

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on November 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by Treasurer NUTI.

Present:

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, via zoom

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC	Ed Ryan, MV/SVCD
Don Smith		

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, BOCC

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call

President SNYDER was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the October 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

Treasurer NUTI advised there is a typographical error on page 2 that needs to be corrected. Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported there is approximately 8 feet of stock water running. Bridgeport is at 7,041 acre-feet and Topaz is at 11,420 acre-feet with releases of 20.2 cfs coming out of Bridgeport and just over 2 cfs out of Topaz. Treasurer NUTI asked what the inflows were; Joanne stated she did not have the numbers but could get them. Treasurer NUTI asked if the inflows matched the outflows; Joanne stated the inflows are way above the outflows and water is being stored. Approximately 50 acre feet are being stored in Bridgeport and 30 acre feet in Topaz. Director GIORGI asked if stock water would run all season; Joanne stated she believes it can run all season, but it depends on what is available.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of October 31, 2022:

Cash in Checking	\$ 169,457.92
Cash in Money Market	\$ 931,419.95
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$1,858,446.11

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
Alhambra	300003	10/05/2022	\$268.70
HomeTown Health	300004	10/05/2022	\$15,505.48
Paycor, Inc.	300005	10/05/2022	\$49.50
Spectrum Business	300006	10/05/2022	\$224.90
208 Investments, LLC	100104	10/05/2022	\$488.26
Albert S Bozsick Jr	100105	10/05/2022	\$1,183.81
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	100106	10/05/2022	\$1,027.80
Chavone Gable	100107	10/05/2022	\$363.55
Curtis Family Trust	100108	10/05/2022	\$5,002.88
David A Cardoza	100109	10/05/2022	\$2.29
David H Roots	100110	10/05/2022	\$644.51
David Kay	100111	10/05/2022	\$180.66
David Warr	100112	10/05/2022	\$483.19
Dennis Hellwinkel	100113	10/05/2022	\$89.61
DGHP, Inc	100114	10/05/2022	\$1,451.27
Ferranto Family Trust	100115	10/05/2022	\$5,067.97
Four G LLC	100116	10/05/2022	\$11,276.27
George Petersen	100117	10/05/2022	\$519.79
Grant B Smith	100118	10/05/2022	\$284.49
Gregory B Watts	100119	10/05/2022	\$1,180.62
Kris Johnson	100120	10/05/2022	\$81.79
Laurie Evangelista	100121	10/05/2022	\$2,058.37
Lyon County	100122	10/05/2022	\$2,809.08
Melissa Starks	100123	10/05/2022	\$445.63
Peter Karkos	100124	10/05/2022	\$205.83
Pope Valley Ranching NV LLC	100125	10/05/2022	\$62,422.52
Renate Hannaman	100126	10/05/2022	\$1,180.62

Richard D Roberson	100127	10/05/2022	\$73.59
Ronald J Bath	100128	10/05/2022	\$371.53
Sandra K Marriott	100129	10/05/2022	\$872.64
Ted L Fitzpatrick	100130	10/05/2022	\$141.66
Todd T Brethauer	100131	10/05/2022	\$1,429.81
Wesley A Smith	100132	10/05/2022	\$4,998.00
William Stone	100133	10/05/2022	\$803.00
Zachary Roots	100134	10/05/2022	\$644.50
Alhambra	300007	10/06/2022	\$146.84
ABILA Dept 3303	100135	10/06/2022	\$205.77
Giomi, Inc.	100136	10/06/2022	\$108.18
Jim Menesini Petroleum	100137	10/06/2022	\$108.68
Les Schwab Tire Center	100138	10/06/2022	\$109.99
Lyon County Recorder	100139	10/06/2022	\$61.80
MacLeod Watts Inc	100140	10/06/2022	\$1,360.00
MBK Engineers	100141	10/06/2022	\$3,086.50
MF Barcellos	100142	10/06/2022	\$4,082.92
Mono County Tax Collector	100143	10/06/2022	\$39,264.20
NV Energy	100144	10/06/2022	\$359.68
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	100145	10/06/2022	\$518.41
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	100146	10/06/2022	\$213.42
Public Employees' Benefits	100147	10/06/2022	\$870.23
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	100148	10/06/2022	\$301.50
Quill	100149	10/06/2022	\$308.88
Sierra Office Solutions	100150	10/06/2022	\$208.71
Smith Valley Conservation District	100151	10/06/2022	\$4,997.62
Southwest Gas Corporation	100152	10/06/2022	\$41.62
THE PARTS HOUSE	100153	10/06/2022	\$65.96
True Value	100154	10/06/2022	\$436.91
Wells Fargo Card Services	100155	10/06/2022	\$1,375.35
Xerox Financial Services	100156	10/06/2022	\$60.44
HomeTown Health	300008	10/26/2022	\$7,752.74
IRS	300009	10/26/2022	\$331.64
Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	300010	10/26/2022	\$372.89
ABILA Dept 3303	100157	10/26/2022	\$205.77
City of Yerington	100158	10/26/2022	\$160.30

Desert Research Institute	100159	10/26/2022	\$13,196.09
Endress & Hauser	100160	10/26/2022	\$12,188.91
John Deere Credit	100161	10/26/2022	\$81.41
Lyon County Treasurer	100162	10/26/2022	\$74,369.06
Mason Valley Tire	100163	10/26/2022	\$160.00
MBK Engineers	100164	10/26/2022	\$4,031.00
Nevada Employment Security	100165	10/26/2022	\$1,745.66
New Gen Automotive	100166	10/26/2022	\$1,716.16
PERS Administrative Fund	100167	10/26/2022	\$9,401.55
Standard Insurance Company	100168	10/26/2022	\$248.78
Studio 33	100169	10/26/2022	\$325.00
USBWC	100170	10/26/2022	\$1,268.68
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	100171	10/26/2022	\$186.05
Woodburn & Wedge	100172	10/26/2022	\$50,673.00
Xerox Corporation	100173	10/26/2022	\$256.44
Xerox Financial Services	100174	10/26/2022	\$30.22
October Payroll		10/31/2022	\$51,216.94
Total Bills & Payroll			\$412,046.02

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

C. Manager’s Report

GM BRYAN reported Topaz is at 11,420 acre feet (19%) and Bridgeport is at 7,041 acre feet (17%). Water is being stored. The gage data is available in the packet. Seeing some inflows ranging from 40-50 to about 100 acre-feet. Little bit if snow, but it wasn’t significant. The highest amount of snow is at Leavitt Lake but it only received about 3 inches yesterday into today. The projection is that the amount will increase over the next few days and there is a slight chance of more snow going into next week. GM BRYAN has not had a chance to reach out to the weather service but will try to get them here in January.

The shop crew has been performing repairs and maintenance throughout the District. The crew is scheduled to perform repairs and projects on the Campbell, Saroni, and the drains and reservoirs.

The Saroni Canal Annual Meeting was held on October 11th. The users were able to take care of most of the business for the year but concluded that a follow up meeting was necessary to set the assessments. On October 26th, the meeting was held and the assessments were finalized. A plan has been made to get the canal to

a positive balance with the District. The users have a choice to pay up front, over two years, or over three years.

On November 1st, GM BRYAN and legal met with the director of DCNR, Jim Lawrence. They discussed the MOU with State Parks that will allow the District to access the Pitchfork, Rafter 7, and Flying M ranches to perform maintenance and repairs. The USGS gages were also discussed. The Director, Deputy Director and heads of State Parks and State Lands were all in agreeance that three USGS would be beneficial. The three locations would be near Rough Creek, the Morgan Unit, and East Walker near the Santa Margarita bridge. The holdup on the gages is the financial aspect, but GM BRYAN will be seeking collaborators and will give a presentation to the USBWC board.

GM BRYAN was contacted by an UNR Professor in Economics to give a guest lecture to a master's class on November 30th. He has been asked to discuss what the irrigation district is, how it works, a little bit about water rights, and how the District has managed in the drought. GM BRYAN will update the Board on how it goes.

[Treasurer NUTI passed the meeting to Vice President MASINI]

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DEPAOLI advised he did not have anything to report. Next month he will give an update on the Bill Draft Requests that are related to water for the upcoming legislative session. NV Energy has not completed the survey regarding the Topaz issue.

E. Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers

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

F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN stated all of the participants have been paid. Nevada did submit the overview letter confirming no participants went over the 4.0 duty; Wes and Angela will be filing that with the court soon.

G. Policy Updates

Secretary HALTERMAN stated she has not made any progress on the fees or charges policy from several months ago. The project has not been forgotten, but no progress has been made.

Secretary HALTERMAN introduced the updated Written Workplace Health and Safety Program. The District has not updated the safety plan since 1991 and is currently in violation of the liability insurance. Secretary HALTERMAN has been working on the update for several months. Representatives from POOL/PACT will officially propose the plan next month and will be available for questions. Secretary HALTERMAN asked the Board and public to review the plan and get her questions

before next month so she can pass them to POOL/PACT for discussion. The plan outlines new hire and annual training requirements, accident reporting, first aid processes, situation hazards and acts as a safeguard for anyone getting injured. The plan also requires the District to work with OSHA. It is good to work with OSHA before any violations are found. GM BRYAN stated the plan has been printed and is available in the office as well as on the website. Vice President MASINI asked who Secretary HALTERMAN was working with and whether a template for an agency like ours was used; Jessica stated there was a generic small employer template, but it needed to be modified to include topics that were pertinent to the District. Jessica added sections from the old plan such as reservoir procedures and ditch burning. Vice President MASINI asked if legal should look at the plan prior to approving it; GM BRYAN stated legal counsel will be looking at it prior to next month as well.

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

GM BRYAN read an email submitted by Wyatt FEREDAY: 'AJ and I will be out in the field that week getting meter readings and water levels. Current pumping totals are: Smith = 28,500 AF; Mason = 88,420 AF. Both are significantly lower than last year, which is encouraging. We will be at the December meeting to report the final totals and water levels.' GM BRYAN stated he will continue speaking with Wyatt on scheduling the meeting to discuss the Smith/Mason Valley pumping numbers.

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

Carlie HENNEMAN stated the Conservancy did an internal year review on their programs. Their Volunteer & Recreation program had 59 AmeriCorps positions and used 47 community volunteers for planting and trail building. The Conservancy has a program in Wilson Canyon working with OHV communities in putting up signs and planting. They have had 17 volunteers helping plant over 1200 plants. On the East Walker properties, 17,000 plants have been planted in over 220 acres, over 300 acres have been seeded, over 2500 have been weeded. The Conservancy has 2 seed collection programs- one with NDOW and the other with BLM. The greenhouse produced over 30,000 plants in 42 species and they have begun selling plants for restoration efforts. Walker River Paiute Tribe, Pyramid Paiute Tribe and University of Nevada have purchased the plants so far. Treasurer NUTI asked what kind of plants are being planted; Carlie stated there are a number of species, but sage and rabbit brush are the most prevalent. The Conservancy is also starting a native grass seed program.

8. Director Comments

Treasurer NUTI asked if the thought should be made to go out to bid for the financial audit. Vice President MASINI stated audits need to be consistent and there seems to be a lot of

repetitive requests and inconsistency. Treasurer NUTI asked how long ago the bid was done; GM BRYAN stated it has been many years. Vice President MASINI stated it would be a wise choice to solicit bids.

9. Public Comment

None presented.

10. Adjournment

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

ABSENT
Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director