

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

March 27, 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 27th day of March 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; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division I, addressed the Board regarding transparency, the recent Brown Act Workshop and reporting of closed session actions from the February 27, 2019 Board meeting pertaining to property acquisition
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, congratulated the Board for the recent move to a local bank, and addressed the Board regarding proposed rate increase
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding watershed restoration and read from excerpts written at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and by Don Falk, University of Arizona fire researcher
- Member of the Public, a minor, addressed the Board regarding the legacy that may be created by Nevada Irrigation District
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding recently passed bill US S47 and read from related article published by American Rivers
- Sean North, resident of McGuire Hill area off of Low Hill Road, addressed the Board regarding the District's liability on the Dutch Flat Cross Road and Diggings Road, from the afterbay to the forebay, and voiced concerns from residents in that area
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding recordings of Committee meetings, provided the Board with a copy of an email from him with questions regarding Vegetation Management discussions
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board in opposition of the proposed Centennial Water Supply Project and regarding a 2015 rejected claim

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MINUTES – March 13, 2019, 2019 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 13, 2019, as submitted. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

SURPLUS WATER DECLARATION

**Received an update on the declaration of surplus water availability for the 2019 irrigation season, as declared by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee (Per Policy 8200). M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

2019 BOWMAN SPAULDING CANAL LINER REPLACEMENT (FATR#2230)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

**Awarded a construction contract to Hansen Brothers, Inc. for the replacement of a section of the Bowman Spaulding Canal Liner Replacement in the amount of \$489,819.00, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

PURCHASE OF CRANE TRUCK AND SERVICE UTILITY TRUCK

Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager, presented the item.

**Approved the purchases of a Kenworth T880 with Manitex 3071 boom truck crane from NorCal Kenworth in the amount of \$323,916.27, and a 2019 F550 with Scelzi service body from Ron DuPratt Ford in the amount of \$109,949.12, approved budget amendment to the 2019 Maintenance Budget, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Wilcox/Heck, unanimously approved.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST – RATES MEETING LIVE STREAM

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Yara Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley

**Approved Budget Amendment BA 2019-106 moving \$1,000.00 from Directors' 2019 Budget Account 10113-52503 (Equipment Maintenance) to 10113-52603 (Consulting/Contractor Fee), for live streaming of the April 3, 2019 Division I public rates meeting, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Heck/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

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### WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division I

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

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Snow Survey update
- Budget training for Directors
- District has signed a letter of support to PID (Paradise Irrigation District)
- Attended ACWA Region 3 Board meeting and shared highlights
- Land Use Policy to be discussed at APC in April
- Attended WDO start-up meeting – irrigation starting in roughly two weeks
- Maben Phase 3 Project is out to bid and due April 11, 2019
- E. Hacienda/Magnolia is under construction in the final phase of the LOP to Alta Sierra connection
- Table Meadows Phase 2 DFWLE (District Financed Waterline Extension) will go to the Administrative Practices Committee in April and there are now more participants
- Meade Canal update
- Encasement Policy was reviewed in Engineering Committee – no consensus from Committee and scheduled to go to the Board at May 22, 2019 Board meeting
- Combie Reservoir Sediment & Mercury Removal Project has been selected as the Outstanding Small Project for the Year 2018 by ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) Sacramento Section
- Starting work at Peninsula on Rollins Reservoir with \$145,761 grant with Cal Fire
- District has received over \$1 million in grants year to date for forestry work

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended Placer County Ag Commissioner meeting and shared highlights
- Attended Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council meeting
- Attended NID's Water Rates Workshop in Placer County
- Attended Hemphill TAC meeting

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

- Attended NID's Water Rates Workshop in Nevada County
- Meeting this week with Moonshine Mutual Water

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

- Attended annual road association meeting at Higgins Corner and shared highlights

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

- Attended job-walk at Boreham/Gayle Lane in Nevada City and shared highlights

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- Meeting with Sean Powers, Commercial Development Agency regarding development setbacks from canals
- Speaking at Cascade Shores Homeowners Association regarding fire access on April 6<sup>th</sup>

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

- Attended NID's Water Rates Workshop in Nevada County
- Thanked Director Heck for organizing April 3<sup>rd</sup> Water Rates Workshop

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m., and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54957.6) NID Designated Representatives: Remleh Scherzinger (management only), Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, and Jackson Lewis LLP  
Employee Organization: Management Unit & General Manager

**Board Action: No action taken**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on April 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary

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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Division II

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