

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

December 12, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 12th day of December, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were W. Scott Miller, President (Division III); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resource Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

OATHS OF OFFICE – Ricki Heck, Director, Division I; Chris Bierwagen, Director, Division II; and Laura L. Peters, Director Division IV

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, administered oaths of office.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Motion was made by Director Miller to appoint Kris Stepanian as Secretary to the Board for 2019 (pursuant to Water Code, Sections 21375 and 21376). M/S/C Miller/Heck, unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Director Heck to nominate Director Bierwagen for President of the Nevada Irrigation Board of Directors. Director Bierwagen declined the nomination.

Motion was made by Director Wilcox to nominate Director Miller as President of the Nevada Irrigation District Board of Directors. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Director Miller to nominate Director Heck as Vice President of the Nevada Irrigation Board of Directors. M/S/C Miller/Peters, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Steven Pettit, resident of North Auburn, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir, Raw Water Master Plan and Plan for Water
- Dr. Elaine Hunt, resident of Division 4, addressed the Board regarding fire prevention, and in opposition to water rate increase
- Brad Fowler, President of the Nevada County Farm Bureau, addressed the Board regarding water storage and water rates, and welcomed new Board members
- Peter VanZant, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the Plan for Water and Raw Water Master Plan
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding water and shared a display and readings about water
- John Norton, resident of Division 5, addressed the Board regarding the 2019 Budget
- Joy Waite, resident of Chicago Park, welcomed the new Board members, and addressed the Board regarding the Sierra Watershed Progressive
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, congratulated the new Board members and Board Secretary
- Shirley Osgood, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding water rate increase
- Dave Wilzbach, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding water towers
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, congratulated the new Board members, and addressed the Board regarding the recent Plan for Water meeting and sustainability
- Summer Westlake, resident of Placer County, addressed the Board regarding the negative impacts from Centennial Reservoir

President Miller pulled the following items from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

- Item 5 - Mobile Electronic Communication Devices and Use Policy
- Item 6 – 2018 Investment Policy
- Item 7 – Grant Application to the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant Program

MINUTES – November 28, 2018 Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on November 28, 2018, as submitted. M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Powell Retirement (Res. No. 2018-36)

Adopted Resolution 2018-36 (Resolution of Appreciation upon Retirement – Brian Powell). M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Woods Retirement (Res. No. 2018-37)

Adopted Resolution 2018-37 (Resolution of Appreciation upon Retirement – Mark Woods). M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.

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EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Wilson Retirement (Res. No. 2018-38)

Adopted Resolution 2018-38 (Resolution of Appreciation upon Retirement – Steve Wilson). M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.

2019 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Awarded a contract to IEC Corporation for electrical engineering support services in 2019 in the amount of \$200,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.

MOBILE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND USE POLICY

Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, presented the item.

Adopted Resolution No. 2018-39 (Establishing Administrative Policy 2190 – Mobile Electronic Communication Devices and Use), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.

2018 INVESTMENT POLICY – Annual Review

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Adopted Resolution No. 2018-40 - Adopting Investment Policy, in accordance with Section 3035.18 of Policy. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CAL FIRE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Bob Branstrom, resident of Grass Valley
- John Norton, resident of Division 5

Adopted Resolution No. 2018-41 (Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Bierwagen/Heck, unanimously approved.

MAINTENANCE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley

Approved Budget Amendment, Request No. BA 2018-98 in the amount of \$913,000.00 for the Maintenance Department, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

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2019 DAM SAFETY ENGINEERING SERVICES

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Awarded a contract to Geo-Logic Associates for dam safety support services in 2019 in the amount of \$150,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

PROPOSITION 218 RIGHT TO VOTE ON TAXES ACT AND PROPOSITION 26 SUPERMAJORITY VOTE TO PASS NEW TAXES AND FEES

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, presented the informational item.

Public Comment:

- Steve Pettit, resident of North Auburn
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

2019 OPERATING & NON-OPERATING BUDGET

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division I
- John Norton, resident of Division V
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

Director Wilcox made a motion to approve the District's 2019 Budget, as reviewed by the Water & Hydroelectric Operations Committee, Engineering Committee, and Maintenance & Resource Management Committee, and as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division I	No
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	No
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

The meeting recessed at 1:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Welcomed new Board members
- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Active Shooter Training update
- MCWRA (Mountain Counties Water Resources Association) call for seating on the MCWRA Board
- District's participation at recent Fire Council Town Hall and Stakeholders Meeting
- Update regarding CABY JPA
- American River Basin Study moving forward by PCWA
- Maben 2 Project is almost complete and emergency repair is underway
- Alta Sierra bids came in much higher than expected – backing away from that project and moving those funds to Combie Phase I
- Provided Combie Phase I update - will be out to bid in next couple of weeks
- Orr Creek Sediment Removal Project update – Item to the Board on January 9, 2019, and public meeting tonight at District Office
- Combie Trash Rack Project for Combie Powerhouse South complete
- New Administration Management Assistant, Dannette Austin, has joined the District
- Staff introductions made to new Board Members
- ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies), CSDA (California Special Districts Association) and SDRMA (Special District Risk Management Authority) events highly recommended to Board members
- State Water Board meeting on December 12, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:

- Recent Fire Council Town Hall meeting

Director Peters, Division IV, reported on the following items:

- Attended the Plan for Water meeting held in Placer County and shared some highlights and feedback

Director Miller, Division III, reported on the following items:

- Significant issue with Plan for Water posters
- Attended ACWA Conference and shared highlights

WORKSHOP: AB 1234 ETHICS TRAINING

Andrew McClure, District Counsel, provided a workshop on ethics training as required by Assembly Bill 1234. Directors Ricki Heck, Chris Bierwagen, Scott Miller, Laura L. Peters and Nick Wilcox were in attendance; and the following Staff members were present: Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; and Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager.

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Meeting recessed at 3:13 p.m. and reconvened at 3:23 p.m.

Director Miller left the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:03 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.


Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions
had and taken at the above and
foregoing meeting our presence
thereat and our consent thereto.


Director
Division I


Division II


Division III


Division IV


Division V