

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on July 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by Treasurer NUTI.

**Present:**

Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

**Public Present:**

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD	AJ Jensby, NDWR
Peter Stanton, WBC	Wyatt Fereday, NDWR	Carole O'Banion

**Public Present via Zoom:**

Wes Walker, MBK Engineers

**1. Public Comment**

None presented.

**2. Roll Call**

President SNYDER and Vice President MASINI were absent.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting**

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

**4. Consideration of Minutes of the June 23, 2022 Workshop Meeting.**

The spelling of Karen PEDERSEN needs to be changed to PETERSON.

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

**5. Water Master's Report**

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 14,290 acre-feet (34%) and Topaz was at 32,500 acre-feet (54%). The decree was set at 1863 on the East and 1868 on the West, Main and Tunnel. Joanne stated she is delivering quite a bit of storage and keeping flows reasonable with 90 feet coming out of Bridgeport and 212 feet coming out of Topaz. Once the leasing program is going, Joanne and Bert will be encouraging users to take storage. Yesterday was the first day of releasing storage water out of Lower Twin. Currently, 25 cfs is being released and hopefully some of it will make it to the reservoir.

**6. Staff Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI reported as of June 30, 2022:

Cash in Checking	\$ 126,792.04
Cash in Money Market	\$ 678,663.08
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$1,563,023.36

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

***Bills & Payroll June 2022***

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
122564	6/7/2022	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	\$ 1,027.80
122565	6/7/2022	Mason Valley Equipment	\$ 75.09
122566	6/7/2022	MBK Engineers	\$ 828.41
122567	6/7/2022	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	\$ 201.00
122568	6/7/2022	NV Energy	\$ 5,006.65
122569	6/7/2022	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$ 45.58
122570	6/7/2022	City of Yerington	\$ 134.84
122571	6/7/2022	Sierra Office Solutions	\$ 435.82
122572	6/7/2022	Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	\$ 12,584.01
122573	6/7/2022	USI Insurance Services National (REN)	\$ 18,905.77
122574	6/7/2022	Xerox Corporation	\$ 242.73
122575	6/13/2022	AT&T	\$ 77.17
122577	6/13/2022	Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc	\$ 255.60
122578	6/13/2022	John Deere Credit	\$ 43.99
122579	6/13/2022	Lee's Pest Control	\$ 160.00
122580	6/13/2022	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 35.16
122581	6/13/2022	MBK Engineers	\$ 4,731.00
122582	6/13/2022	MF Barcellos	\$ 4,497.23
122583	6/13/2022	True Value	\$ 295.83
122584	6/13/2022	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$ 173.01
122585	6/13/2022	Public Employees' Benefits Program	\$ 870.23
122586	6/13/2022	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$ 807.40
122587	6/13/2022	Cal Poly Corporation / ITRC	\$ 45,210.36
122588	6/13/2022	NV Energy	\$ 37.92
122589	6/13/2022	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$ 3,140.10
122590	6/13/2022	Desert Ready Mix	\$ 480.00
122591	6/13/2022	Desert Research Institute	\$ 15,159.58
122592	6/13/2022	Sierra Office Solutions	\$ 39.23
122593	6/13/2022	USBWC	\$ 7,547.44
122594	6/13/2022	PERS Administrative Fund	\$ 8,874.94
122595	6/14/2022	Walker River Irrigation District	\$ 25.39

122596	6/27/2022	USBWC	\$	4,659.94
122597	6/27/2022	ABILA Dept 2145	\$	205.77
122598	6/27/2022	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	\$	600.00
122599	6/27/2022	Quill	\$	223.41
122600	6/27/2022	Woodburn & Wedge	\$	66,923.19
122601	6/27/2022	Desert Research Institute	\$	18,475.75
122602	6/27/2022	PERS Administrative Fund	\$	9,170.74
122603	6/27/2022	Nevada Employment Security Division	\$	1,773.48
122604	6/27/2022	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	\$	28,135.78
122605	6/27/2022	NV Energy	\$	5,205.74
122606	6/30/2022	USBWC	\$	324.12
122607	6/30/2022	MBK Engineers	\$	8,943.08
122608	6/30/2022	True Value	\$	135.96
122609	6/30/2022	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$	3,391.31
122610	6/30/2022	Smith Valley Conservation District	\$	575.18
122611	6/30/2022	MacLeod Watts Inc	\$	3,200.00
122612	6/30/2022	AFLAC	\$	214.20
ACH002	6/13/2022	Alhambra	\$	218.78
ACH003	6/30/2022	HomeTown Health	\$	7,752.74
ACH004	6/30/2022	Round Up Awards	\$	1,067.45
PAYROLL	6/30/2022	PAYROLL	\$	42,039.46
<b>Total Bills &amp; Payroll</b>				<b>\$ 335,185.36</b>

Secretary HALTERMAN stated the Wells Fargo bill breakdown is not available this month as the AP files are with the auditors.

Director GIORGI asked if the bill for Truckee Tahoe Lumber was lumber for a project; GM BRYAN stated the larger project lumber is purchased through them, but the day-to-day lumber is purchased through Sticks & Stones.

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

**C. Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN reported Topaz is at 32,500 acre-feet (54%) and Bridgeport is at 14,300 acre-feet (34%). There was a second reallocation of 2.5% on the West taking it to 42% for the year. The East has stayed the same allocation of 26%. The storage levels are still in better shape on the West. The losses are starting to increase on the East again; nothing worse than last year but they are 40-60 feet daily.

Shop crew is continuing with repairs and maintenance on drains and the facilities. There is a request to clean the D&GW as they are having problems with moss build up. There is a small leak on the discharge tube of the District well. There is a crew member welding it today.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> GM BRYAN met with the Smith Valley well users. AJ & Wyatt from NDWR were there and gave a presentation. There was good discussion on scenarios and long-term solutions. A list of data was given and a request to look at soil components and artificial recharge was made of NDWR. The next meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm at the Smith Valley Courthouse in Central. GM BRYAN has spoken with a few of the Mason Valley well users and has passed on the information from the Smith Valley meetings. The Mason Valley users want to hold a meeting once information is provided from NDWR on the Smith Valley requests. GM BRYAN stated he will ask NDWR to attend the Mason Valley meeting to present as they did in Smith Valley.

The meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with NDOW, Trout Unlimited, and Streamwise was helpful and informative. Attendees had a chance to look at structure on Cottonwood Ranch and got get more understanding on how the structures work. GM BRYAN has reached out to Trout Unlimited and NDOW on what they would like from the Board, if anything, but has not heard back yet.

Yesterday GM BRYAN submitted the two temporary applications for the Stored Water Leasing Program. Temporary numbers 92038T and 92039T were issued. GM BRYAN met with Wyatt, and he will get the applications turned around as soon as possible. The hope is to begin releasing waters toward end of month.

Tomorrow GM BRYAN and Secretary HALTERMAN will meet with NRCS-Reno and their consultants on the PIFR grant. The PIFR will focus on solutions for sediment control on the East Walker.

GM BRYAN heard back from Aaron Cook with State Parks. Aaron stated they met with USGS and visited sites for potential gages on the East Walker. After meeting with USGS, they came up with the Morgan bridge upstream of Flying M and the Santa Margarita bridge near Rafter 7. State Parks is working on finances and will reach out to WRID if further funding is needed. If further funding is needed, GM BRYAN will approach the Board. The gages will help with the loss tracking and data collection. Treasurer NUTI asked how many miles were between the gages; GM BRYAN stated approximately 40 miles between Bridgeport and the Strosnider gage. Director GIORGI asked if the new gages will be connected to satellite so the public can view them; GM BRYAN stated they will be available on the USGS website like the other gages and can be viewed.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Prior to the meeting, GM BRYAN spoke to Counsel who stated he did not have an update.

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

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

**F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update**

Wes WALKER reported that MBK submitted all documents to the California State Water Board two weeks ago. The final coordination meeting was held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Bert submitted the temporary applications to the NDWR this week and everything on track to have full approval within the next couple weeks. The plan is to start releases the last week of July and run releases for approximately 10 days. The final enrollment number was 2097 acre-feet and releases are planned to occur from both reservoirs at the same time.

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

Wyatt FEREDAY stated he received the two temporary change applications yesterday and they were expected to be through the review process by next week. AJ has been doing a great job of getting the pumping numbers. Currently, Smith Valley has pumped approximately 10,700 acre-feet and Mason Valley has pumped approximately 38,100 acre-feet. The numbers are good numbers for being halfway through the season. If the trend continues, the final pumping numbers will be lower than last year. Those who are conserving water will not be approached by NDWR for not using their allotment. Director GIORGI asked if there were users who were close to over pumping; Wyatt stated there are two users who have over pumped, and letters have been sent to them.

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

Peter STANTON stated the Conservancy is looking forward to the Stored Water Leasing Program starting. Peter reported they were out with State Parks earlier this week and they will be helping obtain funding for gaging on the East as well. The Conservancy is committed to transparency in the system and the gaging will help to see what is going on. The proposal for the funding should go in before end of the month.

**9. Director Comments**

None presented.

**10. Public Comment**

None presented.

**11. Adjournment**

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

ABSENT  
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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David Giorgi, Director

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