

## **October 9, 2015 MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on October 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 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
Bridget BANTA	Secretary
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DEPAOLI	Legal Counsel
Dale FERGUSON	Legal Counsel
Jim SHAW	Water Master

### **Public Present**

Tom Reviglio	Steven Fulstone	Joy Morris	Donette Huselton
Joanne Sarkisian	Jim Sciarani	Keith Trout	Clifford Thompson

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Roll Call**

4 directors present. Director ACCIARI was absent.

### **Consideration of Minutes: September 8, 2015**

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

### **Consideration of Minutes: October 2, 2015.**

President SNYDER advised he sent last name spelling changes to Secretary BANTA. She advised she made the necessary changes. Director LITTLE moved to approve the minutes. Director GIORGI seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **Water Master Report**

Water Master SHAW reported Bridgeport Reservoir has 3210 acre ft. He is releasing minimum flow.

Topaz Reservoir has 2700 acre ft. He is releasing whatever water is coming in.

Trying to make adjustment in the head gate system. WRID is redoing the head gate system and getting it ready for automation. We are trying to see how many 10ths it takes to release. GS gage below Topaz is no longer being funded and it quit working October 1. Do not have any water through mason valley.

Director LITTE requested to know how much water is coming in to each reservoir. Water Master SHAW advised 27 ft at Coleville, 24 ft at Hoye Canyon, and Bridgeport Reservoir has stored 10 ft of water.

Joy Morris requested to know what the status is for replacing the water master. Jim SHAW advised his last day is the 30<sup>th</sup> of October and it is before his board at the moment.

President SNYDER changed agenda and moved NFWF to the next position.

## NFWF & Walker Basin Conservancy Update

Joy Morris advised she is present speaking for both NFWF and the Walker Basin Conservancy.

NFWF- Morris advised they continue to move forward in acquisitions.

Walker Basin Conservancy- They are moving forward with revegetation. They have been talking to the Smith Valley advisory board regarding the Sutter Ranch. They are potentially donating it to the county for public lands. Jeff Page and Elmer Bull are working on more formal information to the SV Advisory Board.

Director LITTLE asked if NFWF is going to pay for the river clean up. Morris advised that was incorrect information and they do not have additional funds for that service. Joanne Sarkisian requested to know if the county takes over the property, what happens to the taxes and WRID assessments.

Morris advised she didn't want to go into too much detail off topic and if there were more questions she is free to answer them another time. She advised they will continue to pay the assessments and taxes as long as they have the property. Donette Huselton advised the concerns of the SV advisory board is the cost to the county to manage the land. They want to see a budget for the property and the management, including weed control and how it's going to be managed. The tax question came up as well and it seems to be a long discussion.

## Staff Reports

### Treasurer's Report

Director NUTI provided the treasurer's report.

Cash in Checking	\$484,338.23
Cash in Money Market	\$1,379,461.06
Cash in CDs	\$1,239,333.42
Total Assets	\$3,103,132.71

### Bills and Pay roll.

118405	Alhambra	9/28/2015	176.51
118399	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	9/28/2015	787.40
118392	Arigoni, Robert	9/28/2015	530.00
118383	ARRIGHI, BLAKE & ASSOCIATES	9/11/2015	687.50
118403	Assurant Health	9/28/2015	6,791.15
118376	AT&T	9/11/2015	111.44
118359	AT&T Mobility	9/11/2015	146.42
118395	AT&T Mobility	9/28/2015	146.42
118401	BERKLEYNET	9/28/2015	878.00
118391	Cruz, Maria	9/28/2015	350.00
118398	CT Corp.	9/28/2015	333.00
118380	D & S Waste Removal	9/11/2015	20.00
118396	D & S Waste Removal	9/28/2015	93.51
118370	Farm-Assist, Inc.	9/11/2015	1,289.70
118358	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	9/11/2015	812.60
118397	Four Point	9/28/2015	18,480.00
118409	Frontier	9/29/2015	181.59
118372	Giomi, Inc.	9/11/2015	384.84
118367	Grove Madsen Industries	9/11/2015	885.44
118360	Hanson Technology	9/11/2015	225.00

118362	High Desert Internet	9/11/2015	174.95
119371	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	9/11/2015	0.00
118384	Lyon County Recorder	9/11/2015	103.50
118410	Lyon County Recorder	9/29/2015	19.00
118368	Mason Valley Equipment	9/11/2015	45.90
118363	MF Barcellos	9/11/2015	2,522.64
118394	Mono County Tax Collector	9/28/2015	34,789.24
118373	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	9/11/2015	92.26
118357	NV Energy	9/11/2015	36.85
118365	NV Energy	9/11/2015	306.33
1198375	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	9/11/2015	98.67
September	Payroll	9/1/- 9/30/2015	28,211.32
118406	PERS Administrative Fund	9/28/2015	4,332.95
118386	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	9/11/2015	28.00
118404	Public Employees' Benefits Program	9/28/2015	1,585.30
118379	Quill	9/11/2015	420.76
118387	Renner Equipment Co.	9/11/2015	175.34
118356	Reno Gazette Journal	9/11/2015	62.10
118382	Sciarani & Co.	9/11/2015	7,500.00
118377	Southwest Gas Corporation	9/11/2015	38.88
118389	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	9/28/2015	276.50
118408	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	9/29/2015	580.00
118354	State of California Franchise Tax Board	9/1/2015	250.00
118390	State of NV - Purchasing Division	9/28/2015	0.00
118374	Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc	9/11/2015	49.03
118366	Sunbelt Rentals	9/11/2015	366.49
118385	True Value	9/11/2015	3.18
118388	U.S. Geological Survey	9/17/2015	10,337.00
118407	United States Treasury	9/29/2015	123.77
118364	Valley Tire and Auto Service	9/11/2015	17.50
118402	Verizon Wireless	9/28/2015	755.80
118400	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	9/28/2015	144.28
118361	Wells Fargo Card Services	9/11/2015	2,092.34
118369	White Cap Construction Supply	9/11/2015	168.00
118355	Woodburn & Wedge	9/11/2015	27,132.51
118381	Xerox Corporation	9/11/2015	278.07
118378	Yerington, City of	9/11/2015	104.75
		Total	156,533.73

Director LITTLE requested to know if the Sciarani bill was from recent audit and requested to know how much total over the past year. GM BRYAN advised he did not have the total at hand. President SNYDER requested to know about Four Point. GM BRYAN advised it was part of the ledging project on the Saroni. That was the cost of the operators to clean up the Saroni. Director LITTLE moved to pay the bills. Director NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### Manager's Report

GM BRYAN spoke about the ledging project on the Saroni. Four Point was contracted to complete the project. They took care of the sloughing of the rock and debris on the Saroni. The Saroni is in pretty good shape and ready for high water situations.

The Fox/Mickey & G&H project is progressing. The WRID crew is at that location and the settling pond will be poured hopefully next week. We are continuing to use Four Point for operating and continuing the work on this project.

GM BRYAN advised he has spent time working with Gordon and Ellen regarding policy and protocol for WRID. He is hoping to have a draft in front of the board soon to put in place. Director LITTLE requested to know if this is when we discuss paying 100% of the family medical. GM BRYAN advised it was.

He also spoke to an insurance broker regarding when the medical coverage had changed to cover the entire family. The insurance broker advised there is no documentation regarding when that happened. It looks like it occurred when WRID went to a different insurance. Nothing was ever signed and/or approved to cover the dependents. There will be several options on the table and Ellen will be here to answer questions.

GM BRYAN spoke about meeting between all entities (city, county, Far West, state of Nevada emergency management) next week regarding the river clean up and the permitting process. He spoke with the Department of Emergency Management and they have reached out to the Governor's office as well. Emergency management is trying to speed up the process. The Weather service will also be on the phone for the meeting. There have been inquiries last week regarding amending the leasing program grant to use NFWF money to clean up the river. The way he understands, WRID can amend that program and help pay for a portion of the river clean up. WRID is not responsible for public safety but we will help out with whatever we can. NFWF does not have any other funds to replace the money. If everyone combines into the cost of the river clean up, we can all help clean it up. Everyone has to decide and agree who is taking the lead on this project. Water Master SHAW advised Ed Ryan with the Mason Valley Conservation District is attempting to obtain grant money and they would be willing to take the lead on this. He has also been talking to the Conservancy. NOAA has a copy of the video of the river. Steven Fulstone advised the district did spend money to clean the river from the weir up earlier this year. He advised it is also a great opportunity to clean up the ditches since there is no water out there. Fulstone recommended to clean the diversions and the river. NDOW cleaned Joggles right after cleaning up the weir. Director LITTLE recommended contacting the president of every ditch company to make sure they are thinking of this and to get the clean up on their ditches. Water Master SHAW advised every year on November 1, the USBWC does send letters out regarding what the ditch riders and river riders recommend to be done to the ditches.

Joy Morris advised if it's of interest to the board to amend the grant, NFWF will be happy to amend it. NFWF did amend the grant in February for the cleaning of the weir.

Tom Reviglio advised he has the engineering report from 5-6 years ago that they needed for the dredging machine. At that time there was 11 ft of silt at the bottom of the river and it may be up to 13-14 ft now. He believes the report was completed by Summit and would be happy to provide the report to WRID.

### **Legal Counsel Report**

Gordon DEPOALI advised the 1<sup>st</sup> brief of appeals from the Tribe and US are due on March 1, 2016. Through that process there is additional confirmation that the time frame is about 2 years from the time of the filing of the notice of the appeal. The appeals were filed July 2015. The hearing will likely be

sometime in 2018. Director LITTLE requested to know what happens between now and then. DEPOALI advised appeals will be written, but nothing else.

### **Audit Report**

Jim Sciarani advised the report was finished around 7:30 last night. GM BRYAN has not had a chance to review the audit report. He recommended to table it until November. President SNYDER and Director NUTI have not been able to go over it as well. WRID should table it until next month. President SNYDER advised to possibly table it until next month or possibly hold a special meeting. Director LITTLE recommended to keep it off the agenda until next month as well.

Recess @10:47 to convene as Local Improvement District #4

### **Local Improvement District #4 – Consider and discuss recommendations from the Saroni Canal users on the location of terminus of the Saroni Canal, location of terminus of Lateral A, location of terminus of Lateral B, location of points for measurement purposes of water deliveries, and rules regarding sharing of conveyance losses.**

GM Bryan advised the current Saroni terminus is where lateral B takeout structure is located. The consideration of keeping the channel open in regards to high water and floods, we would like to incorporate that as the Saroni Drain. LID #4 would not ever want to close it off and it hasn't been cleaned in 30 + years. Director LITTLE requested to know what kind of shape is it in. GM BRYAN advised it is a natural channel and we need to make sure the drain is maintained. Director LITTLE requested to know who is going to pay to maintain that drain. GM BRYAN advised it would come off the maintenance part of the Saroni #4. Steven Fulstone advised the drain is and has been maintained by the district infrequently probably every 5-10 years. Director LITTLE requested to know if it's WRID or LID#4. GM BRYAN advised WRID has historically taken care of the drain. WRID does not want it to be encroached on or buried. Fulstone advised the consensus was to identify it as something that needs to be maintained on a drain level. Director LITTLE requested to know if there was any water righted land past the drain. Fulstone advised there used to be deliveries but it has been taken up to the flashboards at lateral B. Director NUTI advised all the properties that still have water were moved to lateral B. GM BRYAN advised in high water events the drain WRID still uses it for water flow. Director NUTI advised for O&M purposes the canal is going to end at lateral B at the Williamson takeout and then from there on down it would be considered the Saroni Drain. Director GIORGI asked about changing that area from Saroni Canal to Saroni Drain. Director NUTI advised they have discussed assessing .25 cents per acre to maintain the Saroni Drain and each year it would be maintained. GM BRYAN advised the location of the terminus at Lateral A currently ends at Grant View. Director NUTI and Peter Fenili would be willing to take the terminus where their current measuring device is located. Director NUTI presented two letters and a map from Peter Fenili and himself. (Letters attached to minutes)

Gordon DEPOALI requested to get GPS coordinates to add into the letter. Director NUTI agreed and advised he thought that was a good idea. GM BRYAN advised WRID needs to be more proactive with maintaining the roads around the Saroni. Director GIORGI requested to know if the planning committee comes through WRID prior to allowing permits. GM BRYAN advised he has to approve and sign off any kind of building permits.

Donette Huselton asked if the placement of the house being built has to be signed off from WRID. GM BRYAN advised they have to now, but 20 years ago they didn't have to. DEPOALI advised it would be a

good idea to add the locations of the terminus of lateral A & B and the drains on a map. Director NUTI made a motion to obtain GPS coordinates to what would be the new terminus of Lateral A at the NUTI/Fenili takeout where the measuring device is located and GPS coordinate for the terminus of lateral B at Grant View drive and the terminus of the Saroni Canal where the drain starts at the head of lateral B at the Williamson. Director LITTLE seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Points of measurement**

GM BRYAN advised the points of measurement are at the NUTI/Fenili measuring devices and lateral B at Heller's. GM BRYAN advised LID #4 needs to determination how shrink should be taken because of inaccuracies of some devices, the nearest point of proper measure should be at the most accurate device. The determination for measuring needs to be decided for lateral A and B until accurate measuring devices are put in.

Director NUTI made motion that the point of measurement will be at the land owners' gates where they measure off of Lateral A and Lateral B and it will also be where the shrink will be taken and shared equally with everyone on the canal including the main canal. With an exception in there until the measuring devices on lateral A and B are rated and fixed or replaced, we will conduct measurements at the head of Lateral A & B. Director GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Director NUTI thanked the board for enduring this whole process.

Local Improvement District #4 adjourned at 11:16.

Reconvened as WRID Board at 11:16.

**Director Comments**

None

**Public Comment**

Donette Huselton advised she was in the Sweetwater flood this past summer. The State is bringing in the Army Corp of Engineers to fix the area so the flood doesn't cause more damage.

Director NUTI made a motion to adjourn. Director Giorgi seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

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Jim Snyder, President

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David Giorgi, Vice President

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Richard Nuti, Treasurer

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David Little, Director

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Dennis Acciari, Director

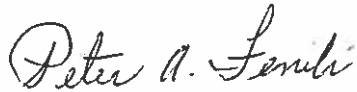
October 9, 2015

To the Board of Directors of Local Improvement District #4:

On September 25, 2015 at the Saroni Canal annual meeting, Richard Nuti and I agreed to accept the terminus of Lateral A to be at the position of the current Nuti/Fenili measuring device.

Therefore the continuation of Lateral A of 3500 feet to the orchard on Grant View Road will be the responsibility of the Nuti and Fenili properties respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter A. Fenili".

Fenili Family Trust

Peter A. Fenili

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## SIX N RANCH, Inc.

General Farming  
Smith, Nevada 89430  
October 9, 2015

Board of Directors  
Saroni Canal  
Local #4

To Whom it may concern:

Six-N-Ranch Inc. agrees to terminate Lateral A at the current measuring devices where Six-N-Ranch and Peter Fenili have received their measurement of water for the past twenty plus years.

This location is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile upstream of the current recognized terminus of Lateral A at Grant View Drive.

Peter Fenili and Six-N-Ranch will assume full ownership and all maintenance of the downstream portion of Lateral A that Local #4 is releasing to them.

Sincerely,

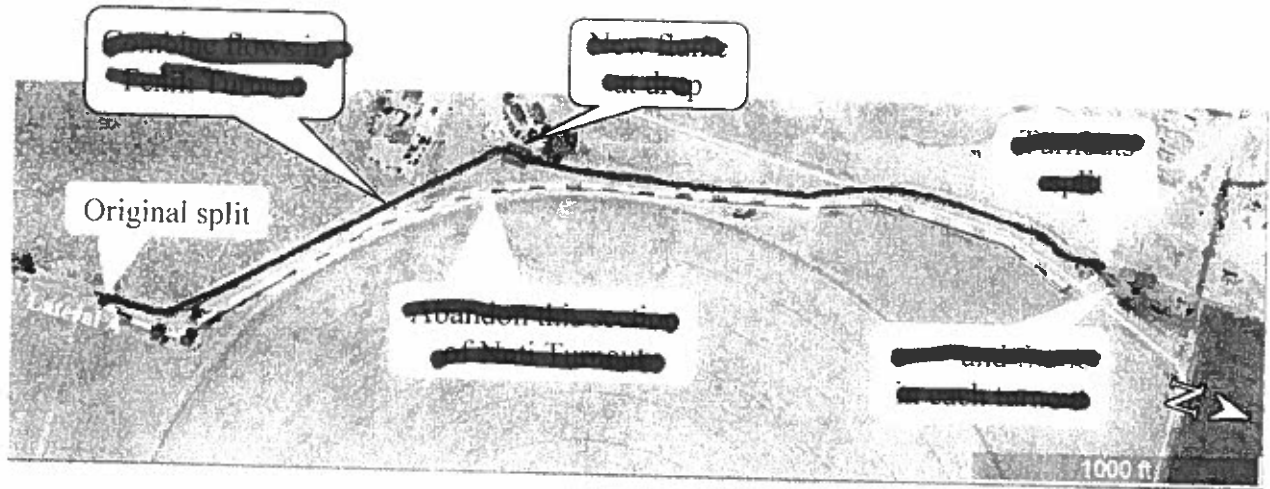


Richard B. Nuti  
President



### Recommended Modification(s)

The recommended modifications include combining the two turnouts for about 3,500 ft and installing a new flow measurement device upstream of the drop. Downstream of the split, there will be a gate (manual operation; no actuators included in cost estimate) and flow measurement device in each lateral.



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