

April 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on April 7, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM at the district board room, 410 N Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President Jim Snyder.

Present were:

Jim SNYDER	President
David GIORGI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
David LITTLE	Director
Bridget BANTA	Secretary
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Robert Martinez	Water Master
Jessica SMITH	Bookkeeper

Public Present:

Donette Huselton Steve Tomac Jeff Dengel Richard Smolin

Public Comment

None presented

Roll Call

All 5 members present

Consideration of Minutes of March 7, 2016

Director LITTLE moved to approve the minutes as written. Director GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Consideration of Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2016

Director NUTI moved to approve the minutes as written. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Consideration of Special Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2016

Director LITTLE moved to approve the minutes as written. Director GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Water Master Report

Water Master Robert MARTINEZ advised El Nino has been sporadic throughout the spring. He stated the drought for Walker River Water Shed is still in extreme drought. Last year 80% of the state of Nevada was in extreme drought. Now 40% of the state of Nevada is in extreme drought. Snotel peak was at 96% of average on the 15th of March. The current Snotel is at 85%. As far as the water year, we are right on average for the precipitation. Flows for the stream flow forecast for the East for April-August 80% of average and the West-92%. Precipitation for the rest of the year is predicted to be above average.

Staff Reports

Treasurer's Report

Director NUTI gave the treasurer's report:

Cash in Checking	\$769,301.71
Cash in Money Market	\$1,305,379.52
Cash in CDs	\$1,239,333.42
Total	\$3,314,014.65

Consideration of Bills

1100 - Cash in Checking

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
118716	3/7/2016	MF Barcellos	1,675.65
118717	3/7/2016	PERS Administrative Fund	4,246.03
118718	3/7/2016	NV Energy	36.16
118718	3/7/2016	NV Energy	206.99
118718	3/7/2016	NV Energy	21.00
118719	3/7/2016	Southwest Gas Corporation	447.76
118720	3/7/2016	Woodburn & Wedge	21,084.80
118721	3/7/2016	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	509.37
118722	3/7/2016	Giomi, Inc.	1,403.13
118723	3/7/2016	Alhambra	71.87
118724	3/7/2016	PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	2,200.92
118725	3/7/2016	Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc	1,188.29
118726	3/7/2016	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	4,461.00
118727	3/7/2016	Frontier	306.55
118728	3/7/2016	AT&T Mobility	260.97
118729	3/7/2016	Four Point	3,000.00
118729	3/7/2016	Four Point	3,000.00
118730	3/7/2016	HomeTown Health	2,910.67
118731	3/7/2016	Xerox Corporation	256.14
118732	3/7/2016	AFLAC	293.36
118733	3/7/2016	Quill	20.07
118734	3/7/2016	Wedco Inc.	258.74
118734	3/7/2016	Wedco Inc.	441.98
118735	3/7/2016	High Desert Internet	174.95
118736	3/7/2016	Verizon Wireless	235.53
118737	3/7/2016	Plymouth Ditch Company	16.96
118738	3/7/2016	AT&T	112.14
118739	3/7/2016	Public Employees' Benefits Program	792.65
118740	3/7/2016	Yerington, City of	83.00
118741	3/7/2016	Allied Insurance	400.00
118742	3/7/2016	Momentum Technology Group	210.00
118743	3/7/2016	Lyon County Recorder	19.75
118744	3/7/2016	Diversified Concrete Cutting	882.50

118745	3/7/2016	Reno Gazette Journal	197.72
118746	3/7/2016	Grove Madsen Industries	1,141.82
118747	3/7/2016	White Cap Construction Supply	979.00
118748	3/7/2016	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	61.38
118749	3/7/2016	Desert Research Institute	9,166.28
118750	3/7/2016	True Value	118.63
118751	3/7/2016	Wells Fargo Card Services	1,088.06
118751	3/7/2016	Wells Fargo Card Services	181.38
118751	3/7/2016	Wells Fargo Card Services	2,823.99
118752	3/24/2016	Pioneer Crossing Casino	590.00
118753	3/28/2016	D & S Waste Removal	95.07
118754	3/28/2016	NV Energy	8.69
118755	3/28/2016	IDCSERVCO	767.80
118756	3/28/2016	Standard Insurance Company	198.06
118757	3/28/2016	Deluxe Business Forms	243.58
118758	3/28/2016	HomeTown Health	4,100.79
118759	3/28/2016	BERKLEYNET	882.00
118760	3/28/2016	Four Point	2,495.00
118760	3/28/2016	Four Point	737.50
118761	3/28/2016	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	570.80
118762	3/28/2016	Arigoni, Robert	1,685.00
118763	3/28/2016	Omar Cortes	88.12
118764	3/28/2016	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	426.92
118765	3/28/2016	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	631.00
118766	3/28/2016	Woodburn & Wedge	18,107.46
118767	3/28/2016	Momentum Technology Group	1,181.25
118768	3/28/2016	Power Plan	2,117.77
118769	3/28/2016	Quill	33.96
118769	3/28/2016	Quill	18.99
118769	3/28/2016	Quill	14.99
118769	3/28/2016	Quill	19.73
118770	3/28/2016	Wedco Inc.	843.77
118771	3/28/2016	Wells Fargo Card Services	936.98
118772	3/28/2016	Pioneer Crossing Casino	59.00
118773	3/28/2016	PERS Administrative Fund	4,543.61
118774	3/28/2016	Cruz, Maria	350.00
4378	3/7/2016	Omar C. Cortes	(440.38)
4385	3/7/2016	Omar C. Cortes	0.00
4385	3/7/2016	Omar C. Cortes	440.38
4386	3/15/2016	Bridget A. Banta	1,215.97
4387	3/15/2016	Jesus Cervantes	1,373.76
4388	3/15/2016	Oscar Cortez	1,221.31
4389	3/15/2016	Damian Diaz Alvarado	844.97
4390	3/15/2016	Jessica A. Smith	1,136.26
4392	3/31/2016	Robert A. Arigoni	1,281.42
4395	3/31/2016	Omar C. Cortes	1,262.17
4399	3/31/2016	Jason R. Milligan	1,957.92
4400	3/31/2016	Ronald Murray	1,239.20
4402	3/31/2016	Bridget A. Banta	1,362.08
4403	3/31/2016	Jessica A. Smith	1,274.12
EFTPS	3/16/2016	Internal Revenue Service	723.82

Total 123,628.03

Director GIORGI asked if structures are in and paid for. GM BRYAN advised all are complete and working on adjusting the communication as of now.

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

Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised the Staten Engineer and Department of Water Resources has sent a letter requesting a copy of all the water cards. We will be handing the records over to them. We are still giving them the monthly diversions and this will continue. Director LITTLE asked if the state engineer's office is getting the records for storage only or decree too. GM BRYAN advised WRID cards reflect decree and storage. WRID has not waived our position. WRID will continue to help the state with the records they request and help in any capacity we can. WRID is a political subdivision of the state. GM BRYAN has a meeting with the state engineer next week and will work to compile the information regarding a ground water management plan. We are looking at ground water management plans throughout other states. GM BRYAN advised we will need to update our system as far as mapping and reporting water. WRID is going to have to do that for the surface water as well. Everyone needs to know exactly what their usage is every day as the state will be requesting this information. We will need to get a lot more digital and it's going to take a lot more time and money to get this project started. Director LITTLE requested to know what GM BRYAN's steps are going to be to get to this point. Donette Huselton requested to know if there is a grant that could help pay for this project. GM BRYAN advised he has already sent the office staff to a grant writing class and they have a grant management class this month. Huselton suggested to hire a professional grant writer. Director LITTLE advised he was glad to hear the office staff are attending classes for grants.

GM BRYAN advised the district well came on Friday, April 1 and is currently pumping 8 cfs. There will be another draw at the end of the month for May's drawing. Director NUTI requested to know if there was a lot of entries. Secretary BANTA advised there were not many entries for April and everyone who put in was drawn. Several other people have since put in for May's drawing coming up.

GM BRYAN advised the G&H and the Fox Mickey have fencing around the structures to keep cows and people out.

GM BRYAN advised the WRID crew finished cleaning the east drain on the east side of town. The whole area was touched up and they redid the drain from Bridge Street to the highway. We are now replacing culverts near Circle Bar N and Thompsons. The crew burned and sprayed the entire Saroni including lateral A and B. The top side of lateral B was also cleaned out and burned weeds on the Desert Creek overpass. GM BRYAN has posted pictures on the board.

Richard Smolin asked if the planting of willow trees cause a problem with sucking up the water. Director LITTLE advised the farmers in the old times used to keep the willows growing over the ditches because the roots maintained the banks and helped with the evaporation of water. Smolin was concerned because as the banks are being cleaned up, the conservancy is planting more willows. GM BRYAN informed them the Army Corp of Engineers required the natural vegetation that was removed during the cleaning process to be replanted. Smolin advised he was going to try to speak to the Army Corp of Engineers and see if there was another option for a plant that would help stabilize the banks without sucking up so much

water. Director LITTLE advised the willows are also good at cleaning the water as it comes through the river and ditches. He advised the quality of water matters and the vegetation acts as a filter.

GM BRYAN advised on a maintenance stand point he would prefer the willows were not there, but according to the permits and agreements the conservancy has to replant them.

Legal Report

None presented

Monthly Temporary Storage Transfers Approval

GM BRYAN explained the monthly storage transfer sheet will be on the agenda each month to be approved during the water season. He explained the storage transfer process. LITTLE asked what the drop dead date is for transferring from the East to the West. GM BRYAN advised there is no transferring from reservoir to reservoir this year. GM BRYAN advised water can be transferred from East to Main and West to Main. If it's from the Main to the East, only 1/3 will be transferred and if from Main to the West, only 2/3 gets transferred. Director GIORGI requested to know why the names were not on the list. Director LITTLE advised he did not think it mattered. He also advised he does not know a time when a storage transfer has been denied. Director GIORGI stated he is concerned a farmer is moving storage off a property with a well and transferring it to a property without a well and then pumping the well 100% on the property with the well. GM BRYAN advised he will provide this report to the state if they request it or if the board directs him to do so. Director GIORGI asked if the duty would change. GM BRYAN advised there is only so much duty allowed per well. The duty does not change if the storage is temporarily transferred. Director LITTLE stated he believes Gordon DePaoli should look at this situation. Director LITTLE advised the district would be liable if a farmer thought they had water and then the board decided to deny the transfers. GM BRYAN advised it would be difficult to deny the transfers after the district has set a precedence. Director GIORGI requested to know if the transfers have already been finished. GM BRYAN advised, just like the bills approved every month, the transfers are already completed usually the day it is given to Bridget. Director GIORGI asked what happens if the board denies the transfer what happens to the water. GM BRYAN advised the transaction can be reversed as long as the water has not been used by the time the monthly meeting occurs. Director NUTI advised one thing to keep in mind if WRID gets too strict, the board can end up hurting themselves. Director LITTLE made a motion to approve the transfers. NUTI seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

NFWF Report

Steve Tomac with Walker Basin Conservancy advised they are working on contracts and lease agreements on properties. They had an open bid for the grazing contract for the Rafter 7. They have a lessee in place for that and it went for \$27 an acre. Chance Rosse is the lessee. Pitchfork Ranch was a whole ranch lease to Jim Talbott for \$44 per acre. They have also awarded a farming contract for Walker River Ranch at the south end of the valley. It is 235 acres for a revegetation project. They have started irrigating on the Aguiar property and reported good survival on most of the shrubs. Tomac advised beaver control, as far as the conservancy goes, there is no change in the policy for that. WBC is happy to work with anyone for beaver control and ask to not be singled out just for their properties. Director GIORGI asked if they have opened up to any fishing on the properties. Tomac advised Rafter 7 has been opened up and have 7 miles of fishing. There is no Camping allowed yet. They do have plans in place for request for proposals for engineering to look at both properties for an overall plan for public access. That will be determined in two

weeks who is going to work on that project. It will encompass a lot of things including recreational and public access.

Jeff Dengel with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation advised there are no new acquisition updates. He addressed the call for the ground water management plan and in addition to find more capacity and assistance for WRID. Yesterday, a consultant that is NFWF friendly, proposed the idea to push through a regional conservation program run by the USDA. It is an opportunity to help fund some technical service to the district or some sort of advisory board to help a ground water management program get on board. NFWF is looking into possibly getting the district more funding for infrastructure projects. Dengel advised the information just came across his desk yesterday and he has program staff doing what they can to figure out what they can do. Director GIORGI requested an updated version for the new acquisitions. Dengel advised the West Fork and the Ward property were the last two acquisitions. Director LITTLE advised he had received a map that showed more water than Masini's bought by NFWF in the Wabuska area. Dengel requested to know which map he is looking at. Dengel advised he thought the map was from an organization Donette Huselton was involved with. He advised the map is not accurate and not in the place of use that NFWF has acquired. Donette looked at the map and advised the map looks familiar but did not look like her organizations map. She advised they have a map with information acquired by the state and the county assessor's office. She offered to bring the map in for the board to see. Director LITTLE advised he would like Huselton to bring the map in. Dengel advised he did not believe the information was correct the organization put together on a map. He offered to bring a map in as well. Huselton advised she got the information from the state engineer's office and advised Elmer Bull looked at the map and advised it was very accurate.

Director's Comments

Director LITTLE advised the farmers should keep control of their own destiny and future and believes they all should be pumping less. He advised as directors, they need to lead by example and commit to pumping less this year than they did last year. President SNYDER advised he agreed with Director LITTLE's comments. Director LITTLE proposed a duel to see who can pump the least this water season in order to lead by example. Donette Huselton advised according to the state, the farmers pumping almost half of what they did last year. Director LITTLE advised the farmers, himself included, should be pumping less in a good year to replenish the aquifer. Director GIORGI advised he plans on pumping less than last year. Director GIORGI requested to know how Director LITTLE plans on pumping less if he gets approved for a new well. Director LITTLE advised just because he gets a new well, doesn't mean he is going to pump out of it.

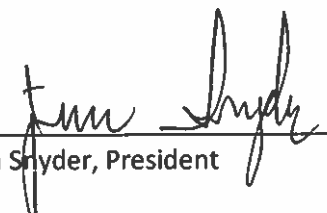
Director NUTI requested to set up another meeting to facilitate the information regarding the state engineer. GM BRYAN advised he can set up a meeting for the last week of April. Friday, May 6 is the next regular board meeting.

Director ACCIARI stated GM BRYAN is doing a great job and trying to stay ahead of issues by bringing it up to the board before it becomes an issue.

Public Comment

None

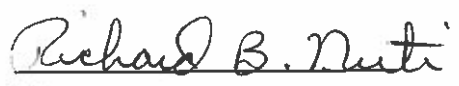
Director LITTLE moved to adjourn the meeting. Director GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and the meeting adjourned at 11:39.




Jim Snyder, President



David Giorgi, Vice President



Richard Nuti, Treasurer



David Little, Director



Dennis Acciari, Director