

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on August 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

**Present:**

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Counsel DePaoli	Legal Counsel, via zoom
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

**Public Present:**

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Peter Stanton, WBC
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**Public Present via Zoom:**

Angela Bezzone, MBK Engineers

**1. Public Comment**

None presented.

**2. Roll Call**

All members were present.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the July 7, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

**4. Water Master's Report**

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 11,970 acre-feet (28%) and Topaz was at 24,640 acre-feet (41%). The Leasing Program water is being released and will finish on the 11<sup>th</sup>; 100 cfs is being released in total. Treasurer NUTI asked Peter STANTON if any of the water was making it to the lake; Peter stated it is currently being used to fulfill the Tribe's water as less than 26 cfs is at Wabuska. Joanne stated there has not been less than 26cfs at Wabuska since the program started and there was 111 cfs currently.

**5. Staff Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI reported as of July 31, 2022:

Cash in Checking	\$ 71,489.61
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Cash in Money Market	\$ 759,121.94
Cash in CDs	\$ 757,568.24
Total	\$1,588,179.79

**B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
City of Yerington	100001	07/13/2022	\$134.84
Giomi, Inc.	100002	07/13/2022	\$911.90
Jim Menesini Petroleum	100003	07/13/2022	\$464.83
Lyon County Recorder	100004	07/13/2022	\$65.00
NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	100005	07/13/2022	\$463.76
NV Energy	100006	07/13/2022	\$348.18
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	100007	07/13/2022	\$54.99
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	100008	07/13/2022	\$213.42
Public Employees' Benefits	100009	07/13/2022	\$870.23
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	100010	07/13/2022	\$301.50
Quill	100011	07/13/2022	\$186.39
Sierra Office Solutions	100012	07/13/2022	\$71.60
Smith Valley Conservation District	100013	07/13/2022	\$1,279.96
Southwest Gas Corporation	100014	07/13/2022	\$43.18
USBWC	100015	07/13/2022	\$9,044.00
Xerox Corporation	100016	07/13/2022	\$238.36
Nevada Division of Water Res	100017	07/14/2022	\$980.00
ABILA Dept 3303	100018	07/27/2022	\$205.77
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	100019	07/27/2022	\$1,027.80
AT&T	100020	07/27/2022	\$11.92
Blackbaud Inc	100021	07/27/2022	\$8,562.40
D & S Waste Removal	100022	07/27/2022	\$213.82
Local Government Employee-	100023	07/27/2022	\$27.00
Mason Valley Tire	100024	07/27/2022	\$60.00
MF Barcellos	100025	07/27/2022	\$5,184.18
Quill	100026	07/27/2022	\$339.73
Standard Insurance Company	100027	07/27/2022	\$497.56
U.S. Geological Survey	100028	07/27/2022	\$14,612.00
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	100029	07/27/2022	\$372.10

Walker River Irrigation District	100030	07/27/2022	\$475.50
Woodburn & Wedge	100031	07/27/2022	\$61,670.23
Xerox Financial Services	100032	07/27/2022	\$30.22
PERS Administrative Fund	100033	07/27/2022	\$9,089.62
USBWC	100034	07/27/2022	\$20,909.66
MBK Engineers	100035	07/27/2022	\$7,858.00
Alhambra	300001	07/29/2022	\$108.37
<b>Grand Totals:</b>			<b>\$146,928.02</b>

Vice President MASINI asked what Blackbaud was; Secretary Halterman stated that is the new accounting software and the payment for the annual fee.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

**C. Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN reported Topaz is at 24,640 acre feet (41%) and Bridgeport is at 11,970 acre feet (28%). The gage data is available in the packet.

Shop crew continues to work on routine maintenance on the drains and canals. Today they are doing small concrete patch at Lateral B. A beaver dam was removed above the Strosnider gage and 3 more from the Wabuska drain. The crew has removed well over 20 beaver dams this year just in the Wabuska drain.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Smith Valley well users had a meeting. There was discussion from the last presentation from NDWR and put together a list of questions and concerns that they would like answered by NDWR. No future meetings have been scheduled until NDWR can give some answers in the fall. The Mason Valley well users had meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. There was good attendance. A lot of the same topics as Smith Valley were discussed. The next Mason Valley meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup> and NDWR will be present to give a presentation similar to the Smith Valley one. A few other users have been invited as well.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, the stakeholder meeting for the NRCS PIFR was held. There was a good attendance and the meeting was an initial discussion on the report and what it entails. The PIFR is a short investigation report pertaining to sediment and is completely funded by NRCS.

GM BRYAN is trying to set up a meeting with the new director of DCNR. Work continues to set up a MOU between the District and the State for repairs and maintenance on the East. Discussion on the 3 proposed USGS gages continue- the sites so far are below Rough Creek, Morgan bridge, and the East Walker bridge.

Director GIORGI asked if the drains are being sprayed; GM BRYAN stated the Conservation District has sprayed a few spots. Director GIORGI stated there are tules from Sciarani Lane toward Hwy 95A that should be sprayed. GM BRYAN stated he will have the Conservation District spray that area and a small area near the old Spradlin property. Director GIORGI asked if the drain was dissolved near the Spradlin property. GM BRYAN stated the drain used to run on Sciarani's property but it was buried, so Mrs. Spradlin worked with the District on opening that back up on her property and it continues east. It has been straightened out on the old Behrman property that David Little purchased.

President SNYDER asked why there was no loss from the gage at Bridgeport to Strosnider; GM BRYAN stated the rain is making up for the losses.

Director GIORIG asked what the status of Twin Lakes was; Joanne stated they are releasing approximately 50 cfs every day. Robinson Creek gage is at the Lower Twin outlet but it is tapering off and water will be released from Upper Twin. Joanne stated 14 cfs is being released from Poor Lake but is being taken out by Park as stock water.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel DePAOLI stated he did not have anything to report. He would be reaching out to schedule an attorney/client meeting soon since the judge denied the motion to dismiss.

**E. Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers**

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the storage transfers; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

**F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update**

Angela BEZZONE reported that just over 1,000 of the 1,263 acre feet in the program has been released from Topaz and 730 of 834 acre feet has been released from Bridgeport. As of 8/7, approximately 423 acre feet has made it to Wabuska. Bridgeport will wrap up on Wednesday and Topaz will wrap up on Thursday. The end of the program water is expected in Wabuska by next week.

**G. FY2021-2022 Audit Update**

Secretary HALTERMAN stated the auditors have been working on the audit for approximately a month. They stated everything is going well and they hope to be done with the audit by the end of the month and presenting in September.

**6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.**

Wyatt was not able to attend but did send an email:

'Smith – 17,500. This is likely a little lower than this time last year, which is good. Mason- 58,000+ (there are few reporters who have not yet entered their Aug 1 readings). Also probably slightly lower than last year at this time.'

**7. Update by the Walker River Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.**

Peter STANTON stated that since the reallocation came after the close of the Leasing Program deadline and NDOW did not get their temporary change application approved, there is approximately 900 acre feet of storage water available. The Conservancy is opening the water to the public at a fixed price of \$75 per acre foot. The application will be open for 5 days. The total amount applied for will be distributed evenly in 10 foot increments. The application period will start August 11<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until August 16<sup>th</sup>. The notice will be distributed via email and is available in the WRID front office and on the Conservancy website.

**8. Review and discussion of NV Energy's proposed purchase of 0.63 acres of a portion of Douglas County APN 1022-29-201-002 for Topaz substation upgrades, 0.24 acres of an easement for a distribution powerline, also on Douglas County APN 1022-29-201-002, 0.05 acres of an access and grading easement, also on Douglas County APN 1022-29-201-002, for a total purchase price of \$78,700.00 and direction to General Manager and legal counsel with respect thereto.**

GM BRYAN stated the property is the same property and terms as discussed in previous meetings. Counsel DePAOLI stated the offer stands at \$78,700 and he is looking for approval for the General Manager or President to sign a completed document once all the terms are satisfied. Director GIORGI asked Counsel if this sale will hinder the sale of the property in the future; Counsel DePAOLI stated if the rest of the parcel were divided, it may impact some lots and not impact others depending on how the lots are structured. That is the idea of the \$20,000 payment for having the line and easement cross the parcel. Discussion was held regarding the location of the service line. Director GIORGI and Vice President MASINI asked Counsel DePAOLI to ask NV Energy to consider moving the line closer to the southern parcel border. Counsel DePAOLI stated he will contact NV Energy and ask them. Their intention was to close at the end of November and any changes may impact that timeline and potentially the price. Counsel DePAOLI also reminded the Board that the sale of property must be unanimously approved by the Board or it cannot pass.

Director GIORGI made a motion to table the item until further discussion has been held with NV Energy regarding moving the service line; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

**9. Director Comments**

None presented.

**10. Public Comment**

None presented.

**11. Adjournment**

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:41am.

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Jim Snyder, President

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Marcus Masini, Vice President

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Richard Nuti, Treasurer

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Dennis Acciari, Director

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David Giorgi, Director

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