

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on October 10, 2017. 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
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Marcus MASINI	Director
Bridget BANTA	Secretary
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DEPAOLI	Legal Counsel
Joanne SARKISIAN	Water Master
Jessica SMITH	Bookkeeper

**Public Present:**

George Lindesmith	Wayne Bull	Silas Adams	Joy Morris
Jim Sciarani			

1. **Public Comment:**

None Presented

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

All 5 members present.

3. **Consideration of Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Regular meeting.**

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2017 regular meeting. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

4. **Water Master's Report:**

Water Master Joanne SARKISIAN advised she was able to go back to full decree in September. She has just lowered it today and tomorrow to the 1875 on the West and 1884 on the East and Main. She thanked everyone for the help at the weir. She requested to seal the holes in the radials while they are all the way up. There are some rust spots and she would like to see it fixed. SARKISIAN advised several gages were lost the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Between Mason, Snyder, and all the way to Wabuska there are no gages. Treasurer NUTI advised it would pay to enter conversations with the county and city along with WRID and USBWC to share the cost of the gages. Treasurer NUTI also suggested engaging Mono County and the Bridgeport Ranchers Organization (BRO) for funding upstream. GM BRYAN advised BRO was talking about bringing up the funding to Senator Heller regarding the gages.

**5. Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI gave the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2017:

Cash in Checking	\$73,391.02
Cash in Money Market	\$1,608,857.59
Cash in CD's	\$1,240,611.33
TOTAL	\$2,922,859.94

**B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.**

***September 2017 Bills & Payroll***

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
119797	9/5/2017	Champion Chevrolet	31,072.25
119798	9/5/2017	Champion Chevrolet	28,941.25
119799	9/6/2017	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	276.50
119800	9/7/2017	Jim Menesini Petroleum	1,192.37
119801	9/7/2017	Cal Poly Corporation	67,475.90
119802	9/7/2017	NV Energy	245.70
119803	9/7/2017	Desert Engineering	172.44
119804	9/7/2017	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	235.50
119805	9/7/2017	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	2,810.92
119806	9/7/2017	Mason Valley Equipment	111.06
119807	9/7/2017	MF Barcellos	2,403.63
119808	9/7/2017	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	18.95
119809	9/14/2017	AFLAC	265.93
119810	9/14/2017	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	1,220.60
119811	9/14/2017	Farm-Assist, Inc.	10,230.00
119812	9/14/2017	Frontier	275.77
119813	9/14/2017	Giomi, Inc.	405.66
119814	9/14/2017	High Desert Internet	174.95
119815	9/14/2017	Intermountain Supply Co	298.88
119816	9/14/2017	AT&T	130.81
119817	9/14/2017	AT&T Mobility	335.91
119818	9/14/2017	John Deere Credit	51.27
119819	9/14/2017	Les Schwab Tire Center	357.98
119820	9/14/2017	Lyon County Recorder	29.87
119821	9/14/2017	Nevada Energy Systems, Inc.	1,950.50

119822	9/14/2017	Public Employees' Benefits Program	803.29
119823	9/14/2017	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	150.00
119824	9/14/2017	Sciarani & Co.	10,000.00
119825	9/14/2017	NV Energy	39.44
119826	9/14/2017	Southwest Gas Corporation	38.22
119827	9/14/2017	Verizon Wireless	270.24
119828	9/14/2017	Yerington, City of	128.96
119829	9/14/2017	CT Corp.	358.00
119830	9/14/2017	Desert Research Institute	3,134.74
119831	9/14/2017	Silver State Industries	314.79
119832	9/25/2017	USBWC	144,477.15
119833	9/25/2017	Arigoni, Robert	1,685.00
119834	9/25/2017	BERKLEYNET	1,330.00
119835	9/25/2017	Mono County Tax Collector	35,810.24
119836	9/25/2017	True Value	97.96
119837	9/25/2017	Power Plan	15,089.02
119838	9/25/2017	Alhambra	9.23
119839	9/25/2017	Standard Insurance Company	219.96
119840	9/25/2017	U.S. Geological Survey	3,757.00
119841	9/25/2017	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	206.46
119842	9/25/2017	Wild West Chevrolet	242.63
119843	9/25/2017	Xerox Financial Services	139.44
119844	9/25/2017	HomeTown Health	6,648.88
119845	9/25/2017	D & S Waste Removal	194.04
119846	9/25/2017	PERS Administrative Fund	6,015.55
119847	9/26/2017	Petty Cash	139.26
119848	9/26/2017	Quill	355.40
119849	9/26/2017	Wells Fargo Card Services	3,736.68
4793	9/15/2017	Bridget A. Banta	1,299.08
4794	9/15/2017	Jesus Cervantes	1,310.29
4795	9/15/2017	Oscar Cortez	1,267.04
4796	9/15/2017	James Martens	1,457.99
4797	9/15/2017	Scott Robinson	221.64
4798	9/15/2017	Jessica A. Smith	1,222.42
4799	9/15/2017	Justin L. Toebe	306.06
4800	9/15/2017	Lupe Wagner	1,088.87
4801	9/29/2017	Robert A. Arigoni	1,281.42
4802	9/29/2017	Bridget A. Banta	1,179.91
4803	9/29/2017	Robert C. Bryan	5,464.38



4804	9/29/2017	Jesus Cervantes	1,195.19
4805	9/29/2017	Oscar Cortez	1,151.85
4806	9/29/2017	Maria Cruz	451.49
4807	9/29/2017	Joseph E. Huggans	776.48
4808	9/29/2017	James Martens	1,167.78
4809	9/29/2017	Jason R. Milligan	2,771.32
4810	9/29/2017	Ronald Murray	1,239.60
4811	9/29/2017	Scott Robinson	1,717.25
4812	9/29/2017	Jessica A. Smith	1,061.80
4813	9/29/2017	Donald Swan	645.72
4814	9/29/2017	Cynthia Tibbals	1,593.32
4815	9/29/2017	Justin L. Toebe	1,463.65
4816	9/29/2017	Lupe Wagner	992.95
ECHECK2	9/25/2017	The Solar Biz	12,484.05
ECHECK3	9/27/2017	The Solar Biz	70.00
<b>Total Bills &amp; Payroll</b>			<b>430,957.73</b>

Director MASINI asked about the solar panels. GM BRYAN advised it was for the automated sites. WRID had to upgrade the solar panels for the automated sites including the batteries. Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the bills and payroll. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**C. Manager's Report:**

GM BRYAN advised Topaz currently has 39,090-acre feet, or 65% of capacity and Bridgeport has 30,570-acre feet, or 72% of capacity. GM BRYAN is attempting to get a presentation for the current weather and snow pack situation from the National Weather Service. Tim Beardsley will be here to give a presentation for the board. NDOW contacted GM BRYAN and advised a biologist in Fallon is doing a study on the East fork of the river. There will be some water released for the study but nothing too much. The study will take place in November and there was no indication on when the study would be complete. GM BRYAN went over the Honker Ranch of application to the permanent change of use from water righted ground to non-water righted ground. The application and map are on file and available for anyone to view. There will be a hearing at the next board meeting on November 7. Treasurer NUTI requested to know where they are changing it to. GM BRYAN advised they hold reserved water from Dr. Fry and would like to move it to the Honker Ranch south of Director ACCIARI's property. On September 18, the annual board meeting for the Saroni was held and they went over the projects and the progress for the upcoming off season. The project they would like to kick off is the Water Smart grant funded pipeline project above Mr. Burns' property. We are waiting on a study and unable to make any purchases until the study is complete. On September 27, GM BRYAN gave a presentation for the Nevada Resources Association regarding the 2017 runoff and flood mitigation. He informed everyone there are links on the website and suggested everyone to watch the drone coverage of the Walker River. GM BRYAN stated a couple weeks ago the County, and yesterday, the City of Yerington filed a resolution directing the state of Nevada to clean up sedimentation along the Walker River per the Governor's request. The

equipment crew is currently staged in Topaz and Antelope Valley repairing washes and bringing in rocks. The annual dam inspections will be on Monday, November 6, 2017 with the State of Nevada and the State of California. When the crew is finished, they will be stationed in Smith Valley. GM BRYAN advised an expert for the dredge was here yesterday. He has been able to start the dredge a few times. The expert gave advice about the location of the dredge and how to run it better in the future.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report:**

Counsel DEPAOLI advised he did not have any reports to give.

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

GM BRYAN advised they are trying to clean up all accounts and the balances need to be in the positive. GM BRYAN advised it is not entirely the ditch rider's responsibility to keep track of the balance. It is the user's responsibility to know how much water they have been allocated and how much they have used. If you have an account that is at zero or in the negative and you call for water, do not be upset when the water is not ordered. Vice President GIORGI made a motion to approve the storage transfers. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

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

Joy Morris advised Lee Davis no longer works for the Walker Basin Conservancy. They are currently hiring several positions. She advised they are having an auction online. It will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. She advised they are working close with the state on East Walker with the revegetation. Morris advised they will be getting the stock water paperwork to the water master.

**7. Review and Consideration of FY 2016-2017 Audit Report by Sciarani & Co.**

Jim Sciarani advised he was present for any questions regarding the audit. Director MASINI made a motion to approve the FY 2016-2017 Audit Report by Sciarani & CO. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and consideration of resolution establishing the District office hours for the non-irrigation season of November 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.**

GM BRYAN suggested to keep the office hours the same for the non-irrigation season. Director ACCIARI made a motion to keep the same office hours of 7:30 AM-3:30 PM permanently. Vice President GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**9. Authorize the District Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with MBK Engineers to provide services necessary to prepare Inundation Maps needed to prepare Emergency Action Plans for Topaz and Bridgeport Dams, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, or, alternatively, authorize the District Manager to initiate the procurement of these services from another professional engineering firm or entity.**



GM BRYAN advised the district has been put on notice much more recently regarding the Emergency Action Plan (EAP). He advised because of the dam failure in Northern Nevada and in Orville, CA, both agencies are requiring the EAP's sooner rather than later. GM BRYAN presented quotes from MBK and the total they are quoting is \$120,800 for both Topaz and Bridgeport reservoirs. The final report would be filed with California and Nevada Safety of Dams. The inundation mapping is the most expensive part of the EAP. It will show a very detailed model of a sunny day breach and a rainy-day breach of the dams. GM BRYAN advised the State of California and Nevada have indicated they will fine WRID if we do not make progress toward filing an EAP. Treasurer NUTI asked if this EAP study would indicate whether the Topaz Spillway was safe or not. GM BRYAN advised it is not included in the study. The EAP will help the community plan as well when flooding may occur from a breach. President SNYDER requested if there was any reason to obtain another quote from another engineering firm. GM BRYAN advised it will have to be an engineering firm that can work in California and Nevada. GM BRYAN advised he can attempt to get further quotes if the Board directs him to do so. He advised it is difficult to find another firm to stamp their liability stamp on the EAP. GM BRYAN advised this is something where the board should not wait much longer. Counsel DEPAOLI advised the EAP, as far as California is concerned must be filed by 2021. The mapping must be submitted to California for them to approve it. If California does not approve it, the EAP will not be allowed to be filed. Treasurer NUTI requested to know if MBK was the consultant we worked with for the spring runoff and the direction on releases and if GM BRYAN was happy with their people and the work they have provided. GM BRYAN advised WRID has been working with MBK for decades and he is happy with their work and the employees. Treasurer NUTI confirmed MBK was licensed in both Nevada and California. GM BRYAN advised that is correct. Treasurer NUTI suggested to get going with the project. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to negotiate and execute a contract with MBK Engineers to provide services necessary to prepare Inundation Maps needed to prepare Emergency Action Plans for Topaz and Bridgeport Dams, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. Vice President GIORGI requested to know where the money was going to come from for the EAP. GM BRYAN advised it would come from the Reservoir Fund; Fund 11. GM BRYAN advised it is going to be tight, but he will sit down with Bookkeeper SMITH and go over the numbers. GM BRYAN advised they will have to come back to the budget for next year regarding the reservoir fund. Treasurer NUTI advised there may be potential in looking for other grants. GM BRYAN advised he is hoping there will be some reimbursement from FEMA and flood mitigation efforts. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**10. Director Comments:**

Treasurer NUTI requested to know if James would be able to do some of the research for the EAP and other projects to save the district money. GM BRYAN advised he is planning on using James to gather individual measurements for all users within the irrigation district. Treasurer NUTI suggested WRID put in measuring devices within the river. GM BRYAN advised USGS has someone come out every 6 weeks to rate the gages. The cost is high to integrate between gathering the information and uploading it to everyone. Treasurer NUTI requested to know the cost. GM BRYAN advised the measuring device USGS uses are bubblers that push out air to measure the amount of water is flowing. The collection of the

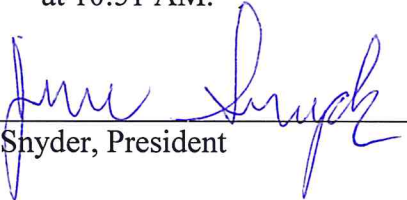
data is the most expensive. Someone would have to have someone engineering and re-engineering the device and WRID does not have that kind of staff. WRID can have another measuring device if a flume is built the entire length of the channel to be able to communicate with Scada.

**11. Public Comment:**


None presented.

**12. Adjournment:**

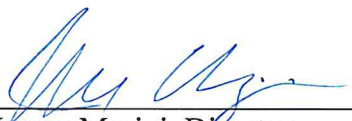
Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM.

  
Jim Snyder, President

  
David Giorgi, Vice President

  
Richard Nuti, Treasurer

  
Dennis Acciari, Director

  
Marcus Masini, Director