

**October 29, 2015**

A special meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on October 29, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 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
David LITTLE	Director (via LL)
Bridget BANTA	Secretary
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DEPOALI	Legal Counsel
Jim Shaw	Water Master

**Public Present**

Jeff Page	Dan Newell	David Sceirine	Tom Reviglio
Donette Huselton	Ed Huselton	Ed Ryan	Greg Hunewill
Joe Sceirine	Jeff Rife	Suzanne Coyote	Kris Leinassar
Joy Morris (via ll )	Keith Trout	Robert Cooper	Jim Chico
Tony Reviglio	Dustin Homan	Greg Chico	Caleb Cage

**Public Comment**

None

**Roll Call**

3 directors present and David Little via land line. Directors NUTI, GIORGI and SNYDER present. Director ACCIARI absent.

**Walker River Sediment Removal Project-Financial Assistance**

Director LITTLE requested to know how much WRID funds we are using and how much NFWF funds we will be using. President SNYDER advised that is correct. GM BRYAN advised he has talked to Joy with NFWF and the city has offered \$10,000. City Manager Dan Newell advised the amount has changed. They are offering up \$150,000 from a grant they have from NFWF. Joy has given him permission to use the funds for the river clean up. GM BRYAN advised the county is hoping to offer up \$25,000. Director LITTLE advised he believes using NFWF funds would be the best idea. GM BRYAN advised NFWF will allow WRID to use some of the funds from that grant. Director LITTLE requested to know if WRID loses NFWF funds from the grant if it is not used. Counsel DEPOALI advised the grant has a date on it as December 31, 2017 on it and if WRID hasn't used it by then, then it would expire or we can ask for an extended time. Director LITTLE requested to know the estimate for the entire project. GM BRYAN advised Ed Ryan is going to be taking the lead on this project and will defer to him to obtain the estimate. Ed Ryan advised he has put together estimates from Desert Engineering. Estimate attached. It will be from the weir to the confluence where the east and west come together.

County Manager Jeff Page advised the County's resolution on Thursday is requesting \$25,000 in cash and providing any equipment and loaders and dump trucks. We can help bring those costs down as well. The board needs to do the final approval. We are prepared to mobilize the equipment if approved. Director NUTI inquired if the costs included operators on the equipment. Ed Ryan advised the estimate did include the operators. Joe Sceirine inquired as to where the sediment will be taken to. Ed Ryan advised there is a place and they are planning a GPS map. Joe Sceirine asked if the sediment can be used to build back up the sides of the river. Ed Ryan advised as long as it cannot be washed back into the river. Water Master SHAW advised one thing we have run into is this is about 2 months late and the river is starting to come up and we are going to run into a situation where we cannot go as far as we planned on going. WRID and the ranchers and farmers are working together to try to divert water to the east drain to dump it back in at the Wabuska drain. SHAW recommended having money available to clean the river on a regular basis. Tom Reviglio advised WRID has to bring in the extra money needed. He suggested a special assessment for the next time we need to clean the river. After this all gets done, the dredge machine would be the maintenance. You can't put a tractor in there when there is water in there. It is a simple solution. President SNYDER advised in addition to the other equipment, my family has had a scraper in the river for a couple of days doing considerable work there and a lot more needs to be done. There is also ample opportunity for volunteers to help us if they can. Director NUTI requested to know if WRID took \$50,000 or less without amending the grant. Joy advised NFWF can add it to the grant without an amendment if its \$30,000-\$50,000. More can be had if there is an amendment. Director NUTI advised if WRID were to put up \$10,000 added to the \$50,000 from the grant then we would be at the cost of the estimate. GM BRYAN advised WRID could offer in another \$10,000 from the reservoir fund to make it to the estimated cost. We are diverting water at the moment and we are getting more water with more storms coming. We need to get this going before more storms come in. There are plenty of ditches that are dry and could take water, but there is no gates in and they are all preformed for cement and being worked on. SHAW advised Sunday and Monday will be the start of stock water and can divert water in the ditches. The problem is below the reservoirs. Tom Reviglio requested to know if Jim Chico needed more equipment. Jim Chico advised it depends how fast the project needs to get done. He advised he can get ¼ mile done today. He can double up the equipment that he has, however it is quite expensive. Chico suggested to get the county's equipment in the stretch between Goldfield and Bridge St. There is a place to go with the dirt and we can get in contact with the road supervisor. Jeff Page advised he is contacting the road supervisor during the meeting. SHAW reiterated there should not be any bank disturbance at all. President SNYDER advised the stretch on his property is in need of low ground pressure to get the sediment out. Farm tractors and scrapers could be used as well. Ed Ryan stated the flows can be increased by 1/3 if the bridges are cleaned out. Tony Reviglio advised it looks like \$200,000 on the table without amending the grant. He stated he didn't know how many days \$200,000 will really get us. He thinks this is a little low and should be around \$400,000. Jim Chico stated it would be around \$8,000 per day. He believes he can complete the project in 10 days from Goldfield to the weir. The estimate could go over and could even be under. The stretch from Goldfield to Bridge St using equipment for 5 days would be another \$50,000. Tom Reviglio requested to know if WRID has looked at a special assessment for this project. Counsel DEPOALI advised it was possible to have a special assessment. Donette Huselton inquired whether the cost will be the same if the equipment is doubled and have the work completed in 5 days instead of 10. Jim Chico advised the time could possibly be cut in half if the equipment was doubled. Director NUTI requested to know how long it would take to amend the NFWF

grant. Joy advised it would take anywhere from a couple days to a week. Bert would have to provide the paperwork and NFWF would be able to give verbal approval on the amendment. It shouldn't hold up anything regarding the project WRID is working on. SHAW reminded everyone the permits are not completely finished yet. Joy advised if WRID is going to be using NFWF funds, the permitting process needs to be followed. Ed Ryan advised the application was put in yesterday and he hasn't seen anything back yet from the Army Corp of Engineers. President SNYDER requested to know a timeline on the permit process. Ed Ryan advised they said they could do it quickly. Hoping to be complete within a week. Director GIORGI inquired as to whether any of these permits are renewable each year. Ed Ryan advised some of the permits are renewable and can be kept active. The Army Corp of Engineers has to be done each time the river is entered.

Director NUTI made a motion for WRID to amend the grant for \$185,000. That would bring the total to \$300,000 available for the removal of sediment from the river. Director LITTLE seconded the amendment. Director GIORGI asked Jim Chico if he was confident with the figures he has provided. Joy Morris left the meeting at 08:55. SHAW advised the project should start at the bottom and work up. The further upstream the better. The problem we are going to have is from the weir down. The manager at NDOW asked if we were going to clean past the weir on NDOW's property. SHAW advised him to contact the state to get that project going. Tony Reviglio stated he would like to see the funds for this project to be around \$350,000. Jeff Page advised even if the river was cleaned from Schurz through Bridgeport, there is still a chance for flooding. This project is hoping to reduce the chance of flooding, however, there is no guarantee. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Director NUTI moved to adjourn the meeting. Director GIORGI seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 08:58.



**EQUIPMENT COSTS**

	Units	Cost/Hour	Hours/Day	Cost/Day	Days	
40 Ton 6x6 Articulated Trucks	3	\$ 175.00	10	\$ 5,250.00	16	\$ 84,000.00
Cat 345B Hydraulic Excavator	1	\$ 225.00	10	\$ 2,250.00	16	\$ 36,000.00
Cat D-6 Dozer	1	\$ 125.00	10	\$ 1,250.00	16	\$ 20,000.00
Backhoe/Loader	1	\$ 50.00	10	\$ 500.00	4	\$ 2,000.00
Cat D-9 Dozer	1	\$ 225.00	10	\$ 2,250.00	5	\$ 11,250.00
Dump Truck	1	\$ 90.00	10	\$ 900.00	4	\$ 3,600.00
Loader	1	\$ 95.00	10	\$ 950.00	4	\$ 3,800.00
Mobilization	1		10	\$ 3,150.00	1	\$ 3,150.00
<b>Subtotal Contracted</b>						<b>\$ 163,800.00</b>
Tractor	3	\$ 40.00	10	\$ 1,200.00	16	\$ 19,200.00
Carryall	3	\$ 60.00	10	\$ 1,800.00	16	\$ 28,800.00
Loader	1	\$ 95.00	10	\$ 950.00	8	\$ 7,600.00
Dump Truck	2	\$ 90.00	10	\$ 1,800.00	8	\$ 14,400.00
<b>Subtotal Other</b>						<b>\$ 70,000.00</b>
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