

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on August 7, 2024. 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
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Counsel DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

**Public Present:**

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC	Kat Dow, WBC
Lauren Bartels, NDWR		

**Public Present via Zoom:**

None

**1. Public Comment**

None presented.

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

Treasurer NUTI was absent.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting**

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

**4. Water Master's Report**

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 27,900 acre-feet (66% capacity) and Topaz was at 41,030 acre-feet (68% capacity). The releases are 300cfs from each reservoir and include the Stored Water Leasing Program water. The Program water releases started on July 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue for a few more weeks. Joanne stated the decree will change tomorrow to 1864 on the West, and on Friday the Tunnel will change to 1864 and the East and Main will change to 1868. President SNYDER asked how much Program water was included in the East releases; Joanne stated there was just under 100cfs of Program water.

**5. Staff Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Secretary HALTERMAN reported as of July 31, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 186,744.96
Cash in Money Market	\$ 955,852.94
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$1,900,166.14

**B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment**  
**Cash Disbursement Journals**  
**July 2024 Bills & Payroll**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Spectrum Business	300091	07/01/2024	\$ 237.99
Champion Chevrolet	101035	07/02/2024	\$ 63,824.25
Vision Service Plan -	300088	07/05/2024	\$ 171.48
Verizon Wireless	300092	07/08/2024	\$ 262.37
City of Yerington	101036	07/08/2024	\$ 242.77
D & S Waste Removal	101037	07/08/2024	\$ 203.64
Decision Support Tech	101038	07/08/2024	\$ 711.00
Desert Research Institute	101039	07/08/2024	\$ 17,446.28
Farm-Assist, Inc.	101040	07/08/2024	\$ 73,729.70
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101041	07/08/2024	\$ 481.77
Local Government EMRB	101042	07/08/2024	\$ 21.00
Mason Valley Tire	101043	07/08/2024	\$ 30.00
NV Energy	101044	07/08/2024	\$ 386.24
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101045	07/08/2024	\$ 17,136.00
Pitney Bowes Global	101046	07/08/2024	\$ 213.42
Purchase Power / Pitney	101047	07/08/2024	\$ 200.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101048	07/08/2024	\$ 93.67
Smith Valley Conservation	101049	07/08/2024	\$ 3,102.78
Southwest Gas Corporation	101050	07/08/2024	\$ 45.61
Standard Insurance Co	101051	07/08/2024	\$ 211.21
Vision Service Plan -	101052	07/08/2024	\$ 171.48
HomeTown Health	300089	07/11/2024	\$ 7,212.61
PrimePay	300090	07/11/2024	\$ 208.00
Ameritas Life Insurance	101053	07/11/2024	\$ 1,025.40
Associated Concrete	101054	07/11/2024	\$ 2,264.90
FEDEX	101055	07/11/2024	\$ 1,154.65
Giomi, Inc.	101056	07/11/2024	\$ 145.05
John Deere Credit	101057	07/11/2024	\$ 8.97

Lyon County Recorder	101058	07/11/2024	\$	19.50
MF Barcellos	101059	07/11/2024	\$	3,060.74
NV Energy	101060	07/11/2024	\$	36.30
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101061	07/11/2024	\$	40.16
Public Employees' Benefits	101062	07/11/2024	\$	870.23
THE PARTS HOUSE	101063	07/11/2024	\$	207.52
True Value	101064	07/11/2024	\$	172.88
USBWC	101065	07/11/2024	\$	9,310.00
Xerox Corporation	101066	07/11/2024	\$	224.62
Xerox Financial Services	101067	07/11/2024	\$	30.22
JASON MILLIGAN	101068	07/11/2024	\$	1,590.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101069	07/11/2024	\$	1,590.00
Vision Service Plan	300102	07/22/2024	\$	171.48
Nevada Public Agency	300101	07/23/2024	\$	5,141.25
U.S. Geological Survey	300093	07/24/2024	\$	16,683.33
Nevada Division of Water	300098	07/24/2024	\$	4,130.00
Spectrum Business	300095	07/29/2024	\$	237.99
CSC	101070	07/31/2024	\$	175.00
Desert Research Institute	101071	07/31/2024	\$	5,065.51
JASON MILLIGAN	101072	07/31/2024	\$	2,920.00
MBK Engineers	101073	07/31/2024	\$	6,618.25
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101074	07/31/2024	\$	14,929.74
Power Plan	101075	07/31/2024	\$	16,936.63
Quill	101076	07/31/2024	\$	951.87
SCOTT ROBINSON	101077	07/31/2024	\$	2,920.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101078	07/31/2024	\$	53.10
Smith Valley Conservation	101079	07/31/2024	\$	580.67
Standard Insurance Co	101080	07/31/2024	\$	211.21
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101081	07/31/2024	\$	31.49
The Ferraro Group	101082	07/31/2024	\$	7,500.00
USI Insurance Services	101083	07/31/2024	\$	23,721.65
Woodburn & Wedge	101084	07/31/2024	\$	37,102.00
YSI Incorporated	101085	07/31/2024	\$	12,400.00
Marriott Construction	101086	07/31/2024	\$	2,299.00
Payroll		07/15/2024	\$	8,707.34
EFTPS		07/15/2024	\$	1,333.07
Payroll		07/31/2024	\$	30,721.50
EFTPS		07/31/2024	\$	7,861.09

<b>TOTAL BILLS &amp; PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>417,497.58</b>
NFWF Submission	\$	(97,474.03)
<b>Total District Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>320,023.55</b>

Director GIORGI asked if the Champion Chevrolet payment was for the new truck; GM BRYAN stated it was for the truck included in the approved budget. President SNYDER asked what the Farm Assist bill was for; GM BRYAN stated it is for a year’s worth of de-mossing chemical for the Saroni (18 barrels) and the Colony (7 barrels). President SNYDER asked how many acres were on each canal; GM BRYAN stated the Saroni is approximately 4,000 acres and the Colony is approximately 7,000 acres.

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

**C. Manager’s Report**

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 68% capacity with 41,050 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 66% capacity with 27,900 acre-feet. There is a steady decrease in the pools since the decree has fallen out, the storage demand has increasing, and the Stored Water Leasing Program has begun. The decrease trend will continue through the season.

The shop crew has continued to work on routine repairs and maintenance. They are currently working on the West Drain north of the Cremetti Ranch clearing the drain and easement road. There have been problems with residents in the area. The District has been in contact with Lyon County Sheriff Office, Yerington Police Department, and Lyon County Code Enforcement. The District is taking precautions to ensure nothing happens to staff while working in the area.

The ITRC students were here from July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>. They performed measurements and surveying for the Conveyance Loss Study as well as the NRCS drain pipeline through the Colony and Napa/WWC drains.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, GM BRYAN participated in the second City of Yerington Masterplan meeting. The City is in the process of updating their Masterplan and GM BRYAN will provide updates as they are available.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, GM BRYAN participated in the stakeholder meeting of the Nevada State Water Plan committee. There are a few more meetings from now until the end of the year, and GM BRYAN will provide updates as they are available. The plan is to have a finalized water plan in 2025.

GM BRYAN has been asked to speak to the Smith Valley Rotary group tomorrow in Smith Valley. The residents are concerned with water conservation and savings.

GM BRYAN and Lauren Bartels from NDWR will be doing a presentation on last year's water year vs this year's water year. The presentation will also include the volunteer efforts made by farmers in both valleys.

GM BRYAN reported that Nevada Copper has filed for bankruptcy. They are current with the District's lease requirements with the next payment due in December. The District has received correspondence regarding an asset auction that will take place in September in New York City. The District has been in communication with Counsel DePAOLI and will continue to work with him on the future of the lease. The lease may need to be a future agenda item.

GM BRYAN reminded everyone that the ITRC Flow Measurement class will be held here from September 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be field practice, demonstrations from USGS, and this year there will be instruction and practice on measuring discharge at the District well.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel DePAOLI reported the court has set a hearing on the joint motion to approve the stipulation for November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Reno for the US Walker River Paiute Tribe case. The responses are due on September 30<sup>th</sup> and depending on what the responses are, comments are due on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update**

GM BRYAN stated the Stored Water Leasing Program began on July 26<sup>th</sup> on both reservoirs. To date, 1162cfs (2300 acre-feet) has been released and 982cfs (1945 acre-feet) has reached Wabuska. The program will be operating for the next several weeks as there was approximately 15,600 acre-feet enrolled in the program.

**F. Storage Water Transfers**

Director GIORGI asked when the cutoff date for reservoir-to-reservoir transfers was; GM BRYAN stated the date was in May but there are other ways to transfer water. Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the transfers from June; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

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

Lauren BARTELS reminded everyone to report the meter readings even if the wells are not being used. Lauren will be in the area doing meter readings next week.

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

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that to date, approximately 5,000 acre-feet has made it to Walker Lake. The lake level did decline when the decree dropped off, but it has started to rise again with the storage and program water. There will be a fundraiser on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Mormon Station.

8. **Consider and possibly approve the disposal/sale of one piece of equipment and four used District owned vehicles, 1993 John Deere 790E Long Reach Excavator FF790EL010533, 2000 Ford Ranger VIN: 1FT7R10C3YPC02441, 1997 Ford F 250 VIN: 3ftfh26h1vma53479, 1997 Chevy Silverado 3500 VIN: 1GBHK34R4VF055339, and 1973 Kenworth Transport VIN: 129396, pursuant to NRS Chapter 332.**

GM BRYAN stated just as in the past, the District has items that are no longer in service or use within the District. Past auctions have been in accordance with the NRS. There are four vehicles and one piece of equipment that need repair but are still operable and that are being proposed to be auctioned. Director GIORGI asked if anyone could look at the items; GM BRYAN stated anyone is welcome to look. The bidding process will be the same as in the past- an interested party will need to come to the office and submit a handwritten, sealed bid. The bids will be opened on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Any items or equipment that are not bid on, will be retained, and may be sold on eBay or other platforms.

Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the auction of the above items; Director GIORGI 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; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

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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