

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on October 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by Vice President Marcus MASINI.

Present:

Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

Public Present:

Wyatt Fereday, NSE	Sarah Fichtner, NSE	Silas Adams, WBC
Taylor Thomas, USBWC	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Ed Ryan, MV/SVCD
Sandy Neville, WRID	Don Smith	

1. Public Comment:

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

President SNYDER and Legal Counsel DePAOLI were absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Treasurer NUTI requested two corrections:

- Page 3 and 4: Change Vice Director Masini to Vice President Masini

Director ACCIARI made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections; Director GIORGI offered a second.

4. Water Master's Report:

Water Master SARKISIAN advised there was a phone conference that morning with MBK Engineers regarding the Stored Water Leasing Program and tapering down. Topaz releases were lowered 40 feet this morning making approximately 200 feet being released; 219 feet is coming out of Bridgeport. There is only 844 feet left to deliver on the program and the hope is to finish up the delivery by Friday at the latest. 292 feet decree and storage combined is being delivered system wide.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of September 30, 2019:

Cash in Checking:	\$ 92,772.11
Cash in Money Market	\$1,151,321.46

Cash in CDs	<u>\$1,082,598.12</u>
Total	\$2,326,691.69

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Bills & Payroll September 2019

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
121006	9/8/2019	Lee's Pest Control	\$ 160.00
121007	9/8/2019	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 30.50
121008	9/8/2019	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$ 410.00
121009	9/8/2019	True Value	\$ 68.10
121010	9/8/2019	NWRA	\$ 110.00
121011	9/8/2019	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$ 75.29
121012	9/8/2019	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$ 356.51
121013	9/8/2019	NV Energy	\$ 470.05
121014	9/8/2019	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$ 39.13
121015	9/8/2019	Valley Tire and Auto Service	\$ 40.00
121016	9/8/2019	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$ 1,674.51
121017	9/8/2019	Wild West Chevrolet	\$ 109.99
121018	9/8/2019	Woodburn & Wedge	\$ 34,060.00
121019	9/8/2019	D & S Waste Removal	\$ 40.00
121023	9/12/2019	PERS Administrative Fund	\$ 6,782.89
121024	9/11/2019	AT&T	\$ 148.32
121025	9/11/2019	MF Barcellos	\$ 2,689.44
121026	9/25/2019	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 907.60
121027	9/25/2019	ABILA	\$ 177.75
121028	9/25/2019	Giomi, Inc.	\$ 175.40
121029	9/25/2019	Pape' Machinery Exchange	\$ 7,500.00
121030	9/25/2019	Public Employees' Benefits	\$ 870.23
121031	9/25/2019	Standard Insurance Co	\$ 242.47
121032	9/25/2019	Vision Service Plan	\$ 153.02
121033	9/25/2019	Wild West Chevrolet	\$ 100.39
121034	9/25/2019	City of Yerington	\$ 137.90
121035	9/25/2019	HomeTown Health	\$ 5,348.53

121036	9/25/2019	PERS Administrative Fund	\$	6,609.55
PAYROLL		PAYROLL	\$	34,716.74
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	104,204.31

GM BRYAN advised there is a copy of the check and breakdown of the ITRC bill in the packet as requested by Treasurer NUTI. Director GIORGI made a motion to pay the bills; Treasurer NUTI offered a second.

C. Manager’s Report

GM BRYAN reported the current gage readings are in the packet. Bridgeport is currently at 16,220 acre-feet (38%) and Topaz is currently at 22,460 acre-feet (37%).

The shop crew finished repair and maintenance at the Topaz Diversion, dam and spillway. There were erosion issues and sediment that needed to be cleaned. Curt Dreyer was hired to mow debris on and around the dam and spillway as the dam inspection is next month. Bridgeport seemed to be okay and last time, they preferred we did not pull the vegetation from the spillway. The crew is continuing efforts on drain repairs and maintenance. The crew is out grading roads to prepare for burning and working on preparations for the early winter projects. The big projects so far are the Saroni pipeline and Christof/Carrasco turnout, the East Drain culvert replacement, working with NDOT on the culvert replacement at Hwy 208/Sceirine Lane on the West Drain and maintenance on the High and Colony Ditches.

The annual Saroni meeting was held on September 23rd. There was a good turnout and the meeting went well. New recommendations for O&M were given and budgeted assessment figures were obtained.

On October 1st, GM BRYAN met with City of Yerington and Farr West Engineering. There is a large sewer and water main project scheduled for Yerington and there are several crossings that could impact the drains and private ditches. GM BRYAN is working with the City engineers to ensure the infrastructure meets the District’s standards and there are easements put in place. The project will cross the West Drain and portions of the Main Drain, will come close to the Nichol Merritt, Campbell and McLeod as well as impact the Spragg. GM BRYAN will work closely with the City and will keep the Board up to date. Vice President MASINI inquired where the project was going, GM BRYAN stated it will start at the water tank, down Goldfield and on side streets. The City is still fine tuning the finances, but it is reported to be a \$38 million dollar project. The City inquired as to when the best time to do the project is and GM BRYAN told them the first day of November through the last day of February.

Former Water Master Rob Martinez is bringing a team of engineers to the District for a tour and a field meet to look at the District’s infrastructure for further recommendations to TCID. The engineers will be down on Wednesday.

First week in November USCID conference in Reno. Asked by USCID and Dr. Styles to give a presentation on the District's modernization. While there, GM BRYAN and Jessica will be meeting with the consultants from WEST Consulting and ITRC to discuss the NRCS Watershed Grant. We will be ironing out the agreements and budget for the grant. We were awarded \$300,000 and we need to figure out how much goes to WEST and ITRC. Treasurer NUTI inquired on what the grant will cover; GM BRYAN advised it will cover an environmental assessment and plan for a watershed approach. The focus of the plan is sedimentation and control. The plan is that once we have the EA, that will open the door to go after NRCS grants to implement a sediment removal plan.

D. Legal Counsel's Report:

GM BRYAN advised there was no update.

E. 2019 Flood Mitigation Update

Secretary HALTERMAN advised the final bill for the rental excavator has been received. GM BRYAN stated the City of Yerington continues to remove the sediment from the banks by the Snyder property on Bridge Street.

F. Review and approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.

Director GIORGI advised he received a call from a disgruntled water right holder who was not happy that her water was disappearing. GM BRYAN stated he spoke to the user as well. The District does not have all the leases in the valley, and it is up to the Ditch Rider and the user to get a lease agreement to the District. There was no transfer from her account, it was billed that she used the water during September. She spoke to the person who used the water and she and the farmer can get together to reach an agreement to get compensation or, if no agreement can be reached, water can be transferred back to her account from one of the farmer's other accounts. Director GIORGI confirmed the owner would have to come into the office to sign a transfer; GM BRYAN confirmed that, but the ditch rider recorded that the water was being used on her property when it was not. Director GIORGI advised it is happening on the Spradlin property as well. GM BRYAN stated we record what the ditch riders report. Next season, the ditch riders will be required to give the District the lease agreements before water can be ordered by anyone but the water right holder.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the transfers; Director ACCIARI offered a second.

G. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN stated the program has been in full swing since August but is tapering down. There is only 384 acre-feet to deliver on the East and 459 acre-feet on the West. The full amount of everything in the program has been delivered minus what is left to be delivered. Treasurer NUTI asked if the District will get an amount on how much was delivered out of Weber; Silas ADAMS stated he can give a short

presentation at the end of the program that shows how much water made it to the lake. ADAMS stated he guesses approximately 95-97% of program water that passed Wabuska made it to the lake. GM BRYAN stated the Tribe has its own accounting tool to track the water as per the Lower End Conveyance Agreement.

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

Wyatt FEREDAY reported last week he and Sarah were in the office and held a beneficial use workshop for the Sunset Hills water right holders. The residents were awarded small amounts of groundwater rights in the ARCO settlement. FEREDAY thanked GM BRYAN for the use of the meeting room.

Pumping through August was low with Mason Valley at 16,900 acre-feet and Smith Valley at 9,400 acre-feet. Final meter reads on irrigation wells will be done in November and the remaining manners of use will be done around the end of the year. Hopefully the 2019 pumping inventory will be posted to the website about a month after the last reads.

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

Silas ADAMS stated there will be an end of season review with WBC, WRID, MBK, USGS and the Walker River Paiute Tribe to evaluate how the Stored Water Leasing Program went.

8. Presentation and Consideration of FY 2018-2019 Audit Report by Sciarani & Co.

This item is tabled until the November meeting.

9. Director Comments:

None presented.

10. Public Comment:

None presented.

11. Adjournment:

Director GIORGI made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

ABSENT

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director

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