

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on February 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Staff Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

Public Present:

Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Carly Venghaus, NDWR	Carlie Henneman, WBC
Jim Sciarani	Paul Costa	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, BOCC	Christopher Beck, Mono County	KJ Joshi
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1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Treasurer NUTI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting

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

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported that Bridgeport was at 32,230 acre-feet (76% capacity) and Topaz was at 45,340 (75% capacity). Since November 1st, 15,680 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport, and 25,720 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz. Joanne is delivering a small amount of stock water and is hoping for more storms.

President SNYDER asked if NOAA could give a report soon; GM BRYAN stated he will talk to Tim & Dawn, but he was holding off until there was something to report. GM BRYAN stated he has been forwarding the updates from the weather service as they come out.

Vice President MASINI asked if the allocation would be set in March; GM BRYAN stated the allocation, season, and reservoir to reservoir dates will be set at the March meeting.

Joanne stated March 1st will determine the Tribe's start date. If the reservoirs are 70% or above it will be April, but in the stipulation if Weber is below 70% full, they can opt for the later start date. Weber is at 66% now. GM BRYAN stated Weber is capturing water right now.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

Secretary HALTERMAN reported as of January 31, 2026:

Cash in Checking	\$ 113,100.69
Cash in Money Market	\$ 2,361,863.50
Cash in CDs	\$ 835,799.18
Total	\$ 3,310,763.37

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals

January 2026 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
Spaeth Technologies Inc.	300292	1/1/2026	\$ 402.50
Southwest Gas Corporation	300293	1/2/2026	\$ 275.27
MacCabe, Shawn	101740	1/7/2026	\$ 4,000.00
Wells Fargo Card Services Payment Center	101741	1/7/2026	\$ 2,150.62
PrimePay	300291	1/12/2026	\$ 208.84
City of Yerington	101742	1/14/2026	\$ 117.21
Giomi, Inc.	101743	1/14/2026	\$ 323.55
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101744	1/14/2026	\$ 1,217.44
Lyon County Recorder	101745	1/14/2026	\$ 28.94
Mason Valley Equipment	101746	1/14/2026	\$ 64.77
MF Barcellos	101747	1/14/2026	\$ 5,115.02
NV Energy	101748	1/14/2026	\$ 83.02
NV Energy	101749	1/14/2026	\$ 274.75
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101750	1/14/2026	\$ 130.97
PERS Administrative Fund	101751	1/14/2026	\$ 13,681.19
Public Employees' Benefits Program	101752	1/14/2026	\$ 870.23
U.S. Geological Survey	101753	1/14/2026	\$ 18,753.00
Xerox Corporation	101754	1/14/2026	\$ 215.54
Xerox Financial Services	101755	1/14/2026	\$ 30.22
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300290	1/17/2026	\$ 209.86
Public Agency Insurance Co.		1/22/2026	\$ 5,877.00
John Deere Financial Leasing Department	300289	1/25/2026	\$ 6,567.83
HomeTown Health	300287	1/27/2026	\$ 1,969.00

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Quill	300294	1/27/2026	\$	348.31
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101756	1/27/2026	\$	1,391.32
JASON MILLIGAN	101757	1/27/2026	\$	1,790.00
MBK Engineers	101758	1/27/2026	\$	7,592.75
Petty Cash	101759	1/27/2026	\$	700.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101760	1/27/2026	\$	1,790.00
Standard Insurance Company	101761	1/27/2026	\$	240.49
Summit Fire & Security	101762	1/27/2026	\$	240.64
The Ferraro Group	101763	1/27/2026	\$	7,500.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101764	1/28/2026	\$	27,227.14
Payroll		1/15/2026	\$	11,820.95
EFTPS		1/15/2026	\$	2,104.97
Payroll		1/31/2026	\$	603.36
EFTPS		1/31/2026	\$	4,594.00
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	137,029.70

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

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated the current USGS gage readings were in the packet. Topaz was currently at 45,320 acre-feet (76% capacity) and Bridgeport was currently at 32,200 acre-feet (76% capacity). Since November 1st, 25,700 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz, and 15,650 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport.

The shop crew has continued with regular repairs & maintenance. They have been doing a lot of work on the drains and will continue through the end of the month before they transition to maintenance on the Colony.

The Nevada Safety Dams performed the Topaz Reservoir inspection and provided a report that had recommendations on maintenance. They gave the reservoir a Fair rating. The District still has not received a report on the Bridgeport inspection.

Libra Solar has begun the road construction phase on East Walker Road. There have been some back-and-forth discussions with ditch companies, the district, and property owners to ensure the infrastructure is protected. There are currently steel plates over culverts and jump bridges will be installed before the heavy equipment is using the road. Once they have finished improving East Walker Road, they will be paving from the cattle guard east of the Smith property up to Reese River Road. GM BRYAN has been working with Solv and will continue to keep the ditch companies informed of the progress and any changes.

GM BRYAN, Counsel DePAOLI, and Secretary HALTERMAN have been working with NFWF in order to get the remaining grant funds re-awarded back to the District.

NFWF had a list of questions that the District responded to, and now we are waiting for their response.

On Thursday January 29th, GM BRYAN attended a status conference hearing on the Singatse Peak applications. Based on the information received, more information is needed before anything can proceed. They are potentially looking to discharge water into the river, into rapid infiltration basins, or utilizing permits to disperse the water elsewhere.

The District has received the preliminary construction documents for the NDOT Highway 95a project. GM BRYAN has been talking with NDOT and the ditch companies to ensure the culverts are replaced to District standard and also on how the water is going to flow in the drains. GM BRYAN has requested that NDOT hold a public meeting with the contractor and the users impacted.

GM BRYAN attended the NWRA conference in Las Vegas last week. There was a great tour of the Muddy River and Virgin River. There was a lot of discussion on treatment centers, but also a lot of other interesting topics discussed.

On Wednesday, GM BRYAN will be posting an agenda for a LID 4 & 5 field meeting to review the automated systems and delivery operations. There have been past challenges with communications and how operations should go when the radios are not working, so anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI reported that Singatse Peak Services will be filing or already have filed 11 additional applications. One application is related to getting water in the pit out of the pit; two applications will be operational applications; the rest of the applications will be for dewatering during mining operations. The filings will trigger a new notice period and protest period. Once protest period has expired, Singatse Peak Services is supposed to submit information to the State Engineer related to various issues including modeling various aspects of how the wells will potentially conflict with other rights or relate to the river. After that, another status conference hearing will be scheduled to see where things go from there. Counsel DePAOLI is not clear if the new applications are going to replace the ones pending or whether they are going to be clarifying what those are about. Counsel DePAOLI will be checking to see when the applications go to publication and when the protest period will be. Counsel DePAOLI stated the District will need to file protests in order to keep up with what is going on and is going to ultimately happen. Vice President MASINI asked if there was an estimated timeframe; Counsel DePAOLI stated had the impression that Singatse Peak Services want to move the applications quickly and were suggesting that there may be status hearings set up early next year. The de-watering of the pit will take 4-5 years. Vice President MASINI asked if they have anything set in stone as to what they are doing; Counsel DePAOLI stated that is the total wildcard right now. It is unknown where the water from the pit will go and where the water from the de-water will go. Vice President MASINI asked if there was any concern about contamination; Counsel DePAOLI stated that is one of

the things that is supposed to be modelled. GM BRYAN stated top half of the pool in the pit meets water quality standards, but the bottom half will have to be treated. It is unknown how or what in terms of a treatment facility is planned.

6. Presentation and Consideration of FY 2024-2025 Audit Report by Sciarani & Co.

Jim SCIARANI presented the completed audit report. Highlights included:

- Overall, it was a good year.
- Graphs show that cash and investments have held steady.
- Management Discussion & Analysis- highlights of what happened in the District over the year.
- Page 12- Profit & Loss Statement. Revenues were almost identical to last year. Payroll expenses were increased approximately \$50,000. Repairs & Maintenance expense was increased due to the culvert replacement on Hwy 208 and the pipeline project. Interest Income Revenue has increased. Received \$285,000 reimbursement from FEMA. Capital Contributions increased due to the NRCS project and acquisition of the Colony Canal structures. Most funds had an increase in net position.
- Page 10- Cash and Capital Assets increased overall.
- Page 11- Cash due to the General Fund from federal grants was \$1.14 million.
- Pages 41-42 Internal Control report from the auditors. The two prior year findings have been removed. A clean audit was given.
- Page 52- Grant reconciliation finding- there was approximately \$50,000 of expenses denied by NFWF that had to be moved from the grant fund to the General Fund.
- Page 38- shows the revenues and expenses from the NFWF and NRCS grants.
- Page 1-4- An unmodified opinion was given.

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

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

Lauren BARTELS stated that she and Carly have been collecting the spring water measurements. The annual meeting has been tentatively set for March 24th for Smith Valley and Mason Valley. Tentatively, the Smith Valley meeting will be at the library from 10am-12pm and the Mason Valley meeting will be at the WRID office from 1:30pm-3:30pm. There is no update on the appointment of a new State Engineer; Chris Thorson is still the acting State Engineer. The Division has hired Joe Cashio from RCI as a deputy engineer and contracted Jason King as advisory support.

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

Carlie HENNEMAN stated the Conservancy has approximately 530 acres for sale in Smith Valley. It is part of the Willow Stay property. The notice has been posted on the Conservancy website, and it is a bidding process. The requirements are posted on the

website. All bids are due March 2nd. Vice President MASINI asked if the property was in the flood plain; Carlie stated it is the upland property that Steven Fulstone had taken over.

9. Review and discussion of Appraisal Report of WRID Lyon County parcels APN 014-081-02 and APN 014-081-06 in connection with their possible sale and direction from the Board to Manager and legal counsel for next steps.

GM BRYAN stated the District had received an appraisal on the parcels in Wabuska. The two parcels KJ is interested in are the 80-acre parcel on the east side of the highway and the 200-acre parcel on the west side of the highway. President SNYDER stated the Board would like to review the appraisal and discuss what an appropriate offer would be. KJ requested a timeline of when that decision would be made, as it has been approximately 8 months since he first contacted the District.

Counsel DePAOLI recommended sharing the appraisal report as it is not an agreement to sell. If there is still interest after reviewing the appraisal report, KJ could propose an offer and that could be considered at a subsequent meeting. Counsel DePAOLI stated that if there is any indication that anyone on the Board is opposed to selling the property, it would be best to make it known so that KJ could explore other options. President SNYDER asked if anyone was opposed; Vice President MASINI stated he is not necessarily opposed but not motivated and the rest of the Board agreed.

Vice President MASINI asked if the District had ever sold property before; GM BRYAN stated the only parcels that he can recall are the Topaz parcels and the NV Energy parcel in Topaz. Counsel DePAOLI stated prior to his time with the District, some tax acquired parcels were disposed of, but to his knowledge, nothing recently has been sold.

President SNYDER asked if there was any interest from anyone else; GM BRYAN stated he has received a few inquiries over the years, but nothing has come to fruition. There is a lot of activity in that area because of the geothermal, solar, and data storage interest.

President SNYDER asked if there was any railroad access on the 80-acre parcel; GM BRYAN stated there is no access to the railroad from that property. KJ stated the parcel is land-locked and he owns the surrounding parcels. He would like the District's parcel for his re-injection pipes. GM BRYAN confirmed with the Lyon County Road Department that there is a non-maintained point of access through the parcel. KJ stated he performed a thorough title search on the property and there is no easement, but he would grant the District a formal easement. KJ stated the County and the District can argue that there is an easement, but he would win in court as there is no formal easement on the title.

GM BRYAN asked KJ how he would get the reinjection pipes across the WRID property if he did not own the property; KJ stated he would run the pipes on BLM land around the WRID property and onto his properties to the south. Vice President MASINI asked if the pipes would be above or below ground; KJ stated the pipes would be above ground and he would be willing to grant WRID a full easement access. GM BRYAN asked how or where the District would get around the infrastructure; KJ stated he would need to work with the District and BLM on that. KJ stated he would still grant an easement and that it has

commercial value. If an easement is not granted, the District would need to access the drain off of Julian Lane.

President SNYDER asked KJ if there was a need to own the land rather than lease it; KJ stated his investors are not interested in a lease due to no recourse if the project fails, so he would need to purchase the property.

Director GIORGI made a motion to give KJ Joshi the appraisal and allow him to provide an offer to GM BRYAN and legal counsel; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

10. Director Comments

None presented.

11. Public Comment

None presented.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

ABSENT
Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director