

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on May 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President Jim SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
David GIORGI	Vice President/Director
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
Marcus MASINI	Director/Vice President
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Chad Walling, NSE	Sarah Fichtner, NSE	Silas Adams, WBC
Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Taylor Thomas, USBWC
George Lindesmith	Gary Godde	

1. Public Comment:

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

Director ACCIARI was absent.

3. Declaration of Election of Directors Pursuant to NRS 539.117.

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to accept the results of the 2019 Election. Director MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

4. Oath of Office for newly elected Directors and presentation of Certificates of Election.

Secretary HALTERMAN read the Oath of Office to Jim SNYDER (Division 2), David GIORGI (Division 3) and Richard NUTI (Division 4). The newly elected Directors accepted and agreed to the Oath of Office.

5. The Board of Directors will organize and elect a President.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to retain Jim SNYDER as President; Vice President GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

6. The Board of Directors will organize and elect a Vice-President.

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to elect Marcus MASINI as Vice President; President SNYDER offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

7. The Board of Directors will organize and appoint a Secretary who need not be a member of the Board and who also may be the Treasurer.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to appoint Jessica HALTERMAN as Secretary; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

8. The Board of Directors will organize and appoint a Treasurer who need not be a member of the Boar and who also may be the Secretary.

Director GIORGI made a motion to retain Richard NUTI as Treasurer; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Regular meeting.

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

10. Water Master's Report:

Water Master SARKISIAN stated the current pool at Bridgeport is 26,550 acre-feet (63%) and 309cfs is being released. The current pool at Topaz is 39,230 acre-feet (65%) and 718cfs is being released. Flood water is being delivered and today's deliveries are 533 decree, .12 storage and 256.70 certificate water. All the river and ditch riders informed everyone ordering that it is certificated water and no longer just flood. Treasurer NUTI asked if there is still some flood water available; SARKISIAN advised it is all certificated water right now. Vice President MASINI asked GM BRYAN when he plans to store water; GM BRYAN advised not until he sees more water. Director GIORGI asked SARKISIAN if she can have the Antelope Valley river rider post the decree on Topaz Lane; SARKISIAN advised she will make sure it is posted.

11. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI gave the Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2019:

Cash in Checking:	\$ 289,928.94
Cash in Money Market	\$1,225, 976.99
Cash in CDs	<u>\$1,242,660.75</u>
Total	\$2,758,566.68

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.

April 2019 Bills & Payroll

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
120664	4/15/2019	Verizon Wireless	VOID
120721	4/10/2019	AFLAC	35.70
120722	4/10/2019	Nationwide Insurance	141.00
120723	4/10/2019	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	787.40
120724	4/10/2019	Frontier	288.07
120725	4/10/2019	Giomi, Inc.	602.35
120726	4/10/2019	AT&T	142.69
120727	4/10/2019	Sticks and Stones Buildings	306.31
120728	4/10/2019	AT&T Mobility	151.38

120729	4/10/2019	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	145.85
120730	4/10/2019	Lyon County Recorder	34.55
120731	4/10/2019	Mason Valley News	52.00
120732	4/10/2019	Mason Valley Quicknet	415.00
120733	4/10/2019	MF Barcellos	3,879.62
120734	4/10/2019	True Value	323.03
120735	4/10/2019	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	132.78
120736	4/10/2019	PDM Steel Service Centers,	270.96
120737	4/10/2019	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	VOID
120738	4/10/2019	Public Employees' Benefits	1,606.58
120739	4/10/2019	Reno Gazette Journal	180.08
120740	4/10/2019	Jim Menesini Petroleum	357.20
120741	4/10/2019	Cal Poly Corporation	47,851.96
120742	4/10/2019	NV Energy	236.65
120743	4/10/2019	Alhambra	135.32
120744	4/10/2019	Southwest Gas Corporation	212.18
120745	4/10/2019	Wells Fargo Card Services	2,422.10
120746	4/10/2019	Wild West Chevrolet	1,285.96
120747	4/10/2019	Woodburn & Wedge	20,238.22
120748	4/10/2019	City of Yerington	121.07
120749	4/10/2019	Desert Engineering	3,715.33
120750	4/10/2019	Sierra Office Solutions	326.77
120751	4/10/2019	Yerington Ready Mix	490.98
120752	4/10/2019	John Deere Credit	525.48
120753	4/10/2019	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	212.02
120754	4/10/2019	Purchase Power / Pitney	334.96
120755	4/10/2019	PERS Administrative Fund	22,846.98
120756	4/10/2019	Petty Cash	1,650.00
120757	4/16/2019	ABILA	685.00
120758	4/16/2019	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	6,090.00
120759	4/16/2019	Quill	219.44
120760	4/16/2019	Verizon Wireless	952.26
120761	4/16/2019	Desert Research Institute	10,831.78
120762	4/16/2019	ERA Economics, LLC	2,807.50

120763	4/26/2019	Nevada Employment Security	1,968.21
120764	4/26/2019	PERS Administrative Fund	6,163.97
120765	4/26/2019	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	848.70
120766	4/26/2019	ABILA	305.50
120767	4/26/2019	Lee's Pest Control	160.00
120768	4/26/2019	MBK Engineers	18,111.60
120769	4/26/2019	PERS Administrative Fund	1,626.78
120770	4/26/2019	Quill	222.19
120771	4/26/2019	California Dept. of Water	18,936.00
120772	4/26/2019	Alhambra	114.83
120773	4/26/2019	Standard Insurance Company	236.74
120774	4/26/2019	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	161.77
120775	4/26/2019	Xerox Financial Services	139.44
120776	4/26/2019	HomeTown Health	5,448.28
120777	4/26/2019	F.I.M. CORPORATION	1,948.00
120778	4/26/2019	O.A.K. CUSTOMS	200.00
PAYROLL		APRIL 2019 PAYROLL	40,274.28

Total Bills & Payroll \$ 230,910.80

Secretary HALTERMAN advised the Wells Fargo bill was broken down on a separate sheet in the Board Packet. Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills for April 2019; Director GIORGI offered a second. President SNYDER asked what the billing period for the CalPoly bill is; Secretary HALTERMAN advised it is three months. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised the current reservoir pools are:

Bridgeport 26,550 acre-feet (63% capacity)
 Topaz 39,230 acre-feet (65% capacity)

USGS gages for the system are provided in the Board packet. Treasurer NUTI inquired why Bridgeport was reading zero; GM BRYAN stated it was a computer error as there should be 300cfs.

GM BRYAN advised Jeff Anderson and Tim Bardsley sent information on changes over the past month. GM BRYAN gave a brief overview of the provided information.

Significant points include:

- SWE is nearly equal to two years ago
- No snow left at Leavitt Meadows

- Soil moisture is in the normal range; President SNYDER asked for explanation on how soil moisture effects the water getting to the reservoir. GM BRYAN stated if the soil above the reservoirs is below average, the soil will absorb part of the runoff. With the soil moisture level being in the average range, the reservoir will be receiving most of the spring runoff. There are sensors in the soil at 2", 8" and 20" that gauge the saturation at each level. President SNYDER inquired if the sensors are at the SNOTEL sites; GM BRYAN confirmed. Treasurer NUTI inquired if any thunderstorms are indicated in the 30 day forecasts; GM BRYAN stated the forecast does include precipitation, but the confidence level is low.
- River Forecast Center is forecasting 247kaf for West Walker near Little Walker and 112kaf for East Walker at Bridgeport which is above an average water year.

GM BRYAN stated the District held the Centennial Celebration on April 19th. There were approximately 150 guests in attendance. GM BRYAN thanked the Board for their contribution and assistance in the event. Pictures from the event are displayed on the monitor in the front office and there are t-shirts leftover for those who would like one.

GM BRYAN reported the shop crew is continuing in flood mitigation efforts and maintenance on the river corridor. A lot of work has been completed on Miller Lane and the river is flowing better through Ewerts property. The machines are now at the weir. With the help of the City and County, the material has been moved out of the way to dry; hopefully it will be moved later this week. The East side of the river has been cleaned and now the crew is working on the West side near the Lagomarsino. The pump for the dredge should be coming in sometime soon. When the dredge is lifted to install the pump, the excavators will clean under it.

GM BRYAN advised there will be a meeting on May 9th with NRCS. The grant is for a watershed study on how to monitor, remove and control the sediment problem. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated.

GM BRYAN stated the current participation numbers for the Stored Water Program are posted in the front office. Currently, the enrolled amount is 10,460.2276 acre-feet. Vice President MASINI asked how much of the amount is NFWF (WBC); GM BRYAN stated approximately 9,500 acre-feet (Secretary HALTERMAN clarified 9,076 acre-feet from WBC and approximately 1,300 acre-feet from individuals). Treasurer NUTI inquired as whether the program is being deemed a success; GM BRYAN and Counsel DePAOLI advised there is nothing specific in the grant on deeming the program a success, but the analysis of success would probably look mostly to the non-NFWF participation. GM BRYAN stated the deadline for enrollment is May 15th.

GM BRYAN reported the changes with Assembly and Senate Bills are included in the Board packet. An overview included:

- AB30 passed Assembly and has not been heard in Senate

- AB51 failed to meet the deadline
- AB62 passed Assembly and has not been heard in Senate
- AB95 passed in Assembly and has been heard in the Senate with no action yet
- AB163 passed in Assembly and has been heard in the Senate with no action yet
- AB233 passed in Assembly and has not been heard in Senate
- SB140 passed in Senate and has been heard in Assembly with no action yet
- SB232 passed in Senate and has been heard in Assembly with no action yet
- SB236 passed in Senate and has not been heard in Assembly
- SB350 passed in Senate and has not been heard in Assembly
- SB499 failed to meet the deadline

D. Legal Counsel's Report:

Counsel DePAOLI advised he did not have anything to report.

E. 2019 Flood Mitigation Update

Secretary HALTERMAN reported the District has incurred approximately \$20,000 in labor and fuel costs. The bill for the rental excavator has not arrived yet; when it is received, Lyon County will be billed for the month of April. Secretary HALTERMAN advised the two crew members have worked approximately 350 hours on flood mitigation efforts. GM BRYAN stated that does not include the hours that the City and the County have contributed with dozers. Vice President MASINI stated the Miller Lane project looks good; GM BRYAN stated the crew eliminated four islands. Treasurer NUTI asked what the status of the old long reach excavator is. GM BRYAN stated the hydraulic pump is not functioning and a replacement pump is not available due to the age of the excavator. At some point, it could possibly be used as a trade in on a future heavy excavator.

12. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming field work schedules.

Chad WALLING stated they are out doing second round meter readings. Wyatt Fereday has been hired to fill Chad's prior position. He has a master's degree in Hydrogeology and stated with the Division in 2016. He has experience in groundwater analysis change applications and established a meter database that tracked groundwater usage in the Humboldt Basin.

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

Silas ADAMS stated he had no updates to report.

14. Update by Bridgeport Ranchers Organization (BRO) on activities related to the Bridgeport Watershed Approach.

No representatives were present. Director GIORGI asked GM BRYAN if further diagrams or survey reports were available. GM BRYAN stated the last he heard, the USGS office in Minden was working on compiling data and giving a presentation but nothing has been reported.

15. Consideration for making available and delivering well water for the District Well under Nevada State Engineer Permit No. 25813, Certification No. 8861 to lands within the District beginning April 1, 2019.

GM BRYAN stated only a few parties have expressed interest, but the total water is not enough to run the well for a month. Secretary HALTERMAN stated only 78 acre-feet would be pumped; GM BRYAN stated we need approximately 350 acre-feet to make it beneficial to turn the pump on. Treasurer NUTI stated there are several parties interested and requested the topic stay on the agenda. Director GIORGI inquired on when the water must be used; GM BRYAN stated the water must be used within the month.

16. Discussion and consideration of a policy to guide District Treasurer in the selection of insured state or national banks, insured savings and loan associates, insured savings banks or insured credit unions for the deposit of District funds, including but no limited to a strategy for ladder certificates of deposit to insure availability of funds and beneficial rates of interest.

Secretary HALTERMAN advised Counsel DePAOLI provided a draft policy that covers all CDs and maturity practices. One stipulation is that the Board must choose an institution that is part of the Nevada Collateral Pool. Last month there was a question on what was insured over \$250,000; if the institution is part of the Nevada Collateral Pool, all the District's money will be insured up to 102% of the deposit. If the Board chooses an institution that is not part of the Collateral Pool, our money would be insured only up to \$250,000. GM BRYAN stated Secretary HALTERMAN has discussed options with Wells Fargo and they cannot compete with the choices provided to the Board. Treasurer NUTI inquired where United Federal Credit Union is located; Secretary HALTERMAN advised there is a location in Carson City and Reno. The Wells Fargo CD maturing on May 11th does have a 10 day grace period, so a concrete decision does not need to be made at this meeting; the intention of the policy is to cover maturing accounts in the future. Treasurer NUTI asked if the maturing amount could be broken into different amounts and terms; Secretary HALTERMAN advised it can. Director GIORGI asked if any large purchases are expected soon; GM BRYAN advised nothing other than what is being budgeted. Treasurer NUTI asked when the next CD matures; Secretary HALTERMAN stated two CDs mature in December. Treasurer NUTI inquired if there was one institution that offered better rates; Secretary HALTERMAN advised United Federal Credit Union currently has the best rates at 2.8% APY for a 16 month CD and 3.10% APY for a 55 month CD. Treasurer NUTI asked that Secretary HALTERMAN include a report on the CDs with the monthly Treasurer's Report. Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the Policy for Deposit of Funds; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

17. Consideration and action on proposed District Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, including fixing of the charges and levying assessments for

that fiscal year on the water right lands within the District, on lands with appurtenant stored water rights within the District, on water right lands within the Local Improvement districts within the District, on water right lands served by the High Ditch within the District, and Equipment Rental and Interfund Rental rates.

GM BRYAN stated there is very little change in short and long term projects. One thing different this year from last years is that the draft budget was introduced last month and has been available for review during the past month.

Recommendation:

- General Fund \$9.00 per acre; O&M has remained the same; Legal fees increased per hour, but the budget did not need to be adjusted as we have been working below the budget for several years; a Grant Writing base charge of \$4,000 or \$35/hour has been proposed due to Secretary HALTERMAN performing grant writing and management for outside ditch companies and the District is not being compensated for the time;
- Reservoir Fund \$4.10; Permits/Licenses has been increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 due to California Water Control Board has increasing the fee for the Safety Dam Inspections.
- Equipment Rental Fund \$2.15 per acre; there is a slight increase due to salary increases and a proposed smaller ditch company vehicle purchase. Another smaller vehicle will be purchased via the Storage Water Leasing funds. A workshop for ditch companies to sign up as a local improvement district will be held later this month. As ditch companies sign up, vehicles will need to be purchased. Equipment rental rates did not increase, but the labor cost did increase.
- Local Improvement Districts: Local #1 \$1.00 per acre, Local #2 \$1.00 per acre, Local #3 \$1.30, and Local #4 \$11.00 per acre with a \$10.00 per acre special assessment per the Saroni Advisory Board. No changes have been made to the O&M budgets for any of the LIDs.
- Water Distribution Fund \$10.00 per acre. No changes have been made to the O&M budget.

Vice President MASINI questioned the \$30,000 in the General Fund for a new vehicle; Secretary HALTERMAN advised it was an error and should not be budgeted this year. The amount would be deleted.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the FY2019-2020 fiscal year; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

18. Director Comments:

None presented.

19. Public Comment:

None presented.

20. Adjournment:

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

ABSENT

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director

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