

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on December 9, 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, via Zoom
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director, via phone
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Kat Dow, WBC	Jodi Roan, NDWR
Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD	Melania Sagi, SV/MVCD

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC

1. Public Comment

Ed RYAN introduced the new Conservation District Manager, Melania Sagi.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present with Vice President MASINI on Zoom and Director ACCIARI on the phone.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

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

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 17,340 acre-feet (41% capacity) and Topaz was 19,130 acre-feet (32% capacity). Since November 1st, 3,490 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport and 3,810 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz. Stock water is being delivered on all sections of the river with a total demand of 41cfs.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of November 30, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 134,573.99
Cash in Money Market	\$1,492,077.32
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 790,888.10</u>
Total	\$2,417,539.41

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

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
208 Investments, LLC	101211	11/04/2024	\$ 1,594.55
Albert S Bozsik Jr	101212	11/04/2024	\$ 2,958.85
AUDREY GLOCK	101213	11/04/2024	\$ 212.24
BRUCE VOGEL	101214	11/04/2024	\$ 2,058.37
CAROL TIBBALS	101215	11/04/2024	\$ 27,887.09
CHARLES LOVE	101216	11/04/2024	\$ 900.52
CHASE WALDEN	101217	11/04/2024	\$ 356.97
CRAIG MILLER	101218	11/04/2024	\$ 2,940.00
CREMETTI LANE PROPERTIES	101219	11/04/2024	\$ 3,859.43
Curtis Family Trust	101220	11/04/2024	\$ 12,507.19
David H Roots	101221	11/04/2024	\$ 1,739.13
DAVID KERR	101222	11/04/2024	\$ 588.00
DAVID LYON	101223	11/04/2024	\$ 2,572.97
DEBRA BOWMAN	101224	11/04/2024	\$ 766.72
Dennis Hellwinkel	101225	11/04/2024	\$ 243.15
DENNIS MILLER	101226	11/04/2024	\$ 9,005.40
DGHP, Inc	101227	11/04/2024	\$ 4,744.57
DON GABLE JR	101228	11/04/2024	\$ 672.23
DOUGLAS HERNANDEZ	101229	11/04/2024	\$ 4,116.00
EDWARD FERRANTO	101230	11/04/2024	\$ 12,669.30
Four G LLC	101231	11/04/2024	\$ 38,433.74
GANSBERG RANCH LLC	101232	11/04/2024	\$ 66,150.00
GARRET DOUGLAS	101233	11/04/2024	\$ 337.00
GARY SILVA	101234	11/04/2024	\$ 259.82
George Petersen	101235	11/04/2024	\$ 1,299.35
GREG SMITH	101236	11/04/2024	\$ 1,530.90
GT2021 LLC	101237	11/04/2024	\$ 61.90
HARDESTY FAMILY TRUST	101238	11/04/2024	\$ 645.95
JAMES BIRKEY	101239	11/04/2024	\$ 1,402.25
JAMES MABE	101240	11/04/2024	\$ 2,940.00
JEFF J RIFE	101241	11/04/2024	\$ 5,029.94
JENNIFER ANN LAPORTE	101242	11/04/2024	\$ 968.72

JIM DECHAMBEAU	101243	11/04/2024	\$	480.50
JOAN WILDER	101244	11/04/2024	\$	3,859.46
JOHN ALEXANDER	101245	11/04/2024	\$	270.16
JOHN R SCHERSCHEL	101246	11/04/2024	\$	667.67
JONATHAN K BODENSTEIN	101247	11/04/2024	\$	389.76
KATHY BLACKFORD	101248	11/04/2024	\$	7,718.91
Kris Johnson	101249	11/04/2024	\$	221.90
LAST HURRAH RANCH INC	101250	11/04/2024	\$	102,903.76
LAURA BELL	101251	11/04/2024	\$	1,286.49
Laurie Evangelista	101252	11/04/2024	\$	5,145.94
LYON COUNTY	101253	11/04/2024	\$	7,601.43
MARIO & TAWNIA HERNAND	101254	11/04/2024	\$	127.45
MARK GOLDEN	101255	11/04/2024	\$	5,145.00
Melissa Starks	101256	11/04/2024	\$	1,114.08
PATRICIA LUCHETTI	101257	11/04/2024	\$	921.10
PAUL FRY	101258	11/04/2024	\$	7,613.66
PAUL SANTOS	101259	11/04/2024	\$	594.34
PETER CONGDON	101260	11/04/2024	\$	3,099.79
PETER PEARSON	101261	11/04/2024	\$	5,145.44
Pope Valley Ranching NV LLC	101262	11/04/2024	\$	156,055.80
R.N. FULSTONE COMPANY INC	101263	11/04/2024	\$	37,262.96
Richard D Roberson	101264	11/04/2024	\$	198.74
RICHARD RAMSEY	101265	11/04/2024	\$	555.75
ROBERT COOPER	101266	11/04/2024	\$	17,958.02
ROBERT GARRETT	101267	11/04/2024	\$	1,286.49
ROGER FAWCETT	101268	11/04/2024	\$	613.64
Ronald J Bath	101269	11/04/2024	\$	928.82
Sandra K Marriott	101270	11/04/2024	\$	2,367.32
SECOND MILE LLC	101271	11/04/2024	\$	485.81
SHAWN STAVANG	101272	11/04/2024	\$	8,821.88
STEPHEN COE	101273	11/04/2024	\$	964.83
STEVEN A FULSTONE	101274	11/04/2024	\$	28,818.97
Ted L Fitzpatrick	101275	11/04/2024	\$	463.12
THE QUAIL NEST TRUST	101276	11/04/2024	\$	2,094.96
THERESA YORK	101277	11/04/2024	\$	3,297.87
THOMAS CONNOLLY	101278	11/04/2024	\$	605.90

Todd T Brethauer	101279	11/04/2024	\$	3,848.18
WALKER LAKE WORKING GP	101280	11/04/2024	\$	1,347.52
Wesley A Smith	101281	11/04/2024	\$	25,333.83
WHISPERING RIVER RANCH	101282	11/04/2024	\$	3,924.53
WILLIAM M VIRDIN	101283	11/04/2024	\$	3,207.95
William Stone	101284	11/04/2024	\$	2,625.70
Zachary Roots	101285	11/04/2024	\$	1,739.13
AT&T	300125	11/13/2024	\$	86.20
Verizon Wireless	300124	11/13/2024	\$	245.92
PrimePay	300121	11/13/2024	\$	237.62
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101286	11/15/2024	\$	1,025.40
City of Yerington	101287	11/15/2024	\$	156.51
Desert Research Institute	101288	11/15/2024	\$	16,280.33
Giomi, Inc.	101289	11/15/2024	\$	753.37
Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	101290	11/15/2024	\$	1,956.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101291	11/15/2024	\$	2,640.00
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101292	11/15/2024	\$	395.08
John Deere Credit	101293	11/15/2024	\$	114.78
Lyon County Recorder	101294	11/15/2024	\$	82.43
MBK Engineers	101295	11/15/2024	\$	1,171.25
NV Energy	101296	11/15/2024	\$	592.71
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101297	11/15/2024	\$	69.97
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101298	11/15/2024	\$	8,568.00
PERS Administrative Fund	101299	11/15/2024	\$	11,387.49
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101300	11/15/2024	\$	650.65
SCOTT ROBINSON	101301	11/15/2024	\$	2,640.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101302	11/15/2024	\$	124.76
Southwest Gas Corporation	101303	11/15/2024	\$	60.23
Standard Insurance Company	101304	11/15/2024	\$	422.42
THE PARTS HOUSE	101305	11/15/2024	\$	518.31
Wells Fargo Card Services	101306	11/15/2024	\$	2,215.34
Western Nevada Supply Co	101307	11/15/2024	\$	21.65
Xerox Corporation	101308	11/15/2024	\$	257.98
Xerox Financial Services	101309	11/15/2024	\$	30.22
Verizon Wireless	300123	11/18/2024	\$	250.94
California Department of Tax	101310	11/25/2024	\$	12,744.00

Desert Engineering	101311	11/25/2024	\$	1,445.91
Desert Research Institute	101312	11/25/2024	\$	15,585.94
Hoof Beat Gates & Corrals LLC	101313	11/25/2024	\$	368.00
MacLeod Watts Inc	101314	11/25/2024	\$	3,500.00
MF Barcellos	101315	11/25/2024	\$	4,031.67
Mono County Tax Collector	101316	11/25/2024	\$	40,841.68
Quill	101317	11/25/2024	\$	67.15
The Ferraro Group	101318	11/25/2024	\$	7,500.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101319	11/25/2024	\$	38,192.50
USBWC	101320	11/25/2024	\$	93,072.82
JASON MILLIGAN	101321	11/25/2024	\$	2,720.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101322	11/25/2024	\$	2,720.00
Spectrum Business	300120	11/27/2024	\$	237.99
Hometown Health	300122	11/26/2024	\$	8,012.57
Payroll		11/15/2024	\$	9,822.96
EFTPS		11/15/2024	\$	1,518.05
Payroll		11/30/2024	\$	20,952.91
EFTPS		11/30/2024	\$	3,876.63
		Subtotal	\$	990,733.15
		NFWF Submission	\$	(728,726.01)
		Total District Expenses	\$	262,007.14

Vice President MASINI asked for clarification on Jason & Scott's payments; GM BRYAN stated they transitioned to independent contractors at the beginning of the calendar year. They are doing piece work and bill the District directly for the work; they are not on the payroll. Vice President MASINI asked if they receive 1099s; GM BRYAN stated they do.

President SNYDER asked who Pope Valley Ranching was; GM BRYAN stated it is Scott Dickson who owns property on Day Lane & Lower Colony in Smith Valley.

Secretary HALTERMAN stated the reimbursement for the leasing program has been received from NFWF.

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

C. **Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 32% capacity with 19,130 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 41% capacity with 17,340 acre-feet. Topaz has stored

approximately 3830 acre-feet since November 1st and Bridgeport has stored approximately 3500 acre-feet. The snowpack is 92% of the average for the date. SNOTEL range from 7" to 30" of snow. Anticipating the storm door to open over the weekend as about a week ago the snowpack was 130% of average.

The shop crew is doing repair and maintenance on the drains and reservoirs. They have begun the off-season project of placing pipe in the West Drain from Bridge Street to South Street, and north from Goldfield Ave to the Nichol-Merritt Ditch between Napa and Wild West Chevrolet. The District is working with the City of Yerington, Lyon County, and Peri & Sons for material, labor, and equipment. The hope is that the drain can be opened up by March 1st. Pipe will start to be delivered this Wednesday and will hopefully be fully delivered by the end of the year.

The Colony Ditch annual meeting was held on November 21st and went well. The users provided a budget recommendation that will be brought to the Board with the annual budget.

On December 3rd, District staff had a roundtable meeting with Lyon County Building & Planning to discuss the zone change requirements on the piece of District owned property south of Mason. There have been discussions with board members and City of Yerington staff who prefer that the District's equipment is not housed on the current property and should be moved. There is a 77-acre piece of land off of Rebecca Road that GM BRYAN would like to re-zone from Residential to Industrial. Zone changes can only be requested a few times per year and the application cost is approximately \$2500. If the zoning were to change, GM BRYAN would like to put a shop on the property and move the equipment out there. Once the time comes, District staff will look for grants to cover the building cost. Treasurer NUTI asked for clarification on who does not want the equipment at the current location; GM BRYAN stated the City and a couple board members have expressed that they do not want to see the equipment, trucks, pipes, and other items stored here in the yard. GM BRYAN stated the new property is more centrally located between Mason and Smith Valley. The District does own other property, but the locations are East Mason Valley and Wabuska. GM BRYAN has talked with the Conservancy about utilizing some of their property in Smith or Wellington, but the discussions did not progress. The City did want the District to put privacy slats in the entire fence, but did not want to provide funding. President SNYDER confirmed that there are other advantages for building a second site; GM BRYAN stated the District has outgrown the office footprint and historical records are not being stored like they should be. GM BRYAN stated the District property to the southeast of town has been turned into a burn pit where all of the District's burnable waste is being taken instead of being stored at the end of Green Acres. The property south of Mason would also be utilized for generating material for projects. Treasurer NUTI asked if the cost to pursue the zone change would be approximately \$3,000; GM BRYAN stated that it is only for the application and there could be other fees once the application is approved. GM BRYAN stated he contacted the landowner of the property closer to the highway for a land exchange, but the owner

was not interested. President SNYDER asked if the office would be moved as well; GM BRYAN stated the office would stay here. President SNYDER asked if the power was 2- or 3-phase service; GM BRYAN believes there is 3-phase power. There would need to be a county road reestablished for access to the property. There are other dirt roads that can access the property, but the County indicated the other road would need to be reestablished.

GM BRYAN will be attending a public meeting hosted by NDEP on Anaconda and the feasibility of the site and sitewide groundwater. The meeting will be tomorrow from 6-8pm at City Hall.

Singatse Peak Services LLC/Lyon Copper Gold have filed applications 93718-93725 with the State Engineer and protests are due this Friday. GM BRYAN and Counsel DePaoli are working on the protests and will have them submitted on Friday.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

No legal report was available.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

GM BRYAN reported on MBK submitted the required program report to California State Water Resources Control Board on December 6th. They are working on the program summary and will be scheduling meetings with all of the agencies involved. MBK will be meeting with 2 board members next week to discuss the entire program as required.

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

Lauren BARTELS reported that the fall measurements have been completed. Lauren provided a printed presentation. Highlights included:

- 2023 water year was a huge water year; 2024 was average
- The SWE for 2023 and 2024 were provided
- Comparisons for the Spring 2023 and Spring 2024 water levels indicated that Smith Valley had an increase of a little over 14 feet and Mason Valley had an increase of 8 feet basin wide.
- Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 water levels in northern Smith Valley were a decline of 4.7 feet and southern Smith Valley was a 6-foot decline.
- 2024 Irrigation season level change for Smith Valley was a 9' decrease.
- Hydrograph located in Northern Smith shows a slightly decreasing trend since 2016, but the trend is evening out.
- Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 water level in Mason Valley was .5 foot decline.
- 2024 Irrigation season level change for Mason Valley was a 3' decline.
- Hydrograph located in southern Mason Valley shows a slight increase in trend.
- Preliminary pumping data was provided. The estimated total for Smith Valley is 15,000 acre-feet (goal was 17,000) and Mason Valley is 61,000 acre-feet (goal was 64,000). The pumping data will be finalized in April.

Lauren and Jodi will be in the area completing the pumping readings and will present the final data at the April meeting.

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

Kat DOW stated there was no update this month.

8. Director Comments

None presented.

9. Public Comment

None presented.

10. Adjournment

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to adjourn; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director