

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

March 22, 2023

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2023, at 9 a.m.

Present were Karen Hull, President (Division III) and Rich Johansen, Vice President (Division V), and Directors Ricki Heck (Division I); Chris Bierwagen, (Division II); and Trevor Caulder (Division IV).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Keane Sommers, Director of Power Systems; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; 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.

#### STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Hull called the meeting to order
- President Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Robin Rae, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding water damage to her property, and asked the Board to approve the claim being considered in Closed Session

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Shirley Freriks, with WasteNot Nevada County and Nevada County Climate Action Now, addressed the Board and provided a letter regarding single-use plastic reduction and the issue of microplastics
- Members of the Wells Coalition provided letters and addressed the Board in opposition to the Idaho-Maryland Mine, and Nevada County's responses to the District's comments on the Final Environmental Impact Report:
  - o Christy Hubbard, Division 2 resident, provided a letter regarding Idaho-Maryland Mine Final EIR's Dismissal of NID's Requests

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- Gary Pierazzi, Division 2 resident, provided a letter regarding the Denial of NID's Request for a \$14M Bond for the Idaho-Maryland Mine
- Calum Grant, Division 5 resident, on behalf of Tony Lauria, Division 2 resident, provided a letter regarding Domestic Well Monitoring Program for the Idaho-Maryland Mine
- John Vaughan, Division 2 resident, provided a letter regarding the Final EIR for Idaho-Maryland Mine Contains Many Flaws
- Jillian Blanchard, Division 3 resident, provided a letter regarding Idaho-Maryland Mine's Final EIR Leaves NID holding the bag
- Bob Hubbard, Division 2 resident, provided a letter regarding the Wells Coalition Summary of Key Requests for NID

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

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

#### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

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

#### **2023 TALMO & ASSOCIATES INC. CONTRACT**

**Approved a contract with Talmo & Associates Inc. for the 2023 campground temporary workforce in the amount of \$383,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

#### **GRANT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**Adopted Resolution No. 2023-13 - Establishing District Policy 11120 - Grant Management. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

#### **PLAN FOR WATER POLICY**

**Adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 - Establish District Policy 8300 - Plan for Water. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

#### **TABLE MEADOW DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION (DFWLE), PHASE III – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

**Awarded a construction contract with McGuire & Hester in the amount of \$ 786,620 for construction of the Table Meadow DFWLE, Phase III, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

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BEAR RIVER WILDFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT CONTRACT APPROVAL

**Adopted Resolution No. 2023-15 - 2023 Bear River Wildfire Recovery Project Contract Approval, approved Project contract expense, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITY REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

**Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, the Project and Facility Report, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period February 11, 2023 through February 24, 2023. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023 CIP BUDGET

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

**Adopted Resolution No. 2023-16 - Authorizing an Amendment to the FY 2023 CIP Budget to Carry Forward Ongoing FY 2022 CIP Projects, Increasing Fund 15 Water Capital CIP Expenditures by \$969,110 for CIP Projects #2624, #7032, and #6971. M/S/C Bierwagen/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW WORKSHOP

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item, and Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, provided a presentation.

Board discussion ensued and input was received on the draft Strategic Plan, including:

- Various updates to Goal timeframes
- Updating Watershed Strategic Priority to “Watershed Stewardship & Resiliency”
- Adding “canal improvement” to Goal 2 under Watershed Stewardship & Resiliency
- Treated Water Plan discussed
- Fee-based recovery for Recreation – adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and include cost factor for payment to Forest Service
- Plan to present additional revenue opportunities to the Board
- Updating Technology & Innovation Investments description from “increase production” to “increase productivity”

Public Comment:

- Bob Branstrom, a member of the public, commented on the timeframe for Proposition 218, requested clarification regarding Watershed Stewardship working with private and public agencies

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Board direction was given to bring the item back to a future Board meeting for consideration of approval.

#### WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Aurora Tipton, Customer Service Administrator, presented the item and introduced Kaycee Strong, Water Efficiency Technician, who provided a presentation outlining the 2023 water efficiency program goals and objectives.

Board discussion ensued regarding Badger meter supply issues, meter data, leaks and notifying customers, conservation messaging, state reporting, rebate programs, and publicizing newer programs.

#### Public Comment:

- Bob Branstrom, a member of the public, addressed the Board regarding budgeting of the Toilet Program and the Student Poster Program

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Thanked staff for hard work during the recent storm
- Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided a water supply update

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Presenting with Director Hull at Placer County and Nevada County Farm Bureaus next week

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

- Attended the Lincoln Rural Municipal Advisory Committee meeting

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

- Nevada City recently approved for a grant and thanked District for their help
- Presented at Nevada County Board of Realtors
- Attended Nevada County LAFCO meeting and shared highlights
- Presenting at Cascade Shores Homeowners meeting

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

- Communicated with Matthew Shapero, Livestock and Range Advisor in Ventura / Santa Barbara
- Visited with Caleb Dardick at LAFcO meeting, who shared his appreciation for NID's work following the recent storm
- Thanked Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, and team for their work helping to solve private conduit issues on Oak Canyon
- Met with Smartsville Fire Department
- Presenting at Nevada County Contractor's Association with President Hull

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

- Presented at the Lake of the Pines Homeowners Association meeting

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- Presenting with Director Johansen at the Nevada County Contractor's Association
- Presenting next week at Placer and Nevada County Farm Bureaus
- Presenting with Director Caulder at the Placer County Board of Realtors

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Note: Public Comment on the item to be considered in Closed Session was heard from Ms. Rae at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 11:40 a.m.

Closed Session was declared at 11:40 pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation - Wet Hill Road, Nevada County.

Open Session was reconvened at 12:09 p.m., and Dustin Cooper, District Council, provided a readout of Board action taken during Closed Session.

**Board Action: A motion was made to deny the claim by Director Bierwagen, and seconded by Director Caulder.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Heck, Division 1</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Bierwagen, Division 2</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Hull, Division 3</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Caulder, Division 4</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Johansen, Division 5</b>	<b>Aye</b>

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 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