

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

November 6, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in special session at the District’s main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 6th day of November 2024, at 9 a.m.

Present were Rich Johansen, President (Division V), Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen, (Division II); Karen Hull, (Division III). Division IV Director seat is currently vacant.

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Peter Wade, Director of Power Systems; Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance; Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Johansen called the meeting to order
- President Johansen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 4 Members Present – Division IV seat is currently Vacant

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE ENGLISH MEADOWS RESTORATION (CIP PROJECT #2592)

Approved a contract amendment, adding \$40,000 to Frank Dial Logging (Contract No. C0057425) to perform additional fuels reduction work at English Meadow and authorized the General Manager or designee to execute appropriate documents. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

NEVADA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Adopted a resolution approving the Nevada County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye
Division 4	Vacant

DIVISION IV DIRECTOR VACANCY - INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item, shared that candidates Sam Silver and Chris Forman, withdrew from further consideration, and introduced the remaining candidate, Earl Stephens.

The Board of Directors interviewed Mr. Stephens for the Division IV Director seat.

Public Comment:

- Trevor Caulder, former NID Division IV Director
 - Spoke in support of appointing Earl Stephens as NID's Division IV Director
- Deb Totoonchie, Nevada County Farm Bureau shared the
 - Placer County Farm Bureau fully endorses Earl Stephens and Nevada County Farm Bureau is also in support
 - Had business and financial questions, and feels Mr. Stephens already answered them
 - Looking forward to the science and engineering background he will bring to the Board
- Erin Zettler-Mann, Executive Director of South Yuba River Citizens League
 - Inquired how Mr. Stephens would go about finding resource solutions as it relates to discussion, compromise and collaboration
 - Stated that data exists, and it is time to start having discussions and making hard decisions, and asked Mr. Stephens what he thinks about that process

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel confirmed with the candidate that he has the prerequisites needed to qualify for office by being either a landowner or resident and registered to vote within District IV of Nevada Irrigation District.

Director Hull made a motion to appoint Earl Stephens to the Nevada Irrigation District Board as Director of Division IV. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Aye
Hull, Division 3	Aye

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**Johansen, Division 5
Division 4**

**Aye
Vacant**

The Oath of Office for Earl Stephens, Division IV Director, was administered by Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

Director Hull, Division III, reported on the early November 5th Election results

- Congratulated Brad Fowler, as appears he will be serving as the next Director for Division III
- Shared that it has been a wonderful four years serving on the Board, and that she is grateful for the experience
 - Thanked staff for their commitment to NID customers and shared recent success story of how staff helped protect a customer's citrus orchard
 - Thanked management team for their level of knowledge and dedication
 - Commended Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, for her commitment and the amazing level of change that has occurred under her leadership
 - Expressed her appreciation to her fellow Board members for their intelligence and for making it fun

Board members thanked Director Hull for her service to the District, for her knowledge, professionalism and friendship, and for the extraordinary contribution she provided to the Board and staff.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:03 a.m. The regular meeting of November 13, 2024 is being cancelled. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary