

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

August 14, 2019

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 14th day of August 2019, 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; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

President Miller announced a change to the agenda, making Item 6 – Armstrong Road and Ironhorse Drive DFWLE Pipeline Installation Project (FATR #1019) the first order of business.

ARMSTRONG ROAD AND IRONHORSE DRIVE DFWLE PIPELINE INSTALLATION PROJECT (FATR #1019)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

- Darrell Johnson, Ironhorse Drive resident

**Awarded a construction contract to Hansen Brothers, Inc. for the installation of the Armstrong Road and Ironhorse Drive DFWLE Pipeline Installation Project in the amount of \$1,070,776, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Heck, unanimously approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board expressing his frustrations with the last regular NID Board meeting and the budget reduction item
- Sean Coggins, resident of Pine Mountain Ranch in Grass Valley, thanked the Board for recent fire-break work, and asked that the District continue clearing overgrowth and fuel removal

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- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farms in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding aquatic herbicide use, the vegetation management program, cancelled committee meetings, excavator use, the proposed Centennial Reservoir hydrology report and request to stop spending, cease and desist letter received from District Counsel, and expressed his appreciation for more informative minutes from the last meeting and for providing notice when Roundup is used
- Tim Carson, resident of Placer County, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed Centennial Reservoir, reported excessive campers and a recent fire on the Nevada County side of the Bear River and requested NID to patrol the area

The meeting recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

MINUTES – July 24, 2019, Regular Meeting

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

MINUTES – July 31, 2019, Special Meeting

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

BOWMAN SOUTH DAM SEISMIC STABILITY ANALYSES

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City

**Awarded a sole source contract in the amount of \$225,581.30 to Quest Structures for the Bowman South Dam Seismic Stability Analyses, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

E. GEORGE TO LAKE WILDWOOD BACKBONE EXTENSION PIPELINE PROJECT (FATR #2255) - INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Hearing Comment

None

**Adopted Resolution No. 2019-26 - Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Approving the Project and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program – E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Pipeline Project. M/S/C Bierwaghen/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

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TABLE MEADOW ROAD PHASE 2 DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION (FATR #2059)

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

**Approved encumbrance of funds for the Table Meadow Road Phase 2 District Financed Waterline Extension project, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. Heck/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

ROLLINS HOWELL BUNGER VALVE INSTALLATION CONTRACT (FATR #2076)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Awarded a construction contract to NMI Industrial Holdings, Inc. for the installation of the Rollins Howell Bunger Valve in the amount of \$608,500, approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$610,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

SCOTTS FLAT SPILLWAY UPGRADE DESIGN (FATR #2094)

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

**Awarded a contract in the amount of \$790,883 with HDR to perform Scotts Flat Spillway Upgrade Alternatives Development and Design, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Miller/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Current water supply status - Storage is at 242,327 acre-feet
- Zero precipitation at Bowman
- 2019 Conservation compared to 2013 is currently at 25%
- Provided responses to Matthew Coulter's concerns about the Greenhorn Campground: There were no escaped fires; there was no gang fight, it was a disagreement and removal of campers; no reports of fireworks and they are not permitted; the child is in stable condition and did not die as erroneously reported
- Thanked Board for attending and Staff for putting on the Combie Sediment and Mercury Removal Project tour
- Attended Nevada County Fair opening day breakfast
- County Staff was taken to lunch to thank for their assistance with Prop 218
- Assisting with a group in Sacramento to develop a portfolio of projects and ideas for the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio
- Attended meeting with Tim Kiser, Grass Valley City Manager
- Improvements underway in the East Annex for emergency services

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- Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) Program currently has 54 participants
- 2020 Budget preparations underway and currently being reviewed
- Strategic Plan Workshops scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Newtown Canal CEQA mitigations – work ongoing and finishing up items on the final two properties
- Boreham - Gayle Pipeline Replacement Project is moving forward - 80% complete
- Maben Phase 3 – the contractor is currently working on Lime Kiln Road
- Alta Sierra to LOP BEP (Backbone Extension Project) control station is in service
- A meeting is scheduled with a portion of Table Meadow residents for August 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss raw water connections on the Combie Phase 1 facility
- Meade Canal – working through permitting on the project
- Combie Sediment Removal update
- The design work has begun for Lake Wildwood to E. George BEP (Backbone Extension Project)
- Orr Creek permitting still ongoing
- President Miller drew Maudelle Carlson as the winner for the kayak donated by Mountain Recreation and displayed at the District's Nevada County Fair booth

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:

- Attended Nevada County Fair opening day breakfast
- Attended the Combie Sediment and Mercury Removal Project tour

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

- Reported that she has asked staff to revisit Policy 5060 - Board Meeting Minutes to include a summary of public comments for items on the agenda
- Attended the Combie Sediment and Mercury Removal Project tour
- Attended Placer Ag Commission meeting, and relayed their message regarding ag community concerns about rates
- Attended meeting with Robert Weygandt, Placer County Supervisor and Ray Leftwich, City of Lincoln Engineer
- Attended Hemphill TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) meeting

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

- Attended the Combie Sediment and Mercury Removal Project tour
- Submitted an op-ed letter
- Will be participating in a Nevada County event to discuss fire hydrants in September

Director Wilcox, Division V, reported on the following items:

- Attended the Combie Sediment and Mercury Removal Project tour
- Was invited to attend meeting at Johansen Ranch with Allison Lehman Nevada County CEO and other county department heads to discuss water issues

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

- Recognized Past-Director, John Drew, for being a part of the Combie Sediment and Mercury Removal Project

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ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 3 BALLOT  
Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

**A ballot was cast for the 2020-2021 ACWA Region 3 Chair, Vice-Chair and Board Members; the tally of individual Board Candidate Nominations resulted in concurrence with the Region 3 Nominating Committee's recommended slate.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION**

- Tracie Sheehan, with Foothills Water Network, addressed the Board in opposition to property negotiations being discussed in Closed Session
- Ashley Overhouse, Policy Manager, South Yuba River Citizens League, addressed the Board in opposition to property negotiations being discussed in Closed Session

Meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:00 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment; the properties subject to negotiation are Placer County APN 071-080-019 and Nevada County APN's 027-070-058-000 and 028-350-005-000

**Board Action: Direction was given to the General Manager and Legal Counsel.**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

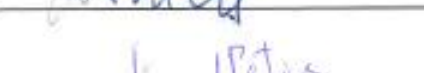
  
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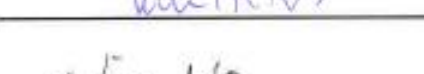
Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.

  
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