

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

**Public Present:**

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

**Public Present via Zoom:**

Wes Walker, MBK

**1. Public Comment**

None presented.

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

All 5 members were present with Director ACCIARI on the phone.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting**

**Vice President MASINI stated he needed to be added as present.**

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

**4. Water Master's Report**

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 14,320 acre-feet (32% capacity) and Topaz was 15,380 acre-feet (25% capacity). Since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 470 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport and 360 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz. The release from Topaz is a little less than 6cfs and the release at Bridgeport is 24cfs. The gage at Bridgeport needs to be recalibrated as it is showing the release as 38cfs. Stock water is being delivered in both valleys and there is 16cfs systemwide being delivered. There will be a US Board meeting on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. There will be a closed discussion on the Flying M, Rafter 7, NDOW, and Singatse Peak transfers. There were 9 applications, but one has been denied by the State Engineer; the other 8 are groundwater transfers and were published on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**5. Staff Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI reported as of October 31, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 137,330.15
Cash in Money Market	\$1,269,703.22
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$2,164,601.61

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

**Cash Disbursement Journal**

**October 2024 Bills & Payroll**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	122614	10/06/2024	\$ 1,025.40
NV Energy	122615	10/06/2024	\$ 3,199.40
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	122616	10/06/2024	\$ 213.42
Quill	122617	10/06/2024	\$ 368.47
Sierra Office Solutions	122618	10/06/2024	\$ 91.68
Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	122619	10/06/2024	\$ 2,493.14
Wells Fargo Card Services	122620	10/06/2024	\$ 22,207.31
Xerox Financial Services	122621	10/06/2024	\$ 36.47
PrimePay	300114	10/10/2024	\$ 237.62
Carson City Chamber of Com	101181	10/10/2024	\$ 275.00
City of Yerington	101182	10/10/2024	\$ 190.26
Hoof Beat Gates & Corrals LLC	101183	10/10/2024	\$ 613.00
Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	101184	10/10/2024	\$ 477.72
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101185	10/10/2024	\$ 988.17
NV Energy	101186	10/10/2024	\$ 301.26
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101187	10/10/2024	\$ 8,568.00
Public Employees' Benefits Prog	101188	10/10/2024	\$ 870.23
Raley's	101189	10/10/2024	\$ 234.78
Southwest Gas Corporation	101190	10/10/2024	\$ 42.37
True Value	101191	10/10/2024	\$ 261.19
Western Nevada Supply Company	101192	10/10/2024	\$ 116.43
Xerox Corporation	101193	10/10/2024	\$ 283.21
Giomi, Inc.	101194	10/10/2024	\$ 677.69
NV Energy	101195	10/10/2024	\$ 37.56
PERS Administrative Fund	101196	10/10/2024	\$ 10,746.21
JASON MILLIGAN	101197	10/11/2024	\$ 1,920.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101198	10/11/2024	\$ 1,920.00

AT&T	300115	10/15/2024	\$	86.18
Alhambra	300118	10/15/2024	\$	334.23
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300116	10/21/2024	\$	342.96
Associated Concrete Pumping	101199	10/29/2024	\$	3,038.75
CD & POWER	101200	10/29/2024	\$	932.50
GANNETT NEVADA-UTAH	101201	10/29/2024	\$	93.88
John Deere Credit	101202	10/29/2024	\$	4.50
MF Barcellos	101203	10/29/2024	\$	1,513.01
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101204	10/29/2024	\$	69.97
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101205	10/29/2024	\$	300.00
The Ferraro Group	101206	10/29/2024	\$	7,500.00
VERNON F. BRYAN, INC.	101207	10/29/2024	\$	5,000.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101208	10/29/2024	\$	14,087.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101209	10/29/2024	\$	2,240.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101210	10/29/2024	\$	2,240.00
HomeTown Health	300117	10/30/2024	\$	7,212.61
NPAIP		10/30/2024	\$	4,857.00
Payroll		10/15/2024	\$	9,664.36
EFTPS		10/15/2024	\$	1,729.32
Payroll		10/31/2024	\$	31,759.46
EFTPS		10/31/2024	\$	8,261.76
<b>Total Bills and Payroll</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>159,663.48</b>
NFWF Submission			\$	(43,849.87)
<b>Total District Expenses</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>115,813.61</b>

Vice President MASINI inquired about the Pape bill; GM BRYAN stated it is the monthly rental on the loader. President SNYDER inquired about the Ferraro bill; GM BRYAN stated it is the District's lobbyist in DC. President SNYDER asked what the Vernon Bryan bill was for; GM BRYAN stated it was for assisting with labor on the Colony headworks modernization and is covered by the NFWF grant.

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

### C. **Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 26% capacity with 15,680 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 34% capacity with 14,320 acre-feet. Topaz has stored approximately 400 acre-feet since November 1<sup>st</sup> and Bridgeport has stored approximately 500 acre-feet.

The shop crew has been performing repairs and maintenance throughout the District. They assisted Lyon County with repairs in Red Canyon and Burbank that were due to last year's flooding.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, GM BRYAN attended a career fair at Smith Valley High School to speak about the District.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, GM BRYAN attended the State Water Plan workshop. The main focus of this workshop was climate change. There was a good discussion on the topic. GM BRYAN will keep the board informed about future meetings.

The annual Saroni Canal meeting was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The meeting went well, there was good feedback, and there are no follow up meetings scheduled this year. Also set budget recommendation and the maintenance schedule.

The Colony annual meeting is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am at the Smith Valley Library. The agenda and proxies have been sent and posted.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, GM BRYAN attended a meeting with Nevada State Lands, State Parks, and USGS regarding the gaging on the East Walker. The three gages discussed were the Ravenelle, Morgan Unit, and Santa Margarita locations. There is funding through NDEP for the Morgan Unit. GM BRYAN has discussion with Joanne on getting funding from the US Board for the Ravenelle gage, and the Santa Margarita gage is being written into the state budget. It was a good meeting with interest in keeping all three gages live but there is no long term funding at this time.

GM BRYAN provided a packet of the Omnibus Water Bills. There are several water bills that are in the early draft stage, and they will go to legislature next year. There will be opportunities for feedback and workshops on each bill.

There are two change applications being filed the first one is the NDOW permit 93877T. It has previously been applied for and they do this annually. The other applications are 93714-93725 from Singatse Peak Service LLC. Those are groundwater applications. GM BRYAN will keep the board informed of updates.

President SNYDER asked what the Saroni assessments are set at; GM BRYAN stated they kept it at \$25 per acre. President SNYDER asked if it was only for O&M; GM BRYAN stated it is.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel DePAOLI reported that on Monday, the US District Court entered the order to modify the decree consistent with the stipulation which resolves the claims for the Walker River Indian Reservation (WRIR). The order was approved as submitted without changes. Counsel DePAOLI will send a copy of the order to the board. Even though the WRIR claims were resolved, that did not completely end that particular matter. In 2000, Judge Reed bifurcated the claims and separated the WRIR claims from the claims made by the Hawthorne Ammunition Depot, Toiyabe National Forest, Mountain Warfare Marine Training Center, BLM, Yerington reservation, Bridgeport Indian Colony, and Indian allotments in the Pinenut Mountains. Counsel DePAOLI stated he has not looked at the claims for a long

time, but his recollection is that they should be more easily resolved than the WRIR claims. Most of the upstream and Hawthorne claims do not involve the river per se and the Bridgeport claims are groundwater. Counsel DePAOLI stated he needs to review what was being asked for by the Yerington reservation.

**E. Stored Water Leasing Program update**

GM BRYAN reported that the District recently received the reimbursement for this year's program participants. The checks are being processed today. Once USGS finalizes the data, the follow up meetings will be scheduled. Also, with the finalized data, MBK will put together a report on all of the pilot years combined and will draft a report according to the District's Rules & Regulations Number 14.

**F. Storage Water Transfers**

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

GM BRYAN stated there was a little over 8,000 acre-feet left on the books for storage water this year. This year will be one of the larger carryovers. Treasurer NUTI asked if there would be more in the pool if the leasing program did not happen; GM BRYAN stated it is hard to say for sure.

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

Lauren BARTELS reported that she and Jodi have out in the field measuring water levels this week; Smith Valley measurements are done, and Mason Valley will be measured today and next Tuesday. Preliminary glance at numbers compared to last fall look like Smith Valley is holding steady and Mason Valley has risen between 1-10 feet in certain locations. There will be more comprehensive numbers at the December meeting. Lauren has been out doing readings on the meters that do not have to report and those that must report but have not been reported. Vice President MASINI asked where the southern line was drawn; Lauren stated the line is on the southern side of Pursel Lane. Lauren stated the East Fork levels will be measured next week. GM BRYAN asked if NDWR will reach out to the well user groups to hold meetings; Lauren stated she plans to give an informal report at the next meeting unless the meetings are needed.

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

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that preliminary data shows that 14,754 acre-feet of water made it to Walker Lake this year with just over 10,000 acre-feet being storage water. Carlie stated this was the second-best year since the Conservancy has started sending water to the lake. The efficiencies were good this year- 81% of the water at Wabuska made it to the lake. Director GIORGI asked how many inches the lake rose; Carlie stated it held steady.

**8. Director Comments**

None presented.

**9. Public Comment**

None presented.

**10. Adjournment**

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to adjourn; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Jim Snyder, President

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Marcus Masini, Vice President

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Richard Nuti, Treasurer

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Dennis Acciari, Director

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