

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on November 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

**Present:**

Jim SNYDER	President, via phone
Marcus MASINI	Vice President, via phone
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director, via phone
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via phone
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

**Public Present:**

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Taylor Thomas, USBWC
Silas Adams, WBC via phone	

**1. Public Comment**

None presented. Zoom platform was not working, so no additional public comment was available.

**2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

All members were present with President SNYDER, Director GIORGI, and Counsel DePAOLI on the phone.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the October 7, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Vice President MASINI requested ‘thing’ be changed to ‘think’ on page 5.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

**4. Water Master’s Report**

Joanne SARKISIAN reported the season was good; it is now over. The decree on the East never rose above an 1880; the West was on Full for 2 days in April and 12 days in June. Total deliveries including Antelope Valley were 138,563 acre-feet (approximately 100,743 decree and 37,819 storage). NFWF received 502 acre-feet of 8700 water at the weir. The season ended with 6,199 acre-feet in Topaz (11%) and 7,197 acre-feet in Bridgeport (17%). To be fair to the users, Joanne did shut offs on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Director GIORGI inquired how much was currently being released from the reservoirs; Joanne advised 5.8 cfs from Topaz and the minimum 20cfs from Bridgeport. Director GIORGI asked if Dwayne had been notified to open the headgates; Joanne stated the river rider made sure everyone was shut off. Treasurer NUTI advised the full decree days in April and June made a big difference for new lands only users.

**5. Staff Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI reported as of October 31, 2020:

Cash in Checking	\$ 245,165.12
Cash in Money Market	\$ 841,146.51
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 749,661.39</u>
Total	\$1,835,973.02

CD balances as of 10/31/2020 are listed in the packet.

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

***October 2020 Bills & Payroll***

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
121674	10/13/2020	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 2,320.00
121675	10/13/2020	Giomi, Inc.	\$ 128.25
121676	10/13/2020	Hunewill Construction Co.,	\$ 1,430.14
121677	10/13/2020	AT&T	\$ 154.73
121678	10/13/2020	AT&T Mobility	\$ 117.95
121679	10/13/2020	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 30.80
121680	10/13/2020	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$ 305.00
121681	10/13/2020	Nevada Employment Security	\$ 1,386.17
121682	10/13/2020	Nevada Employment Security	\$ 15.35
121683	10/13/2020	True Value	\$ 6.29
121684	10/13/2020	Purchase Power / Pitney	\$ 301.50
121685	10/13/2020	Quill	\$ 104.94
121686	10/13/2020	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$ 148.45
121687	10/13/2020	Sciarani & Co.	\$ 10,000.00
121688	10/13/2020	NV Energy	\$ 203.83
121689	10/13/2020	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$ 37.43
121690	10/13/2020	Stanislaus Farm Supply	\$ 161.72
121691	10/13/2020	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$ 2,974.61
121692	10/13/2020	White Cap Construction	\$ 1,119.98
121693	10/13/2020	Xerox Financial Services	\$ 139.44
121694	10/13/2020	Desert Engineering	\$ 1,141.78
121695	10/13/2020	Mason Valley Tire	\$ 40.00
121696	10/13/2020	Truckee Tahoe Lumber	\$ 2,407.27
121697	10/13/2020	Yerington Ready Mix	\$ 1,681.47
121698	10/13/2020	PERS Administrative	\$ 7,945.90

121699	10/14/2020	Public Employees'	\$	870.23
121700	10/14/2020	Quill	\$	94.32
121701	10/14/2020	Alhambra	\$	84.71
121702	10/14/2020	Verizon Wireless	\$	499.45
121703	10/14/2020	City of Yerington	\$	144.02
121704	10/14/2020	Desert Research	\$	18,490.98
121705	10/14/2020	Charter Comm	\$	212.32
121706	10/26/2020	PERS Administrative	\$	7,965.65
121707	10/27/2020	AFLAC	\$	35.70
121708	10/27/2020	ABILA Dept 3303	\$	186.64
121709	10/27/2020	Associated Concrete	\$	1,524.86
121710	10/27/2020	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK	\$	269.00
121711	10/27/2020	MF Barcellos	\$	3,158.31
121712	10/27/2020	O'Reilly Automotive,	\$	27.65
121713	10/27/2020	Quill	\$	28.35
121714	10/27/2020	NV Energy	\$	36.47
121715	10/27/2020	Standard Insurance	\$	242.47
121716	10/27/2020	Vision Service Plan	\$	257.45
121717	10/27/2020	Woodburn & Wedge	\$	63,705.68
121718	10/27/2020	HomeTown Health	\$	7,244.09
121719	10/27/2020	A-1 NATIONAL FIRE	\$	97.61
121720	10/27/2020	Briggs Manufacturing,	\$	4,544.49
121721	10/27/2020	Sierra Office Solutions	\$	348.25
121722	10/27/2020	Studio 33	\$	90.00
121723	10/27/2020	Yerington Ready Mix	\$	2,733.19
121724	10/27/2020	USBWC	\$	125,495.15
PAYROLL		OCTOBER PAYROLL	\$	43,550.16
			<i>Total Bills &amp; Payroll</i>	\$ 316,240.20

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

**C. Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN reported since October 31<sup>st</sup>, 253 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz and 451 acre-feet in Bridgeport. The reservoirs are currently at 6,452 acre-feet in Topaz (11%) and 7,648 acre-feet in Bridgeport (18%). As Joanne stated, we are releasing the requirement from Bridgeport and enough for fish flows out of Topaz. The snowstorm was fantastic in the valleys, but not in the mountains; Lobdell received 4" of snow and Leavitt Lake received 2". The totals were the third highest snow totals since 1894 in Yerington. The Weather Service says we are in an unstable pattern. There will be another round of instability late this week and again next Tuesday.

The shop crew has completed the repairs on the Colony Ditch. They plan to call for stock water later this week. The crew has transitioned to the Saroni projects. The footings were poured on the Nuti/Fenili project and the crew is now framing the walls for the flumes and headwalls. Next the crew will jump to the Saroni Main. We have the gate already. GM BRYAN hopes to be finished with all the Saroni projects by the end of the calendar year.

The Phase 1 Bridgeport Gatehouse project is completed. It took 2 ½ days to remove the old valves. Everything is completed and is functional. Joe has been making the adjustments with the new equipment and it is working well. California Safety Dams just wanted pictures when the project was complete and that has been done.

The District had the 1<sup>st</sup> public participation meeting for the NRCS Watershed Grant. The meeting went well. We received good comments and feedbacks. There is not another meeting scheduled yet, but all stakeholders will be notified when one is scheduled. The project seems to be progressing well.

A couple months ago, the District hired an appraiser to appraise a property in Wabuska and one in East Mason Valley. The figures came in low, but at least there is a benchmark to go from. While the appraiser was out at the Wabuska property, he was approached by an interested party who offered more than the appraised value. GM BRYAN will be following up with the interested party. The property next door (400 N Main St) is still for sale. The tire shop is being rented, but there have been no offers on the property.

Heard from Nevada Safety Dams as couple weeks ago. Due to their restrictions, they can inspect but there cannot be anyone else there with them. There is also question on what to do with Topaz as it is in two states.

GM BRYAN received correspondence from John Lee with Pump Check. GM BRYAN has talked with Wyatt regarding having the District well checked. John has asked for a list to be compiled of interested parties. He would like to have enough work to schedule a week in March. The more wells he checks in the area, the cheaper the cost will be. If anyone is interested, contact GM BRYAN. The District website has been down for a couple weeks, but it will hopefully be up and running soon. Once the website is running, a notice will be put on the news page seeking interested parties to get on the list.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel DePAOLI reported there is another legislative session after the first of the year. There are several bill drafts relating to water. Most are from the State Engineer's Office and are procedural in nature relating to what the State Engineer needs to do with temporary changes. They want clarification that the statute does not require the State Engineer to hold a hearing on a temporary change. There are a couple of bills on how judicial reviews are to be handled and what orders of the

State Engineer are subject to review. There is a bill to create a water conservation credit for irrigation use and one to create a water banking leasing program for irrigation use. There is a bill request from Senator Brooks to amend the Nevada Constitution to protect Nevada's water, land, and air. Counsel DePAOLI is not sure what that might say but he will keep an eye on it as we do not want to undo what has been done on the Public Trust issue.

Counsel DePAOLI advised everyone had filed their supplemental briefs in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit and so far, there is not anything back from the Supreme Court.

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

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

**F. Storage Water Leasing Program Update**

GM BRYAN reported the temporary drafts are in the approval process with the Nevada State Engineer's Office. Next week there is a meeting on the Accounting Tool and in December there is the larger group meeting on the Program requirements as per the Court. Hopefully in December the 2021 Storage Leasing Program schedule will be drafted.

**G. FY 2019-2020 Audit Update**

Secretary HALTERMAN advised as of Thursday, the notes and financial reports had been prepared and on were on Jim's desk for review. Secretary HALTERMAN stated she had not spoken to Jim, but hopefully, the report will be ready for presentation. During the month, there were still many questions on how grant submittals and tracking are performed, but hopefully everyone understands the process better now.

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

Secretary HALTERMAN received an email from Wyatt Fereday stating 'the groundwater pumping totals through October: Smith = 32,653 AF; Mason = 80,180 AF'

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

Silas ADAMS the Conservancy has finalized the Smith Valley acquisition purchase. 7.731 cfs decree and 126 acre-feet of storage were gained in the purchase. The purchases were a long time in the making and it is good to have them completed. Silas hopes to report on the 8700 before next season; he is waiting for final USGS gage data.

**8. Director Comments**

None presented.

**9. Public Comment**

None presented.

**10. Adjournment**

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

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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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