

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on July 9, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the district board room, 410 N. Main St., Yerington, Nevada by President Jim SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
David GIORGI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Marcus MASINI	Director
Bridget BANTA	Secretary
Robert BRYAN	Manager
Gordon DEPAOLI	Legal Counsel
Jessica SMITH	Bookkeeper

Public Present:

David Doughty	Jim Gifford	Jessica Gwerder	Mark Lumpkin
George Lindesmith	James Darrovard	Steven Fulstone	Donnette Huselton
Carissa Bradley	Silas Adams	Sarah Overton	Chad Walling
Wayne Bull	David Peri		

1. Public Comment:

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

All directors present.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the June 7, 2018 Regular meeting.

Director MASINI made a motion to approve the minutes. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Minutes of the June 20, 2018 Workshop meeting.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the minutes. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

5. Water Master's Report:

Water Master Joanne SARKISIAN advised the decree is falling out quickly. The east is at an 1867 and an 1869 everywhere else. She is anticipating the decree to be at an 1859 by the end of next week. She advised there is a problem at the weir. There is a large hole in the weir ready to blow through. The weir will need to be repaired at the end of the season. The weir will not hold through another water season.

6. Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Cash in Checking	\$168,354.41
Cash in Money Market	\$1,180,206.69
Cash in CD's	\$1,241,595.13
Total	\$2,590,156.23

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment:***Bills & Payroll for June 2018***

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
120243	6/7/2018	AT&T Mobility	\$184.53
120244	6/7/2018	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	\$349.85
120245	6/7/2018	Quill	\$469.95
120246	6/7/2018	NV Energy	\$228.62
120247	6/7/2018	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$43.36
120248	6/7/2018	Carson Pump	\$4,321.00
120249	6/13/2018	Farm-Assist, Inc.	\$475.00
120250	6/13/2018	Giomi, Inc.	\$428.10
120251	6/13/2018	John Deere Credit	\$118.24
120252	6/13/2018	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	\$59.41
120253	6/13/2018	Les Schwab Tire Center	\$79.95
120254	6/13/2018	Lyon County Recorder	\$36.25
120255	6/13/2018	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$410.00
120256	6/13/2018	MBK Engineers	\$201.00
120257	6/13/2018	MF Barcellos	\$1,852.41
120258	6/13/2018	Mickey Mutual Ditch Co.	\$8.48
120259	6/13/2018	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$38.83
120260	6/13/2018	PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	\$1,295.03
120261	6/13/2018	Public Employees' Benefits Program	\$1,606.58
120262	6/13/2018	Woodburn & Wedge	\$11,289.60
120263	6/13/2018	City of Yerington	\$132.91
120264	6/13/2018	Desert Research Institute	VOID
120265	6/13/2018	Sierra Office Solutions	\$81.94
120266	6/13/2018	Farm-Assist, Inc.	\$952.75
120267	6/13/2018	AT&T	\$135.72

120268	6/13/2018	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$478.97
120269	6/25/2018	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	\$787.40
120270	6/25/2018	Farm-Assist, Inc.	\$5,757.50
120271	6/25/2018	BERKLEYNET	\$11,860.00
120272	6/25/2018	Quill	\$433.98
120273	6/25/2018	Sciarani & Co.	\$5,000.00
120274	6/25/2018	Standard Insurance Company	\$462.58
120275	6/25/2018	Verizon Wireless	\$510.83
120276	6/25/2018	HomeTown Health	\$4,279.04
120277	6/25/2018	D & S Waste Removal	\$194.04
120278	6/25/2018	USI Insurance Services National (REN)	\$15,951.55
120279	6/27/2018	PERS Administrative Fund	\$5,699.86
120280	6/27/2018	Nevada Employment Security Division	\$1,790.42
120281	6/27/2018	Local Government Employee- Mgmt Relations Board	\$42.00
120282	6/27/2018	Quill	\$203.31
120283	6/27/2018	NV Energy	\$2.71
120284	6/27/2018	Alhambra	\$87.43
120285	6/27/2018	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	\$67.52
120286	6/27/2018	Xerox Financial Services	\$164.44
120287	6/27/2018	Desert Research Institute	\$7,741.16
120288	6/28/2018	AT&T Mobility	\$186.79
120289	6/28/2018	The Paul Laxalt Group	\$6,500.00
120290	6/28/2018	Petty Cash	\$80.27
120291	6/29/2018	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$2,625.25
120292	6/29/2018	Woodburn & Wedge	\$16,206.50
120293	6/29/2018	USBWC	\$32,021.98
120294	6/30/2018	USBWC	\$107.34
PAYROLL	6/15/2018	JUNE PAYROLL	\$32,501.28

TOTAL BILLS & PAYROLL \$176,543.66

Director MASINI made a motion to pay the bills. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN included a handout for the allocations on the East and West. He advised there is 49510 acre feet in Topaz and 36520 acre feet in Bridgeport. He advised the west is at -2656.18 acre feet and Bridgeport is at -1922.21 acre feet. GM BRYAN advised there is no guarantee the water users will get what they order. Users need to order according to the shrink. The 1859 Tribe right will be on until the 15th of October. All water users will participate in shrink equally throughout the ditches.

The shop crew has been working on repair and maintenance on drains and canals including spraying and de-mossing. The office staff has been cleaning up old records and getting rid of old documents. The audit has begun, and Jessica Smith will update the board. GM BRYAN advised there was a balance on an Aflac fund on an unpaid bill. To reconcile the books, WRID wrote off a bill as an uncollectable from 2014-2015 for the amount \$847.36. This write off will clean up the books from years prior.

GM BRYAN advised they are waiting for the NEPA study and waiting to hear back from the Bureau of Reclamation. GM BRYAN advised will update as the NEPA study moves forward.

On the 20th of June, WRID hosted a water rights workshop with the state. The presentation has been posted to the website. The workshop went smooth.

GM BRYAN has been talking to Nevada Copper regarding the District's property in Wabuska. They have put a letter of intent together to work with the District for a lease agreement. The District has had a lease with PMMR (Precious Mining and Minerals). They have not kept up on the payments and the District has gone through the steps for the eviction process. GM BRYAN is putting together the details and plans in the lease agreement and will bring it up to the Board when the lease is completed.

Dr Styles has been working on the modernization projects within the District. GM BRYAN has asked if Dr. Styles would put together a water measurement class. He has agreed to it and will put the class on at WRID. The class will be in late August and all ditch riders and office will be taking the class. GM BRYAN has offered to other organizations to attend the class. There will be a standard fee for the class.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DEPAOLI advised none of the two cases of the 9th Circuit going back to the Federal District Court have appeared at the court. The judge has not been assigned.

E. Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to accept the transfers. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

F. 2017-2018 FY Audit Update

Bookkeeper Jessica SMITH advised the audit is going well for year-end. She advised WRID does not qualify for the single audit for the grant as the District did not go over \$750,000.00. The District requested reimbursement for \$491,000.00.

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

Chad Walling advised, as of the middle of June, there is approximately 3600 acre feet in Smith Valley and 6800 acre feet in Mason Valley. If anyone has questions regarding the total water use with surface water and ground water, Chad is available to work with anyone requesting assistance.

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

Silas Adams advised they are opening another 3000 acre feet for lease for \$35/acre foot opening on the 19th and going to the end of the month. The Yerington/Hawthorne youth conservation crew has been working with Walker Basin Conservancy.

9. Update by Bridgeport Ranchers Organization (BRO) on activities related to the Bridgeport Watershed Approach.

Steven Fulstone advised there will be a field trip with board members to visit the reservoir. They are trying to do a basin-wide water quality program. They have involved the NRCS to improve the sediment issues and reduce the fecal coliform that gets to the lake. Suzanne Danner advised there is funding available for agricultural water quality improvement and sage grouse habitat improvement. The intent is to accelerate the enhancement projects on their own farms. Funding will be available through Equip. The funding is specific to this region with \$646,000 available through June 2022. The Walker Basin is a priority for these grants.

Jessica Gwerder from Gardnerville NRCS for the Bridgeport area advised another concept was to put in different structures on the land to improve the water before it hits the reservoir. UV radiation helps to break down the fecal coliform. They would like to spread water over the land to have the UV radiation breakdown the coliform prior to entering the reservoir.

Dave Doughty provided preliminary projects for the improvement of the fecal coliform and address the water quality through the stream bank stabilization. Treasurer NUTI advised every time water is spread, there will be water loss. The water loss will affect the storage water users. Doughty advised he is unaware how much water loss occurs. Steven Fulstone advised the area talked about is under the reservoir level. He advised WRID has a water right to irrigate the land. It is used to increase the UV light to better the fecal coliform. It will delay the water by minutes prior to the water hitting the reservoir. There is a possibility of an aeration system to turn over the vegetation living there for the fish. Fulstone advised the handouts are ideas and possibilities to address the fecal coliform. Vice President GIORGI asked if the structures are going to be on WRID property or Gansberg. Fulstone advised there are locations on both properties. Gwerder advised the structures can be as complex or simple as needed. She advised they are not trying to keep the water from entering the reservoir. They want to slow the water down and let the sun do its job.

10. **Discussion and consideration for further operation and delivering well water for the District Well under Nevada State Engineer Permit No. 25813, Certificate No. 8861 to lands within the District for the remainder of irrigation season 2018.**

GM BRYAN advised the well will be turned off when decree reaches an 1859. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to continue the well until the decree hits an 1859. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

11. **Discussion and consideration of storage water reallocation for the 2018 irrigation season.**

GM BRYAN advised he does not recommend a re-allocation. Treasurer NUTI requested WRID send a letter to users advising the water is not guaranteed to the end of the season. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to remove item from the future agendas and will not continue considerations for re-allocation. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

12. **Recess and convene as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No. 3 (Main/East Drains) to provide direction to the Manager with respect to upgrades and repairs and maintenance to permanently improve the conveyance of water return flows to the Main Walker River.**

Adjourned as Board of Directors of WRID at 10:47 AM.

GM BRYAN explained the drains to be repaired. The main ties back in upstream of the weir and the east ties in at the NDOW properties. There is quite a bit of repairs and maintenance yet to be completed on the drains. There is excessive toulies and moss. GM BRYAN advised there is over \$265,000 available to make repairs and maintenance of the drains. Culverts need to be replaced as soon as the season is over. David Peri advised the drain will not be dry unless there is no stock water. Treasurer NUTI suggested having the materials on hand and ready to go. If the stock water users can hold off for a couple weeks while the improvements are made, the drain can be repaired. Vice President GIORGI made a motion for GM BRYAN to come up with a plan and prospective costs. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

13. **Adjourn as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No. 3 and reconvene as Board of Directors of District.**

Adjourned as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No. 3 at 10:58 AM.

14. **Review and discussion of a resolution granting the General Manager of the District authority to apply for a Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for continued upgrades to the Saroni Canal as per ITRC Report recommendation and to execute documents related thereto.**

GM BRYAN advised this is similar to the grant applied for earlier. Jessica SMITH advised the second phase is the in-stream measuring devices at 5 locations. Steven Fulstone suggested to brief the advisory board on the process. GM BRYAN advised they can be updated. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to apply for a small-scale water efficiency grant to the US Bureau of Reclamation. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

15. Director Comments:

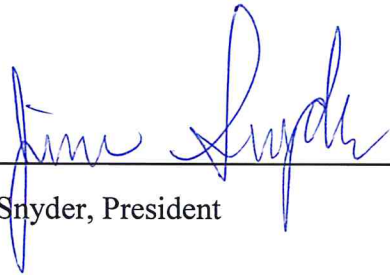
None presented.

16. Public Comment:

None presented.

17. Adjournment

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.



Jim Snyder, President



David Giorgi, Vice President



Richard Nuti, Treasurer



Dennis Acciari, Director



Marcus Masini, Director