020	Alhambra	\$	376.46
121576	7/29/2020	Standard Insurance	\$	242.47
121577	7/29/2020	Tyres International	\$	218.85
121578	7/29/2020	U.S. Geological Survey	\$	14,762.33
121579	7/29/2020	Walker River Irrigation	\$	395.12
121580	7/29/2020	Woodburn & Wedge	\$	21,077.00
121581	7/29/2020	Xerox Financial Services	\$	139.44
121582	7/29/2020	City of Yerington	\$	157.79
121583	7/29/2020	HomeTown Health	\$	7,244.09
121584	7/29/2020	Desert Research Institute	\$	8,713.95
PAYROLL		JULY PAYROLL	\$	37,718.01
<b>Total Bills &amp; Payroll</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>501,001.95</b>

Secretary HALTERMAN advised the CalPoly bill breakdown was included in the packet. Director GIORGI 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 at 34% capacity (20,580 acre-feet) and Bridgeport is at 37% capacity (15,880 acre-feet). Bridgeport has 8,658 acre-feet and Topaz has 9,516 acre-feet yet to service; neither reservoir is in the red and both are in good shape, but the water is going fast.

The shop crew had continued with repairs and maintenance. The work on the drains has completed and large sections of the East/Main and Wabuska/West Drains were cleaned. The Wabuska Drain was cleaned extensively from Luzier to Campbell and from the Railroad Crossing to the confluence. Some of the Masini laterals were cleaned as well. The excavators have been moved to Smith Valley in preparation for cleaning of the Colony Ditch once the water has been shut off. After the Colony cleaning, there are multiple projects on the Saroni in accordance with the BOR grant and an NRCS grant for the Nuti/Fenili/Weaver takeout.

On Wednesday there was a Saroni Canal Advisory Board meeting to make a game plan on the repairs and maintenance this winter. The off season is already booked

up, so private ditch company projects may not be addressed until late January/early February.

We have finally gotten in contact with contractors for the Bridgeport Gatehouse repairs. Syblon Reid contacted us yesterday and will be submitting a quote soon. Another company has been contacted for a quote as well, but they are out of Denver. Once both quotes are received, GM BRYAN will bring them to the Board. GM BRYAN hopes to have the repairs completed in October as the project will not impede the flows or reservoir operations.

Frank McDonough from DRI's cloud seeding program contacted the District last week and advised the State of Nevada did not approve any funding for the program but the ground equipment and solution is available. The District has budgeted \$31,000 for the last several years, and that would be enough to run the ground operations this winter to boost the snowpack.

Director GIORGI asked if the Bridgeport Marina was dry yet; GM BRYAN stated he drove by last week and there appeared to be enough water to get boats in and out of the area just fine. Director GIORGI asked if John Peters had contacted the District yet; GM BRYAN stated he had not, but the Walker Basin Conservancy had inquired whether the lower levels would impact their second lease auction deliveries. GM BRYAN stated the water is still being utilized within the District so it should be just fine.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel DePAOLI did not have anything to report this month.

**E. Review and Approval of the Monthly Storage Transfers.**

Director GIORGI inquired whether all the NFWF water was assigned; GM BRYAN stated the Conservancy has been sending the transfers over as the agreements are executed, but there have not been any in a few days. Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the transfers; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

**F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update**

GM BRYAN stated we are waiting to hear from the Court. Counsel DePAOLI did contact the Court to see if they needed anything from the District. There were comments received from the Walker River Paiute Tribe and US Board of Water Commissioners requesting more information during the Program, but those comments would not impede the process.

**G. FY 2019-2020 Audit Update**

Secretary HALTERMAN advised there has not been any progress on the audit as there was a short break due to the tax season being extended to July 15<sup>th</sup> and Secretary HALTERMAN working on other projects. The post-fiscal year duties should be resuming soon.

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

Secretary HALTERMAN read Wyatt FEREDAY's emailed update:

'The groundwater pumpage totals through July were 16,590 acre-feet for Smith Valley and 42,337 acre-feet for Mason Valley.' Director GIORGI asked if there was any mention of over pumping; Secretary HALTERMAN stated there was no mention of it.

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

Secretary HALTERMAN stated she spoke to Silas this morning and he did not have an update this month but will have one next month.

**8. Director Comments**

None presented.

**9. Public Comment**

None presented.

**10. Adjournment**

Vice President MASINI made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Director GIORGI offered a second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

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Jim Snyder, President

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Marcus Masini, Vice President

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ABSENT  
Richard Nuti, Treasurer

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Dennis Acciari, Director

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David Giorgi, Director