Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

October 28, 2026

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 28th day of October 2026, at 9 a.m.

Present were Chris Bierwagen, President (Division II) and Brad Fowler, Vice-President (Division III); and Directors Ricki Heck, (Division I); Earl Stephens (Division IV); and Rich Johansen (Division V).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Mark Henwood, with Henwood Ranch
  - Provided an update regarding annexation and parties he has spoken with
  - Tax sharing agreement possible with Yuba County
  - Asked the Board to read the letter that was provided to District Council and to consider the interim proposal
  - Voiced concerns regarding new water rates going into effect on January 1st, deadlines and lands going dry
  - Looks forward to upcoming annexation policy

- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public
  - Expressed appreciation for grant work being done
  - Suggested a contest to help encourage community to submit letters of support for Prop 4 funding
  - Ami Bera returning to town on October 31st
  - Spoke in support of senators signing on in support of grants for dam safety programs
  - Keeping rates down to avoid loss of agriculture and fire protection

- Tara Marino, member of the public
  - Urged the Board to consider other creative ways to keep rates down

CONSENT AGENDA

Public comment: None

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 14, 2026
M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved as submitted.

NORTH AUBURN TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER STRUCTURE 2 RESTORATION PROJECT, NID CONTRACT NO. M2026-04 – LEAD REMEDIATION
Approved an increase of $20,000.00 to the existing Construction Contract with Redwood Painting Co., Inc. for the North Auburn Treatment Plant Clarifier Structure 2 Restoration Project, NID Contract No. M2026-04, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

LAKE WILDWOOD TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER TANK A RESTORATION PROJECT, NID CONTRACT NO. M2026-03 – LEAD REMEDIATION
Approved an increase of $25,000.00 to the existing Construction Contract with Redwood Painting Co., Inc. for the Lake Wildwood Treatment Plant Clarifier Tank A Restoration Project, NID Contract No. M2026-03, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

BOWMAN TRANSMISSION LINE POWER POLE REPLACEMENT
Awarded a contract to Henkels & McCoy West, LLC for Bowman Transmission Line Power Pole Replacement in the amount of $ 149,126, plus a $ 14,912 contingency, for a total of $164,038, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

WATERSHED BUDGET AMENDMENT (CIP PROJECT NO. G0001)
Adopted Resolution No. 2026-40 approving a budget amendment, adding $26,370 to the English Meadow Floodplain Enhancement and Restoration Project. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE, AND INVESTMENT REPORT
Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the Check Register, Payroll Certificate, and the Invest Transaction Report for the period of October 3, 2026 to October 16, 2026. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

IT/OT MASTER PLAN
Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, and John Ortiz, IT Administrator, presented the item, and introduced Michael Cook with HDR Engineering, who provided a presentation.

Board Discussion:
- Confirmed AI was not used in the process of the Master Plan
- Inquired if organizational silos can be hacked less easily
- Confirmed if CR1.1 refers to personnel resources and looking forward and asked if the District is lacking
- Importance of sharing institutional knowledge and how that will happen

- Planning into the future
- Expressed appreciation for the study
- Security issues
- Confirmed the District currently has an IT emergency response plan
- Requested an example of an IT/OT emergency
- Estimate of increased productivity and efficiencies
- Living document, and what triggers updates and regular reviews
- IA-4.5 – Assessment and Upgrade of Campsite Reservation System
    - Potential needs if contracted out to concessionaires in the future
- Budgeting
- Current staffing and potential for future additional staff to support implementation

Public Comment:

- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public
    - Thanked the consultant for their presentation
    - Encouraged cross-training to reduce the need to hire additional staff
    - Suggested the District conduct short videos of employees during evaluations to help share their knowledge
    - Suggested the Ag Water Efficiency Stakeholder Committee members share their knowledge of the system

Received and filed the IT/OT Master Plan. M/S/C Heck/Stephens, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

2026 YUBA/BEAR RIVER WATERSHED SANITARY SURVEY UPDATE

Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, presented the item and introduced Bonnie Starr of Starr Consulting Services, who provided a presentation.

Board Discussion:

- Geese
- Sources and water turbidity
- Ponds in Rough & Ready
- E. coli at E. George likely due to low-levels and warmer weather impacts
- Government requirements
- Clear cutting and timber harvesting
- Water quality and potential impacts
- Roads in the high-country
- Confirmed phosphorus not in soil
- Confirmed microplastics testing is not part of the study
- Pharmaceuticals
- Herbicides
- No detection of glyphosate
- Nevada City sewer/water rate increase
- Risk associated with not formally closing the Penn Valley Mobile Home Park
- Nitrogen

Public Comment:
- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public
    - Forest service spraying Round-up and possible alternatives

Received and filed the 2026 Yuba /Bear River Watershed Sanitary Survey Update M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

2027 ANNUAL BUDGET
Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:
- Anticipated debt issuance
- Labor rate increases included in proposed 2027 Budget
- Net operating amount and discretionary spending amount
- Additional water service programs
- Capacity fees
- District Policy 3100 – Budget Policy referenced in the resolution
- Guardrails in place
- Thanked Finance and Administration teams for their work and for getting the budget to the Board early
- Fund Summary Sheet
- Projecting an operating deficit for 2027
- Interest rates and inflation

Public Comment: None

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-41 – Approving the 2027 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

GRANTS UPDATE
Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:
- Participating in the Bay Delta Plan Update Hearing on October 29th

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS
Director Stephens, Division IV, reported on the following items:
- Many challenges coming and need to all work together
- Would like to see overall plan for raw water

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:
- No report

Director Johansen, Division V, reported on the following items:
- No report

Director Fowler, Division III, reported on the following items:
- Recent visit to the high-country
    - Saw project visible from Hwy 20
    - Visited Bowman Lake
    - Watched kokanee salmon spawn up the tunnel to Milton Reservoir
- State Water Resources Control Board regulating cow manure

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:
- No report

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:08 p.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, December 9 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By

Kris Stepanian

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary