A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on November 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the district board room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by Vice President Dave GIORGI.

**Present:**

David GIORGI Vice President

Dennis ACCIARI Director

Marcus MASINI Director

Bridget BANTA Secretary

Robert BRYAN General Manager

Gordon DEPAOLI Legal Counsel

Joanne SARKISIAN Water Master

Jessica SMITH Bookkeeper

**Public Present:**

Tim Bardsley Darrell Pursel Chad Walling Wayne Bull

Silas Adams Rob Lewis Reed Cozens

**1. Public Comment:**

 None presented.

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

President SNYDER and Treasurer NUTI were absent.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Regular meeting.**

Director Marcus MASINI made a motion to approve the minutes. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**4. Water Master’s Report:**

Water Master SARKISIAN advised she is running 58-cfs of stock water system wide. She advised they are releasing 48-cfs from Topaz and 61-cfs from Bridgeport. The weir is still closed off because there is stock water at the West Hyland. SARKISIAN advised during the 2017 irrigation season, WRID and USBWC delivered over 339,000-acre feet of water. 240,000-acre feet of decree water, 36,000-acre feet of storage and 62,000-acre feet of permit/flood water was delivered. Director MASINI requested the totals in both reservoirs. SARKISIAN advised there is 31,290-acre feet in Bridgeport and 39,350-acre feet in Topaz.

**5. Staff Reports:**

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Bookkeeper Jessica SMITH gave the Treasurer’s report as of October 31, 2017:

 Cash in Checking: $214,947.34

 Cash in Money Market $1,428,432.40

 Cash in CDs $1,240,611.33

 Total $2,883,991.07

1. **Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.**

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| ***October 2017 Bills & Payroll*** |
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| Check Number | Effective Date | Vendor Name | Check Amount |
| 119850 | 10/4/2017 | AFLAC | 265.93  |
| 119851 | 10/4/2017 | Ameritas Life Insurance Corp | 1,220.60  |
| 119852 | 10/4/2017 | Frontier | 279.91  |
| 119853 | 10/4/2017 | Giomi, Inc. | 80.12  |
| 119854 | 10/4/2017 | AT&T Mobility | 388.93  |
| 119855 | 10/4/2017 | NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS | 485.35  |
| 119856 | 10/4/2017 | Mason Valley Equipment | 1.20  |
| 119857 | 10/4/2017 | True Value | 54.88  |
| 119858 | 10/4/2017 | Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC | 212.02  |
| 119859 | 10/4/2017 | Power Plan | VOID |
| 119860 | 10/4/2017 | Southwest Gas Corporation | 39.16  |
| 119861 | 10/4/2017 | Woodburn & Wedge | 40,089.35  |
| 119862 | 10/4/2017 | Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes | 649.11  |
| 119863 | 10/12/2017 | Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc | 356.23  |
| 119864 | 10/12/2017 | NV Energy | 187.99  |
| 119865 | 10/12/2017 | Nevada Employment Security Division | 1,628.06  |
| 119866 | 10/12/2017 | Nevada Employment Security Division | 542.69  |
| 119867 | 10/26/2017 | Arigoni, Robert | 1,685.00  |
| 119868 | 10/26/2017 | CODALE ELECTRIC SUPPLY | 966.01  |
| 119869 | 10/26/2017 | High Desert Internet | 174.95  |
| 119870 | 10/26/2017 | AT&T | 128.83  |
| 119871 | 10/26/2017 | BERKLEYNET | 1,305.00  |
| 119872 | 10/26/2017 | Lyon County Recorder | 27.00  |
| 119873 | 10/26/2017 | MF Barcellos | 2,035.09  |
| 119874 | 10/26/2017 | O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. | 43.05  |
| 119875 | 10/26/2017 | Public Employees' Benefits Program | 803.29  |
| 119876 | 10/26/2017 | Quill | 209.13  |
| 119877 | 10/26/2017 | Reno Gazette Journal | 221.28  |
| 119878 | 10/26/2017 | Jim Menesini Petroleum | 829.31  |
| 119879 | 10/26/2017 | NV Energy | 38.16  |
| 119880 | 10/26/2017 | Alhambra | 534.28  |
| 119881 | 10/26/2017 | Standard Insurance Company | 219.96  |
| 119882 | 10/26/2017 | Verizon Wireless | 265.14  |
| 119883 | 10/26/2017 | Vision Service Plan - Nevada | 206.46  |
| 119884 | 10/26/2017 | Wild West Chevrolet | 60.45  |
| 119885 | 10/26/2017 | Woodburn & Wedge | 10,475.02  |
| 119886 | 10/26/2017 | Xerox Financial Services | 139.44  |
| 119887 | 10/26/2017 | HomeTown Health | 6,648.88  |
| 119888 | 10/26/2017 | Momentum Technology Group | 210.00  |
| 119889 | 10/26/2017 | Desert Research Institute | 5,160.77  |
| 119890 | 10/26/2017 | Sierra Office Solutions | 272.32  |
| 119891 | 10/26/2017 | Yerington, City of | 124.46  |
| 119892 | 10/30/2017 | Petty Cash | 109.41  |
| 119893 | 10/30/2017 | PERS Administrative Fund | 6,232.84  |
| 4817 | 10/13/2017 | Bridget A. Banta | 1,139.05  |
| 4818 | 10/13/2017 | Jesus Cervantes | 1,908.72  |
| 4819 | 10/13/2017 | Oscar Cortez | 1,865.81  |
| 4820 | 10/13/2017 | James Martens | 1,470.94  |
| 4821 | 10/13/2017 | Scott Robinson | 277.05  |
| 4822 | 10/13/2017 | Jessica A. Smith | 1,061.80  |
| 4823 | 10/13/2017 | Lupe Wagner | 992.96  |
| 4824 | 10/31/2017 | Robert A. Arigoni | 1,281.42  |
| 4825 | 10/31/2017 | Bridget A. Banta | 1,390.44  |
| 4826 | 10/31/2017 | Robert C. Bryan | 5,464.38  |
| 4827 | 10/31/2017 | Jesus Cervantes | 2,909.29  |
| 4828 | 10/31/2017 | Oscar Cortez | 2,712.37  |
| 4829 | 10/31/2017 | Maria Cruz | 451.49  |
| 4830 | 10/31/2017 | Joseph E. Huggans | 776.48  |
| 4831 | 10/31/2017 | James Martens | 1,847.98  |
| 4832 | 10/31/2017 | Jason R. Milligan | 2,678.50  |
| 4833 | 10/31/2017 | Ronald Murray | 1,239.60  |
| 4834 | 10/31/2017 | Scott Robinson | 1,717.25  |
| 4835 | 10/31/2017 | Jessica A. Smith | 1,267.40  |
| 4836 | 10/31/2017 | Donald Swan | 645.72  |
| 4837 | 10/31/2017 | Cynthia Tibbals | 1,593.32  |
| 4838 | 10/31/2017 | Justin L. Toebe | 1,528.29  |
| 4839 | 10/31/2017 | Lupe Wagner | 1,184.78  |
|  |  | **Total Bills & Payroll** | **123,012.10**  |

Director ACCIARI made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

1. **Manager’s Report**

GM BRYAN advised they had an inspection on the dam for Topaz and Bridgeport. Chad Walling was in attendance from the State of Nevada. All indication from the Safety of Dams advised everything looks good. He advised he is anticipating another week or two of maintenance at the Topaz diversion. GM BRYAN advised he has winter maintenance scheduled throughout the off season. Topaz clean-up was significantly necessary because of the flooding. At the end of the season there was a carry-over of 22,893-acre feet on the west and 22,519-acre feet on the east for, non-called for storage water. In anticipation for next season we have an update from the weather service on what is expected for next year. We are storing as much as possible. On average we are storing 160-acre feet per day for each reservoir. GM BRYAN advised WRID is still going to operate on the standpoint of not wanting to spill on the reservoirs. We will store as much as we can. We don’t have any indication to start dumping the reservoirs at this point. On October 26, GM BRYAN gave a presentation on modernization and the SCADA and what has been completed so far and where we are headed. He advised on August 21, the Honker ranch filed application to change the place of use. The application number is 379170821 and the paperwork is available to look at in the office. There was 4-weeks of publication in the Mason Valley News. The hearing can take place 30 days after the last publication. The hearing will be set for December 7, 2017 and the board decide on the change of place of use. Vice President GIORGI requested to know how much storage was lost with all the sand that was blown and washing in Topaz Reservoir. GM BRYAN advised it is unknown and he has seen reports from the USGS and they waiver on a large scale. There is no definitive answer for that question.

1. **Legal Counsel’s Report:**

Counsel DEPAOLI advised he does not have anything new to report on.

1. **Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.**

Director MASINI made a motion to approve the monthly storage transfers. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**6. Presentation and discussion by Tim Bardsley and Chris Smallcomb with NOAA regarding the upcoming winter weather and water outlook for 2018 irrigation season.**

Tim Bardsley with the National Weather Service gave a presentation on the water outlook for 2018 irrigation season. This year’s seasonal forecast and last year’s seasonal forecast are similar. He advised there is an elevated risk for flooding because of the fires. Unknown how many atmospheric rivers, wind, and snow potential. Unknown if it is going to be particularly warm.

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

Reed Cozens advised he will no longer be attending the board meetings with WRID. He has accepted another position within the State of Nevada Division of Water Resources. He thanked WRID for working so well and closely with the Division of Water Resources. Chad Walling is now the lead contact for any questions regarding the Walker River Basin in the Division of Water Resources. He is now the senior engineer. Chad advised he pulled numbers for pumping figures for mid-October. He advised 8,500-acre feet was pumped in Smith and 16,500-acre feet was pumped in Mason Valley. The pumping is remarkably low. They will be coming out reading pumps through the month of November and will start water level readings next week. Results are variable, but they will have some indicators to share at the next meeting. Walling was at the safety of dams for Topaz with GM BRYAN. Vice President GIORGI asked if the water level readings will be available online. Walling advised they are already online, however, there are some technical difficulties that are being worked out with the graphs.

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

Silas Adams advised they filled their field manager position and there are a couple of field technician positions available. The appraisal figures will be in sometime in January and their acquisitions will also resume in January.

**9. Director Comments:**

Director ACCIARI thanked GM BRYAN for a good irrigation season.

**10. Public Comment:**

Jerry Emm thanked GM BRYAN and everyone involved with the flooding issues this last water year. He really appreciates the work and coordination. He asked about the USGS gages being discontinued. GM BRYAN advised the gages at Antelope Valley were only for a 2-month scale and NFWF no longer funds the Miller or Desert Creek Gage. Miller is gaged on a 6-week stage level and NFWF is rerouting the funding to where they need the gages further down the system. They will remain offline unless someone else is found to fund the gages. Jerry Emm suggested the cost be included in the operating budget as the information that comes from the gages is vital.

**11. Adjournment:**

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

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