

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on November 7, 2019. 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:

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| Jim SNYDER | President |
| Marcus MASINI | Vice President, via phone |
| Richard NUTI | Treasurer |
| Robert BRYAN | General Manager |
| Gordon DePAOLI | Legal Counsel |
| Jessica HALTERMAN | Secretary |

Public Present:

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| Wyatt Fereday, NSE | Sarah Fichtner, NSE | Silas Adams, WBC |
| Taylor Thomas, USBWC | Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC | Ed Ryan, MV/SVCD |
| George Lindesmith | Jim Sciarani | |

1. Public Comment:

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

Director GIORGI and Director ACCIARI were absent. Vice President MASINI was present via phone and could hear all attendees, as well as all attendees could hear him during the entirety of the meeting.

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

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to accept the minutes; Vice President MASINI offered a second via phone. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report:

Water Master SARKISIAN advised the season has ended with 31% capacity in Bridgeport and 30% capacity in Topaz. The current reservoir levels are 14,120 acre-feet (33%) in Bridgeport and 18,970 acre-feet (32%) in Topaz as the water can now be stored. The flows have been reduced to the minimum requirements. Currently, 21 ¼ acre-feet are being delivered as stock water between in the Campbell, West Hyland, Colony and Upper East. No stock water can be delivered on the east ditches, as WRID needs the drain dry to complete a project. USBWC has its annual meeting tentatively scheduled for November 20th. President SNYDER inquired about the long range forecast; Water Master SARKISIAN stated it is projected to be dry.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of October 31, 2019:

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| Cash in Checking: | \$ 110,309.49 |
| Cash in Money Market | \$1,453,172.26 |
| Cash in CDs | <u>\$1,082,598.12</u> |
| Total | \$2,646,079.87 |

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

October 2019 Bills & Payroll

| <u>Check Number</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> | <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Check Amount</u> |
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| 121065 | 10/7/2019 | Cal Poly Corporation | VOID |
| 121066 | 10/7/2019 | Desert Research Institute | \$ 13,399.93 |
| 121067 | 10/7/2019 | Cal Poly Corporation | \$ 97,277.05 |
| 121068 | 10/14/2019 | Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423 | \$ 11,400.00 |
| 121069 | 10/14/2019 | NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS | \$ 803.85 |
| 121070 | 10/14/2019 | MF Barcellos | \$ 3,177.79 |
| 121071 | 10/14/2019 | Public Employees' Benefits Program | \$ 870.23 |
| 121072 | 10/14/2019 | Cal Poly Corporation | VOID |
| 121073 | 10/14/2019 | Valley Tire and Auto Service | \$ 74.00 |
| 121074 | 10/28/2019 | Giomi, Inc. | \$ 181.10 |
| 121075 | 10/28/2019 | AT&T | \$ 148.52 |
| 121076 | 10/28/2019 | John Deere Credit | \$ 61.22 |
| 121077 | 10/28/2019 | 208 INVESTMENTS, LLC | \$ 1,877.99 |
| 121078 | 10/28/2019 | Lyon County Recorder | \$ 27.00 |
| 121079 | 10/28/2019 | O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. | \$ 56.98 |
| 121080 | 10/28/2019 | Power Plan | \$ 175.73 |
| 121081 | 10/28/2019 | Reno Gazette Journal | \$ 117.58 |
| 121082 | 10/28/2019 | NV Energy | \$ 302.50 |
| 121083 | 10/28/2019 | Alhambra | \$ 201.03 |
| 121084 | 10/28/2019 | Verizon Wireless | \$ 463.90 |
| 121085 | 10/28/2019 | City of Yerington | \$ 274.27 |
| 121086 | 10/28/2019 | BATH, RONALD J | \$ 1,092.75 |
| 121087 | 10/28/2019 | THOMAS BOBRICK | \$ 4,498.29 |
| 121088 | 10/28/2019 | BODENSTEIN FAMILY TRUST | \$ 456.32 |
| 121089 | 10/28/2019 | ALBERT BOZSIK | \$ 3,335.43 |
| 121090 | 10/28/2019 | JOHN BRACKETT | \$ 6,132.84 |
| 121091 | 10/28/2019 | TODD BRETHAUER | \$ 4,540.83 |
| 121092 | 10/28/2019 | BUGLING ELK TRUST | \$ 721.95 |
| 121093 | 10/28/2019 | STEPHEN COE | \$ 1,134.84 |
| 121094 | 10/28/2019 | PETER F CONGDON | \$ 3,647.07 |
| 121095 | 10/28/2019 | THOMAS AND VOLINA CONNOLLY FAMILY TRUST | \$ 712.88 |
| 121096 | 10/28/2019 | ROBERT COOPER | \$ 21,126.84 |

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| 121097 | 10/28/2019 | CURTIS FAMILY TRUST | \$ | 14,714.36 |
| 121098 | 10/28/2019 | DAVIS, DIANE 2018 REV. LIVING TRUST | \$ | 3,879.33 |
| 121099 | 10/28/2019 | JIM DECHAMBEAU | \$ | 565.33 |
| 121100 | 10/28/2019 | DGHP, INC | \$ | 5,582.08 |
| 121101 | 10/28/2019 | THE FELDMANN/MARSHALL FAMILY TRUST | \$ | 12,108.39 |
| 121102 | 10/28/2019 | TED & DEBRA FITZPATRICK | \$ | 544.87 |
| 121103 | 10/28/2019 | FM FULSTONE, INC | \$ | 302.82 |
| 121104 | 10/28/2019 | PAUL FRY | \$ | 8,957.27 |
| 121105 | 10/28/2019 | STEVEN GRANDINETTI | \$ | 322.37 |
| 121106 | 10/28/2019 | GREENFIELD MOBILE HOME PARK | \$ | 643.86 |
| 121107 | 10/28/2019 | GREENFIELD STORAGE LLC | \$ | 908.11 |
| 121108 | 10/28/2019 | RENATE HANNAMAN | \$ | 4,540.83 |
| 121109 | 10/28/2019 | DENNIS & JUDITH HELLWINKEL | \$ | 286.05 |
| 121110 | 10/28/2019 | PAUL M HERZIG | \$ | 8,820.00 |
| 121111 | 10/28/2019 | KRIS JOHNSON | \$ | 261.09 |
| 121112 | 10/28/2019 | DAVID KERR | \$ | 908.46 |
| 121113 | 10/28/2019 | GEORGE LABBE | \$ | 4,410.00 |
| 121114 | 10/28/2019 | LAST HURRAH RANCH, INC | \$ | 176,400.00 |
| 121115 | 10/28/2019 | PATRICK & ELIZABETH LENHART | \$ | 14,605.92 |
| 121116 | 10/28/2019 | LJ LAND LIMITED | \$ | 24,984.12 |
| 121117 | 10/28/2019 | MARIO LOMMORI | \$ | 6,307.18 |
| 121118 | 10/28/2019 | CHARLES LOVE | \$ | 588.00 |
| 121119 | 10/28/2019 | LYON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, INC | \$ | 4,402.05 |
| 121120 | 10/28/2019 | SANDRA K MARRIOTT | \$ | 2,785.16 |
| 121121 | 10/28/2019 | ROGER B MCNAMARA | \$ | 4,410.00 |
| 121122 | 10/28/2019 | MENESINI RANCH LLC | \$ | 24,506.37 |
| 121123 | 10/28/2019 | CRAIG & BEVERLY JO MILLER | \$ | 3,675.00 |
| 121124 | 10/28/2019 | PHYLLIS MOATS | \$ | 1,861.39 |
| 121125 | 10/28/2019 | NAN YER LLC | \$ | 2,275.94 |
| 121126 | 10/28/2019 | NEVADA-UTAH CONFERENCE | \$ | 1,115.23 |
| 121127 | 10/28/2019 | PENROSE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT | \$ | 4,540.83 |
| 121128 | 10/28/2019 | POPE VALLEY RANCHING NV LLC | \$ | 147,000.00 |
| 121129 | 10/28/2019 | SCOTT & KRYS RADER | \$ | 3,879.89 |
| 121130 | 10/28/2019 | R.N. FULSTONE COMPANY | \$ | 140,014.56 |
| 121131 | 10/28/2019 | RICHARD D & TINA M ROBERSON FAMILY TRUST | \$ | 233.73 |
| 121132 | 10/28/2019 | DAVID & KATHLEEN ROOTS | \$ | 2,046.24 |
| 121133 | 10/28/2019 | ZACHARY & ANTONIA ROOTS | \$ | 2,046.24 |
| 121134 | 10/28/2019 | SAMUEL RUBIO | \$ | 45,102.66 |
| 121135 | 10/28/2019 | SANTA MARGARITA RANCH LLC | \$ | 154,350.00 |
| 121136 | 10/28/2019 | PAUL SANTOS | \$ | 699.25 |
| 121137 | 10/28/2019 | JOHN R SCHERSCHEL | \$ | 749.70 |
| 121138 | 10/28/2019 | MATTHEW & LEANN SCHUMANN | \$ | 420.42 |
| 121139 | 10/28/2019 | Sierra Office Solutions | \$ | 112.23 |

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| 121140 | 10/28/2019 | GARY SILVA SR | \$ | 305.76 |
| 121141 | 10/28/2019 | STANLEY C SIMMONS | \$ | 13,545.94 |
| 121142 | 10/28/2019 | SMITH VALLEY CATTLE FEEDERS | \$ | 82,416.78 |
| 121143 | 10/28/2019 | IRENE B SMITH | \$ | 1,801.07 |
| 121144 | 10/28/2019 | WESLEY & BEVERLY SMITH | \$ | 54,021.32 |
| 121145 | 10/28/2019 | STEVEN A FULSTONE TRUST | \$ | 32,658.56 |
| 121146 | 10/28/2019 | WILLIAM STONE | \$ | 3,088.47 |
| 121147 | 10/28/2019 | CAROL TIBBALS | \$ | 30,870.00 |
| 121148 | 10/28/2019 | TOMAC LIVING TRUST | \$ | 1,176.00 |
| 121149 | 10/28/2019 | WILLIAM MICHAEL VIRDIN | \$ | 2,058.00 |
| 121150 | 10/28/2019 | WALKER LAKE WORKING GROUP | \$ | 1,584.66 |
| 121151 | 10/28/2019 | DAVID & DAWNA WARR | \$ | 1,533.21 |
| 121152 | 10/28/2019 | GREGORY B WATTS | \$ | 4,540.83 |
| 121153 | 10/28/2019 | WILKINSON, P & V TRUST | \$ | 5,325.81 |
| 121154 | 10/28/2019 | WILLIAMS, MURL E JR REVOCABLE TRUST | \$ | 759.99 |
| 121155 | 10/28/2019 | MICHAEL A WOODS | \$ | 942.27 |
| 121156 | 10/29/2019 | AFLAC | \$ | 35.70 |
| 121157 | 10/29/2019 | ABILA | \$ | 177.75 |
| 121158 | 10/29/2019 | Frontier | \$ | 288.63 |
| 121159 | 10/29/2019 | MBK Engineers | \$ | 8,753.42 |
| 121160 | 10/29/2019 | Quill | \$ | 125.31 |
| 121161 | 10/29/2019 | NV Energy | \$ | 2.81 |
| 121162 | 10/29/2019 | Standard Insurance Company | \$ | 242.47 |
| 121163 | 10/29/2019 | Xerox Financial Services | \$ | 139.44 |
| 121164 | 10/29/2019 | Smith Valley Conservation District | \$ | 21,925.68 |
| 121165 | 10/30/2019 | Nevada Employment Security Division | \$ | 1,505.58 |
| PAYROLL | | OCTOBER PAYROLL | \$ | 36,336.31 |
| Total Bills & Payroll | | | \$ | 1,321,319.81 |

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| Bills & Payroll WITHOUT Stored Water Leasing Program | | \$ | 198,658.01 |
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Vice President NUTI asked when the Stored Water Program checks were being sent; GM BRYAN stated NFWF is scheduled to cut the check to WRID on November 15th and the checks will be mailed once WRID gets the check in the bank. The participants are advised to call the office if they have not received their checks by November 25th.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to pay the bills; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN reported the current staff gage measurements are in the packet. The current reservoir levels are 18,970 acre-feet (33%) in Bridgeport and 14,120 acre-feet (32%). Since November 1st, 720 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz and 860 acre-feet in Bridgeport. The forecast is 'high and dry' with above average temperatures and below average precipitation over the next two weeks. The State Engineer's Office will have a forecast update on January 9, 2020 at 10:00am where the National Weather Service will give a presentation.

The shop crew broke ground on the Saroni Project. They are currently separating material but there is a lot more material to be removed before the pipe can be placed.

The East Drain culvert must be replaced at the Army railroad tracks northwest of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area. GM BRYAN has been in contact with the Army and they are waiting on two of their engineers to approve the ITRC recommendations. GM BRYAN has met with Isaac of the MVWMA and the remaining drain waters are being routed through ponds and back to the river. All project materials are ready and are on site; GM BRYAN is just waiting for the go-ahead from the Army.

The temporary staff members are back and are working on pulling and fixing the flap gates. President SNYDER advised the flap gates were pulled yesterday; GM BRYAN stated the temp staff will pick them up, fix them and return them. GM BRYAN stated the temp staff has also winterized the SCADA sites and all the sites are back to manual.

GM BRYAN reported a recent agenda for the City of Yerington City Council meeting included transferring ownership of the sign on the corner of Goldfield and Main to the Chamber of Commerce. The City is currently in a lease with WRID that does not expire until 2021. GM BRYAN reached out to the City and they tabled the topic for a future agenda. The City will be getting more information on the topic and the topic will possibly need to be on a WRID agenda. Vice President MASINI requested to know the location of the sign; GM BRYAN stated it is on the northwest corner of the yard at Main and Booth Parr. President SNYDER stated he recalled the District was not happy with the maintenance of the corner and requested to know the progress; GM BRYAN stated that issue was discussed between Spooner and the former City Manager and the maintenance has been fine since. President SNYDER inquired who owns/operates what is posted on the sign; GM BRYAN stated, currently, the City posts but it would make more sense to have the Chamber of Commerce posting. Vice President MASINI inquired if the City had purchased the property next door to the District; GM BRYAN advised they intend to purchase it, but he was not certain they have taken ownership yet. MASINI requested that the Board keep in mind that the sign would not be hard to move to the new property.

GM BRYAN reported that he met with a group from Walker Basin Conservancy regarding the RCPP grant. They are proposing improvements on the system

including a permanent solution for the weir and upgrading/repairing automation. WBC is working with the Joggles, SAB and West Hyland ditch companies as well as the Tribe. The weir is the main area of interest, but the grant would cover other areas of the District.

GM BRYAN attended and presented at the USCID conference earlier this week. The presentation was the 3rd reiteration of the modernization project and it went well. While at the conference, GM BRYAN and Secretary HALTERMAN met with representatives from NRCS, ITRC and WEST Consultants to discuss pre-planning on Watershed Study. WEST Consultants will be the lead contractor and ITRC will be assisting with providing reports and ensuring the Environmental Assessment coincides with the District's current modernization plan. The next step is to meet with the head NRCS representative and discuss moving forward.

D. Legal Counsel's Report:

Counsel DePAOLI reported there has been no update on a hearing in the Mineral County matter. There has been significant activity in the US/WRPT claim and an attorney/client meeting may need to be scheduled for December.

E. Review and approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.

Vice President MASINI requested to know if last month's situation with the water being used by a previous lessee was straightened out; GM BRYAN stated after several discussions it was settled between the landowner and the previous lessee.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the transfers; Vice President MASINI offered a second.

F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN stated the checks have been written but will not be sent until NFWF sends reimbursement. NFWF is scheduled to send the payment to the District on November 15th and the checks will be mailed as soon as the reimbursement is deposited; the participants have been advised to call the District if they have not received their checks by Monday November 25th. GM BRYAN reported that all 17,664 acre-feet were delivered, and the finalized accounting tool was submitted. A technical session has been scheduled with WRID, WBC, DRI, USGS and MBK to discuss the good and the bad. All the necessary filings have been to the State and MBK will be sending the final reports to the California Water Control Board. Vice President MASINI asked if there were preliminary numbers on how much water made it to Walker Lake; GM BRYAN stated Silas with WBC will have a presentation at a later meeting, but the entire amount was delivered to the District's boundaries. Once the water leaves the District, the Lower End Conveyance Protocols kick in. GM BRYAN stated the final numbers will be discussed at the technical session later this month. Treasurer NUTI stated, as a Newlands only water user, the Program decreased the amount of water available for next year. In years past, the water that was not used was kept in the reservoir and made the beginning amounts better than they will be this coming year.

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

Jim SCIARANI stated that as an independent auditor, his job is to issue an unmodified opinion. Jim reported that this year was an interesting year as the grants receivable was \$403,000 this year compared to \$148,000 last year. The 'Due from Other Funds' is higher this year due to the Saroni grant and outstanding receivables from ditch companies. As far as financial stability, the District's liabilities are not high, and it is in a good position. As far as compliance, there were no findings to report and the practice of the Board approving bills and invoices removes the segregation of duties liability. The Billable Projects was new this year and utilizes the District as a 'bank' until the invoices are paid. There was no single audit as the grant reimbursement was less than \$750,000.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the FY19 Audit report by Sciarani & Co.; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

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

Wyatt FEREDAY reported pump readings through September resulted in Mason Valley at 19,144 acre-feet and Smith Valley at 14,528 acre-feet for a total of 33,672 acre-feet pumped. Kerry will be doing final meter reads on irrigation wells in November. It was a good water year and good pumping year. It is expected the aquifer has risen and the water levels will be taken next week. There are approximately 100 sites in Mason Valley and 30-40 sites in Smith Valley. October and November are busy months for data collection and once the data is ready, it will be posted to water.nv.gov. There will also be links to hydrographs with the semi-annual readings that will show a trend of the aquifer being low at the end of the irrigation season and recharged at the beginning of spring.

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

Silas ADAMS stated, with approval of the Board, he would like to do a presentation on the Stored Water Program at the December meeting. He will have Kip Allender with USGS give an overview of the program. Silas reported the Conservancy is working on a RCPP grant proposal with other agencies as the Conservancy is not able to receive grant funds.

9. Director Comments:

None presented.

10. Public Comment:

None presented.

11. Adjournment:

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President MASINI offered a second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

ABSENT
Dennis Acciari, Director

ABSENT
David Giorgi, Director

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