

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

January 8, 2020

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Ricki Heck, President (Division I), Chris Bierwagen, Vice-President (Division II), and Directors W. Scott Miller (Division III); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance 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.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Service Awards

The following Employees were recognized for their length of service with the District. Those in attendance were congratulated by their Department Manager or Supervisor, and presented with recognition awards:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<b><u>20 Years</u></b>		
Eric Fassler	Water Distribution Supervisor	08/16/1999
Tony Moscini	Construction Inspector II	08/16/1999
Cameron Price	Maintenance Superintendent	08/23/1999
Ken Copher	Maintenance Supervisor	12/13/1999
<b><u>15 Years</u></b>		
Coby McCoy	Chief Water Treatment Operator	07/26/2004
Matthew Halvorson	Assistant Water Superintendent	10/25/2004
David Koeckritz	Vegetation Control Worker II	10/04/2004
Douglas Roderick	Engineering Manager	11/22/2004
<b><u>10 Years</u></b>		
Andy Browning	Cross Connection Control Technician II	07/20/2009
Gene Presley	Senior Water Distribution Operator	11/17/2009

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EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Sue Sindt, Retirement Presentation (2019-31)  
Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided presentation.

Public Comment:  
Tracie Sheehan, Foothills Water Network

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Brian Mesker, Retirement Presentation (2019-32)  
Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager, provided presentation.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir, hydrology report, and retention of video or audio for Committee Meetings
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding spending on Centennial Reservoir
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding degradation of waterways and his concern about the existing system
- Don Coenen, resident of S. Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding PG&E power distribution system, and Assembly Bills AB-1513 and AB-1054
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the Board making sound decisions in 2020
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding a wildfire fund, suggesting funds for it could come from the Centennial Reservoir Project

MINUTES – DECEMBER 9, 2019, SPECIAL MEETING

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

MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2019, SPECIAL MEETING

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

MINUTES – DECEMBER 11, 2019, REGULAR MEETING

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

2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

UPDATES TO DISTRICT POLICY 3080 – PROCUREMENT

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

Public Comment:  
- Matthew Coulter, Nevada County resident

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**Director Wilcox made a motion to table the item. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.**

**Prior to completing roll-call on the motion, Director Peters requested an amendment to the motion to make the item an informational item at this meeting and return it to the Administrative Practices Committee. Director Wilcox and Director Bierwagen accepted the amendment to the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Karen Hull, Resident of Division 3
- Tracie Sheehan, Foothills Water Network

WOLF CREEK COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OCCUPANCY TERMINATION

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Josie Crawford, Executive Director of Wolf Creek Community Alliance
- Matthew Coulter, Nevada County Resident
- Mike Pasner, Resident of Penn Valley
- Bruce Herring, Division 2 Resident

**Approve renegotiation of building occupancy agreement with the Wolf Creek Community Alliance (WCCA) at terms acceptable to both parties. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 200,062 acre-feet in storage – 107% of 7-year average 74% of capacity
- Bowman Lake Precipitation at 21.75” – 84% of average
- 2019 Conservation overall was 20% over 2013
- Welcome to new Boardroom – monitors are coming soon
- Governor's 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio
- Public Safety Power Shutoff continues to be an issue at the capitol
- Iron Horse District Financed Water Line Extension update
- Combie Phase I update
- Highway 174 contract update
- Doty North Siphon 1 update
- Combie Abutment Scour Analysis Kick-off meeting scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>

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- Scotts Flat Spillway – Spill crest stability evaluation and spillway alternatives analysis being developed
- Upcoming presentations/workshops coming to the Board:
  - o Irrigation Season
  - o Comprehensive Analysis Financial Report
  - o Brown Act Workshop
  - o Cost of Service Study
- State Mandate re 55 gallons per capita per day - update

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS**

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

- Christmas miracles

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

- Attended meeting at Placer County Farm Bureau

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

- Attended the NID Employees' Christmas Party
- Attended the Nevada County Farm Bureau Dinner

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

- Attended the Nevada County Farm Bureau Dinner

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

- Attended meeting with Barbara Bashall with Nevada County Contractors Assoc.
- With Board consensus, announced Ag Policy Ad Hoc Committee, appointing Director Bierwagen and Director Peters to the committee

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

-None

The meeting recessed at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 11:47 a.m.

Closed session was declared at 11:47 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Williamson

**Board Action: Claim rejected. M/S/C Wilcox/Miller, unanimously approved.**

Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation was declared at 11:47 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)). *Water Audit California v. Nevada Irrigation District*, Placer Co. Superior Court Case No. SCV0044119

Director Miller left the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

**Board Action: Direction was given to legal counsel.**


The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 12:44 p.m. and Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, read out the actions/direction from Closed Session.

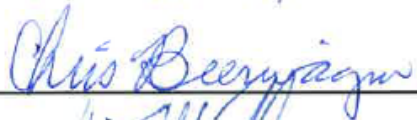
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MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

  
Board Secretary


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

  
Division I

  
Division II

  
Division III

  
Division IV

  
Division V