

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on January 7, 2022. 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
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via phone
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

Public Present:

Taylor Thomas, USBWC	Silas Adams, WBC	Carlene Henneman, WBC
Ed Ryan, MV/SVCD	Wyatt Fereday, NDWR	AJ Jensby, NDWR
Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	David Sceirine	Jim Sciarani
Judith Harker	Steven Fulstone	Alton Anker
Robert Lekumberry	Joan Blake	

Public Present via phone:

Counsel DePAOLI	Dave Hockaday	Jim Kinninger
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1. Public Comment

David SCEIRINE introduced himself as the President of the Campbell Ditch Company and a Bridgeport landowner. He stated the Lahontan Water Quality Board is pressuring Bridgeport ranchers to implement gaging in the valley. The US Board of Water Commissioners is having a meeting to discuss the implementation and funding and he would like the WRID board to address the problem and add gages to the system to assist Joanne with setting the decree and improving her record keeping. The Bridgeport Ranchers Organization has requested a private company give a presentation at the USBWC meeting and USGS gaging is also being considered. David stated he prefers the USGS gaging as they are the standard for the rest of the District. The Campbell Ditch, with GM BRYAN's help, is furthering their modernization on the ditch and will be the first canal to implement automation below the headworks. The automation will improve modeling and delivery, will increase water savings, and will stop continual problems. The ditch rider, river rider, and Water Master will be able to look at what is being delivered in real time.

Judith Harker introduced herself as a resident of Wellington. She stated she is concerned about the proposed mine in Smith Valley. It is a huge project and the ground water usage will impact the water in Smith and Mason Valleys. Ms. Harker announced that she was to

give a brief presentation at the January meeting of the Smith Valley Advisory Board but it was cancelled and she is not on the agenda for the next meeting on February 2nd. Ms. Harker reported that Jeff Page and the County are preparing a Lands Bill about the mine. BLM land will be transferred to Lyon County and then it will be sold to the mine. There will be at least 4 townhall meetings between now and June regarding this topic and if anyone is interested, Ms. Harker will email a 2 page fact presentation.

Jim Kinninger stated Hudbay Mines is proposing an open pit copper mine in the north end of Smith Valley that, they claim, will be ten times larger than Anaconda. Hudbay claims that when in production, they will use 7,000-16,000 acre-feet of water. Mr. Kinninger thinks this operation will be a huge impact on agriculture and the Smith Valley Dairy. The process is in the early stages. Mr. Kinninger was on the phone with BLM and so far, Hudbay Mine has not submitted a mining plan of operation. Mr. Kinninger wanted to inform the Board of the operation and stated there is plenty of time to get organized and find out more information.

2. Roll Call

All members were in attendance.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting

Secretary HALTERMAN the word ‘the’ needed to be removed from the last paragraph on page 1 and ‘via phone’ needs to be removed from Director ACCIARI’s name on the top portion of the minutes.

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

4. Water Master’s Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 13,380 acre-feet (32%) which is 1,340 acre-feet short of where the reservoir was on March 1, 2021. Joanne stated Topaz was at 25,240 acre-feet (43%) which is 8,900 acre-feet more than March 1, 2021. Stock water is continuing to be delivered. Joanne and GM BRYAN are working on a SCADA protocol to satisfy the glitches in a timely manner. The protocols will be presented at the March USBWC meeting. USBWC is having a meeting on January 14, 2022 at 9:00am and the Bridgeport gaging will be discussed. There will be a presentation by Sierra Hydrographics from the Central Valley.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of December 31, 2021:

Cash in Checking	\$ 263,616.92
Cash in Money Market	\$ 795,221.32
Cash in CDs	\$ 749,661.39
Total	\$1,808,499.63

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Bills & Payroll December 2021

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Check Amount</u>
122338	12/7/2021	MBK Engineers	\$	2,564.75
122339	12/7/2021	Quill	\$	1,293.77
122340	12/7/2021	NV Energy	\$	21.49
122341	12/7/2021	Wells Fargo Card	\$	1,365.22
122342	12/7/2021	Blackbaud Inc	\$	1,080.00
122343	12/7/2021	Carson Pump	\$	6,200.00
122344	12/13/2021	AFLAC	\$	35.70
122345	12/13/2021	AT&T	\$	156.81
122346	12/13/2021	John Deere	\$	25.77
122347	12/13/2021	Lyon County	\$	51.55
122348	12/13/2021	Purchase Power	\$	502.50
122349	12/13/2021	Jim Menesini	\$	60.64
122350	12/13/2021	NV Energy	\$	268.03
122351	12/13/2021	Alhambra	\$	70.89
122352	12/13/2021	Southwest Gas	\$	175.31
122353	12/13/2021	USPS	\$	210.00
122354	12/13/2021	City of Yerington	\$	121.07
122355	12/13/2021	Desert Engineering	\$	1,617.46
122356	12/13/2021	Sierra Office Solutions	\$	39.01
122357	12/13/2021	Yerington Ready Mix	\$	2,176.23
122358	12/29/2021	Ameritas Life	\$	1,027.80
122359	12/29/2021	ABILA Dept 2145	\$	195.98
122360	12/29/2021	Giomi, Inc.	\$	263.74
122361	12/29/2021	Sticks and Stones	\$	341.12
122362	12/29/2021	Associated Concrete	\$	1,279.43
122363	12/29/2021	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK	\$	52.98
122364	12/29/2021	Mason Valley Equip	\$	17.66
122365	12/29/2021	MF Barcellos	\$	2,692.88
122366	12/29/2021	True Value	\$	287.64
122367	12/29/2021	PEBs	\$	870.23
122368	12/29/2021	Standard Insurance	\$	241.03
122369	12/29/2021	Vision Service Plan	\$	186.05
122370	12/29/2021	Woodburn & Wedge	\$	19,994.53
122371	12/29/2021	Xerox Financial	\$	368.38
122372	12/29/2021	D & S Waste Removal	\$	203.64
122373	12/29/2021	Desert Engineering	\$	625.19

122374	12/29/2021	Desert Research	\$	18,456.80
122375	12/29/2021	Allied Sanitation	\$	160.00
122376	12/29/2021	AlSCO, Inc.	\$	6,720.00
122377	12/29/2021	Summit Fire & Security	\$	576.94
122378	12/29/2021	PERS Administrative	\$	8,715.67
PAYROLL	12/30/2021	DECEMBER PAYROLL	\$	31,062.64
Total Bills & Payroll				\$ 112,376.53

Director GIORGI questioned whether the Carson Pump bill was the first round or the second; GM BRYAN stated the bill was for the scoping on the first round.

Vice President MASINI 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 reported Topaz is at 25,230 acre-feet (42%) and Bridgeport is at 13,360 acre-feet (32%). GM BRYAN has received questions about it being a flood year, but it is too early to say for sure. GM BRYAN has spoken to NWS and NOAA and they will be giving an update at the next meeting. The general outlook is that the water year will be better than last year. There is a drier pattern after today and the long range is up for debate. There is 11 ½-12’ of snow at Leavitt Lake with over 38” of water. Director GIORGI asked how full GM BRYAN will allow the reservoirs to get before releasing water; GM BRYAN stated he will start worrying about releasing water when they are nearing 80% capacity.

The shop crew is finishing the work on the Saroni Lateral A project. The pipe is in the ground and the crew is forming the upstream concrete section. When the project is completed, the area will be surveyed and recorded. The crew is making effort in performing repairs and maintenance on all District owned drains and canals.

GM BRYAN has not heard from DCNR regarding the East Walker report. Before the District can enter the properties along the river, a long standing agreement should be entered into for any repairs or maintenance of the river within the Rafter 7, Flying M, and Pitchfork Ranches.

The District has received the okay from Nevada Department of Taxation to proceed with a special election for the Colony Ditch to Local Improvement District project. The staff is working with Colony users to ensure all users are registered and legal is reviewing the election requirements and guidelines.

Ditch companies have started to schedule their annual meetings. If a ditch company would like to have a Zoom link, contact Secretary HALTERMAN.

GM BRYAN has investigated the Hudbay mining progress. As of right now, no permits have been issued by NDWR. The NEPA process has not been started and

NDOW still owns the land at Artesia. GM BRYAN has spoken with the County Manager who stated that once Hudbay has a permit in hand, it is unlikely that they will break ground in the next 8 years. There are several more steps to go through. Lyon County is working on a Lands Bill, but there is still a lot of work to do before that bill is approved. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated as he gets more information. Judith HARKER stated she did find that Hudbay has filed an exploring permit with BLM and she has a call in to Daniel Atkisson to find out where the permit is.

Dr. Styles from CalPoly/ITRC will be at the District on January 18th. He will be visiting the Saroni and the drains. GM BRYAN has been asked by Dr. Styles to speak on a panel at the end of that week.

Carson Pump has started the work outlined on the first quote. They found a fist sized hole in the casing between 75-100'. The hole will be patched but then the casing cannot be brushed again. The indication from the crew so far, is that the well looks significantly better. The whole project will be done prior to April 1st.

The City of Yerington Sewer & Water Project will be continuing down Main Street and the street will be closed for a few weeks. Parking is available in the back parking lot and the side gate will be unlocked.

David SCEIRINE asked if a gage will be added to East Walker to help Joanne set the decree; GM BRYAN stated the District cannot access the properties without a long term agreement. He hopes to work with State Lands on an agreement that addresses funding, access, and a plan for repairs and maintenance. GM BRYAN stated gaging would be beneficial as there is currently gaging at Strosnider and the confluence.

Vice President MASINI confirmed that once patches are done on the casing, it cannot be brushed again; GM BRYAN confirmed as the brushing will rip the patches off. Director GIORGI asked if a liner was being placed; Sandy NEVILLE stated there is no liner, but they are patching all the major holes. Vice President MASINI asked if the welding was automated; GM BRYAN assumed so. Vice President MASINI asked if the District should investigate a second opinion; GM BRYAN stated Carson Pump has the most experience with wells in the area, but the alternative could be drilling another well. Sandy stated the video showed the deepest hole was at 133'.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI had no updates to report.

E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN reported the large, coordinated group meeting was held on January 4th and was well attended. The 2nd pilot year was discussed. The group discussed calendar notes for the 3rd year program. The District staff will be sending notices to

all users within the next few months. The group reviewed comments from last year, but the only change will be that the California Water Control Board has requested more time on some of their responses. The District is still waiting for USGS to update actual data to put that on the final reports. The calendar is very similar to last year with open enrollment anticipated from April 1st to May 15th with a commitment date of May 31st. The releases will be made in the historical timeframe of August to July. There is indication from the current snowpack and pool levels that the program will be in good shape this year. David SCEIRINE asked how much water made it to Walker Lake. GM BRYAN stated there is the USGS hydro mapper page that can give information. Silas stated some bugs are being worked out but hopefully the Conservancy and USGS can have that information available soon. Treasurer NUTI reminded everyone that every acre foot of water that leaves the valley does not help recharge the groundwater. Vice President MASINI asked Silas if he knew how many acre-feet had made it to the lake; Silas stated he would include that in his update. Carlene reported there is a section on the hydro mapper under 'Program Summary' and the information can be found in there, but it does get confusing.

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

Wyatt FEREDAY reported the final pumping number for Smith Valley was 36,784 acre-feet and the almost final number for Mason Valley is 105,136 acre-feet without the NDOW data. As predicted, the numbers are within the top 5-6 annual pumping numbers. Wyatt stated he had a conversation with GM BRYAN about the Hudbay project. At this time, Hudbay is gathering information and has not purchased any water right or applied for water right transfers. They have a rigorous monitoring plan and it will take several years to obtain the appropriate permitting and clearance to proceed. Wyatt stated they are aware how the system works and they are subject to the same rules and regulations as everyone else regarding existing rights, pumping duties, etc. Wyatt stated he has passed the ball to Bradley Dominguez with DCNR regarding the East Walker report.

Director GIORGI asked if the well depths have been completed; Wyatt stated the average drop in Smith Valley was 10-11' and Mason Valley was 4-5'. Wyatt is creating a poster with the depth changes in the valleys and will email it to GM BRYAN when it is ready.

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

Silas ADAMS stated the Conservancy is having an open house on March 5th; time to be decided. They will have food, activities for kids, hoop house tours, etc. Silas reported that 14.4 acre-feet of Stored Water Leasing Program water made it to Walker Lake plus 107 acre-feet of decree water. There were huge losses after Wabuska.

8. Presentation and Consideration of FY 2020-2021 Audit Report by Sciarani & Co.

Jim Sciarani was present to provide the audit report. Jim stated the audit took a longer time than normal due to software problems, schedule obstacles, etc. Highlights included:

- Graphs indicated the District spent more money than it brought in; assessments have been increasing; change in Net Position indicated a substantial loss due to extensive litigation expense and the absence of grants to cover labor; equity continues to trend downward; legal fees were almost double from last year.
- Page 12 Profit & Loss gives overview of each fund and the change in net position. General Fund shows loss of \$503,000; Reservoir fund shows profit of \$46,000; Water Distribution fund shows loss of \$7,000; Equipment fund shows loss of \$175,000; Local #1 fund shows profit of \$7,800; Local #2 fund shows loss of \$15,000; Local #3 fund shows profit of \$18,000; and Saroni shows profit of \$52,000.
- Page 11 gives perspective of operating revenues. Material revenue and equipment labor revenues were higher than in the past.
- New accounting standards required auditors to evaluate for non-collectable assessments. This year, approximately \$73,000 was reported as non-collectable. The bulk of that amount is for the BIA/YPT assessments that have not been collected, but GM BRYAN and Secretary HALTERMAN are working with legal to collect the outstanding amount.
- Page 9 Balance sheet shows the current assets. Cash is down from prior years. There are receivables from grants and private individuals outstanding. The General Fund is owed approximately \$500,000 from other funds.
- Page 10 shows the amounts due from other funds. Federal grants owe \$241,000, Equipment fund is depleted but does have \$82,000 in receivables. Treasurer NUTI confirmed that a lot of receivables have been paid after July 1st; Secretary HALTERMAN confirmed most of the payments have been received.
- Pages 1, 2, and 3 are the auditors' opinions. Sciarani & Company did have to do a small qualification due to them performing the post-employment benefits. Their company performed the valuation but Jim suggests that the District obtain an actual valuation prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the FY2021 Financial Audit by Sciarani & Co.; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Request from Plymouth Ditch Company for relief from charges of Cal Poly Corp. for design work related to the Plymouth Ditch in the amount of \$37,405.40, which amount was advanced by the District, and direction to Manager with respect thereto.

Robert Lekumberry introduced himself as the President of the Plymouth Ditch Company and thanked the Board for allowing them to be on the agenda. Robert stated the Plymouth Ditch Company is a very small ditch company and does not make a lot of money through their assessments. They have made many improvements on their ditch in the past several years. As they were improving, they had saved up for a pipeline ditch project. The District assisted in getting a WaterSMART grant to cover 50% of the project. Robert stated prior to the WaterSMART grant, there was grant funding available for ditch companies to use Dr. Styles. GM BRYAN stated there was a BOR grant and a NFWF Modernization that began in 2011 with the automation of the Saroni headworks followed by the Plymouth headworks in 2012. The BOR grant ended with the Plymouth headworks in 2012, and the Modernization grant ended with the automation of the Campbell Ditch Company in 2017. Robert stated GM BRYAN told the Plymouth Ditch Company that they would need

surveying for the pipeline project and they paid for both of those reports. Robert stated the Plymouth Ditch Company was under the assumption that other sites surveyed by Dr. Styles would be paid by grant money. When the Plymouth Ditch Company received a bill for the additional sites, they did not understand why grant money was not used. Robert stated the breakdown of the ITRC bills did not make sense as sites were being charged large amounts of money and the acres served are minimal. Robert stated it was assumed the reports were going to be paid for using grant money. The Plymouth Ditch Company is contesting the bill; they would like to pay for some of the bill, but not the entire amount.

Alton Anker introduced himself and stated he has a vast background in engineering. Alton stated Dr. Style's prices are not within the industry standard and he does not understand how someone can authorize work to be done and expect someone else to pay for it. The person who orders the work is responsible for paying the bill. Alton expressed his dissatisfaction with the costs of the reports. Alton stated he went to another engineering firm and asked how they would approach putting a pipe across the road and the engineer advised a junior engineer would do the report. Alton stated when the users are told that there is a \$12,000 bill for a pipe across the road, the users will ask questions. Alton gave a scenario of if the Plymouth bill were put into the District budget it would be 22.5 times and that would reflect him going out and hiring a third party to do \$1,750,000 worth of work and expecting the District to pay for it. He believes the audit numbers are not completely accurate and that the Plymouth bill is proportional to their resources.

Steven Fulstone stated the complaint is that the Plymouth did not recognize when they were responsible for charges. They thought that since the diversion on the river and other opportunities along the ditch were covered by grant funds, all the reports would be covered. They did not know the grant money stopped in 2017 and most of the Plymouth work was in 2018-2019. They would like to come up with a reasonable agreement to pay a reduced amount of the bill.

President SNYDER asked how many acres the Plymouth Ditch Company assesses; Steven stated they assess 3,500 acres. Steven advised the ditch company currently assesses themselves \$21 per acres and they are saving up for a pipe project. Director GIORGI asked if there was anything written out when the Plymouth requested the work; Robert stated there was nothing. GM BRYAN stated there was a meeting in October with the board, President SNYDER, Treasurer NUTI, and himself and after that meeting, Dr. Styles provided a more detailed breakdown of the charges. Dr. Styles stated the charges on some of the sites were so high were because the report had to be redesigned two and three times; each of those redesigns cost money. One of the areas is a high liability area due to the location. Plymouth board members were present on the ditch banks with Dr. Styles and GM BRYAN during the site visits. Dr. Styles does assign reports to junior engineers to keep the cost lower. GM BRYAN stated the Board did approve a pre-payment requirement and a payment agreement for all projects to avoid this situation in the future. GM BRYAN advised that the District does not approach private individuals or ditch companies regarding projects, they come to the District with their requests.

Treasurer NUTI clarified that it sounded like board members were present during Dr. Styles' visits and knew bills would be coming; Steven stated they did not know a bill would be sent because they assumed the BOR or Modernization grants would cover the costs. Vice President MASINI confirmed the grant money ran out in 2017; GM BRYAN confirmed. Both previous grants were written for headwork automation. Prior to GM BRYAN being the General Manager, he stated replogles were installed on the Saroni Laterals and one on the Plymouth near the Catholic Church in Smith with the modernization money. Treasurer NUTI asked what the BOR grant was; GM BRYAN stated \$300,000 was awarded prior to the NFWF modernization grant for modernization of the reservoirs, the Saroni headworks, and the Plymouth headworks and that money was spent within the first couple months of GM BRYAN becoming General Manager.

Steven added that WRID assisted with the WaterSMART grant and it was clear that the Plymouth would pay for engineering on the two reports for that project.

Vice President MASINI advised he has a problem for the rest of the District paying for work on the Plymouth and he understands the Plymouth's upset. Vice President MASINI believes the situation was a lack of due diligence and the rest of the District should not have to pay for it. Alton stated the negligence was on the District as it did not notify the Plymouth Ditch Company that there was no more money. GM BRYAN stated he includes the grant money updates in his monthly reports and it is in the audits. Robert stated the updates are given at the board meetings and asked why the Plymouth was never notified of the money being spent. Treasurer NUTI asked if the topic was discussed at the annual ditch meeting as it has been discussed at the Saroni annual meetings; Robert stated the Plymouth has never been notified that the grant money was gone. Robert stated they have gone through all their minutes. Robert stated it was a lack of communication on their part as they did not ask. Vice President MASINI stated if he does work on his ditch, he does not expect the District to pay for it. Robert asked what the District does for the Plymouth Ditch Company. He questioned what responsibilities the District has for the Plymouth Ditch Company. Robert stated the District used to burn and maintain the ditch at no cost, but now the Plymouth does it. Alton stated he agrees with Robert and did not care for Vice President MASINI's comment. Alton stated the District has more liability in paying the bill because the District had the money and did not tell the Plymouth when the money ran out. The reason there were two designs on one site was because he looked at Dr. Styles' design and did not agree with it and Dr. Styles told him that 'dollars are not part of the equation'. GM BRYAN stated Dr. Styles' design stayed within the required easements. Alton stated the ditch company came up with an alternate design and saved money. Vice President MASINI asked how the rest of the District is responsible for the bill; Alton stated the rest of the District is not responsible, only those sitting at the table. GM BRYAN stated the ITRC bill has been paid; the bill was for reimbursement to the District. Secretary HALTERMAN stated other ditch companies were billed for the services on the same bill as the Plymouth and the other ditch companies have paid their part. President SNYDER suggested to offer a payment plan over time. GM BRYAN stated the current and future agreements are subject to half of the project cost up front and an agreed upon monthly payment plan. The balance is also subject to a monthly interest rate. GM BRYAN stated the Plymouth did pay for their

share of the pipeline project and the bill in question was not part of that payment. Treasurer NUTI agreed with Vice President MASINI in that the rest of the District is not responsible for the Plymouth's bill. Treasurer NUTI stated he and his neighbor are finishing a project with the District and have a payment agreement in place. Alton asked Treasurer NUTI if he knew he would have to pay for the work; Treasurer NUTI stated he did know and did not see it could be assumed that anyone else would pay for it. Steven stated the Plymouth had a repleg flume job done by the District and they did not pay for it and the Saroni got at least 2 diversions in the canal without paying for it. Steven questioned why the Plymouth would perceive that they would have to pay for future engineering costs. Treasurer NUTI stated it was no secret the money was dwindling down and running out; Steven stated they were not notified the money was running out and the responsibility is shared with the District. GM BRYAN asked how much the Plymouth could pay on the bill right now; Steven stated they are doing 3 diversions right now. GM BRYAN asked if the ditch company is paying for the diversions; Steven stated that they are hoping the property owner will pay for half of the expected \$15,000. Steven stated they have a fund for the diversion and they are trying to split the difference. GM BRYAN stated he has had phone calls from Plymouth users suggesting the District split the bill by acreage and collect directly from the users. GM BRYAN asked how much money the Plymouth Ditch has to give toward a payment plan; Alton stated the next project they have to put money toward is the earthquake fault instead of paying the District. Alton stated the earthquake fault is far more important than paying the District's bill. GM BRYAN asked what is available out of the assessments that could be put toward the bill; Alton stated they have a \$200 fee on top of the assessments for patching up the dilapidated ditch system. Alton stated they spent a lot of money to get where they are at today and have zero. GM BRYAN asked if the ditch company could pay \$5000 or \$10,000; Alton asked for how many years. GM BRYAN stated he is trying to find out what is acceptable and how much the ditch company is willing to pay; Alton stated he stated the consensus on the ditch was to come to the meeting to agree on a number. Steven stated they would like the WRID Board to reduce the bill and go away with it. The red line was vague and he thinks that bears responsibility on both sides. Alton stated some people are afraid of contracts but he hopes there is one in the future. Director GIORGI asked who was overseeing the project; GM BRYAN stated the charges are just for the reports. GM BRYAN advised ITRC bills only a few times per year, and he breaks down the cost on each of the projects. WRID pays ITRC right away and then bills the ditch companies for reimbursement to the District. Many other ditch companies have requested reports, just as the Plymouth has, and have paid for the reports. ITRC has been the District's engineer for many years and has been part of the modernization from the beginning. GM BRYAN stated he has been very up front with the grant money being gone as he reports on it every month. Alton stated in this case, there was a year between when the work was done and when they received a bill. Secretary HALTERMAN stated the Plymouth was billed two months after the ITRC bill was paid by WRID. Secretary HALTERMAN asked why it is being contested two and a half years after the first bill was sent in 2019; Steven stated they have met with the District twice about it- once in early 2020 and once in late 2021. At each of those meetings, they requested more information. Steven stated he wants to continue to work well with WRID, but engineering is usually 7-10% of a construction cost and ITRC is too expensive. Alton stated they only meet with their users once per year and they brought up the bill to them in October 2021. President

SNYDER reiterated that the rest of the District is not responsible. Alton asked if the Board has never made a bad mistake that they had felt financially responsible for and that the charges were not handled right. When the grant money came out, the money went fast and furious. Director GIORGI asked if interest has been charged on the bill; GM BRYAN stated no interest has been charged.

President SNYDER asked what happens if there is no action; GM BRYAN stated the bill will continue to be mailed out. Director GIORGI asked who the secretary/treasurer was; Joan BLAKE stated the Plymouth met in January 2020 and decided to pay half of the pipe and that the engineering was always in the works. GM BRYAN stated the determination was made to be compensated for the grant so it could be closed as the open grants were hindering future opportunities. Treasurer NUTI asked Alton what the number is that he suggests; Alton stated he believes half would be appropriate. Treasurer NUTI asked if that could be right away; Steven stated if there is money in the bank.

Counsel DePAOLI stated the best thing would be to direct management to work with the ditch company to put together a specific proposal for the Directors to consider then put that on a subsequent agenda to be resolved. Counsel DePAOLI stated he is not sure the wording on the current agenda would allow for a final resolution. In addition, he would like to discuss options with GM BRYAN.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to direct management to work with the ditch company to put together a specific proposal for the directors to consider; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

10. Review and consideration of authorizing District Manager to execute a non-binding letter of intent with Sierra Pacific Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy concerning the potential sale of 0.69 acres of land from Douglas County Assessor Parcel 1022-29-201-002 for Topaz Substation upgrades and for a n easement for a distribution powerline occupying .24 acres for a proposed purchase price of \$60,750.00 and for the negotiation of a Purchase and Sale Agreement which will supersede the terms of the Letter of Intent and which Purchase and Sale Agreement will also require Board Approval.

GM BRYAN stated the copy of the letter and an overhead picture of the area are in the packet. The property is on the north side of Topaz Park Road and NV Energy is wanting to upgrade their substation as well as put in a power line. GM BRYAN and Counsel DePAOLI have discussed the need to find out the zoning on the land and to determine whether the pole line would have adverse effects on the future of the land. Counsel DePAOLI advised the letter states the matter needed to be kept confidential, but the topic had to be put on the agenda and discussed. The time frame has expired on the letter of intent and, as GM BRYAN stated, there may need to be something done from the appraisal standpoint at what that power line does to the rest of the property. President SNYDER asked if it would be a new power line; GM BRYAN stated it would be a new line. There is an existing overhead telephone line that runs north to south, but the power line would be new. Director ACCIARI made a motion to have GM BRYAN and legal counsel further discussion; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. Vice

President MASINI asked how NV Energy accessed their existing property; GM BRYAN stated there is a makeshift road. Director GIORGI asked if he could get a map of all District owned property at Topaz; GM BRYAN stated he would email it.

11. Review and consideration of authorizing District Manager to Execute a Grant of Right of Entry to Real Property with Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (NDF) authorizing NDF to treat Walker River Irrigation District land at Topaz (Douglas County APN's 10229201002 and 10229301006) to reduce wildfire hazard to the community and critical infrastructure which treatment is to be funded by NDF grant money.

GM BRYAN stated he brought the topic up in a previous managers report. NDF is proposing to clean the property of brush and plant vegetation to alleviate the wildfire damage and burn scar flood erosion. Counsel DePAOLI read the stipulations as given on the proposal. NDF will remove brush, compromised trees, and thin vegetation to 20' apart. The project will be funded by NDF. Vice President MASINI asked if trees beyond 20' will be cut; Secretary HALTERMAN stated compromised trees will be cut regardless of space. Vegetation will most likely be masticated and put back on the property. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to direct the manager to execute a Grant of Entry to Real Property with Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

12. Director Comments

None presented.

13. Public Comment

None presented.

14. Adjournment

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director