

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on August 7, 2017. 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	General Manager
Gordon DEPAOLI	Legal Counsel
Joanne SARKISIAN	Water Master
Jessica SMITH	Bookkeeper

Public Present:

Laurie Thom	Mike Farretto	Joy Morris	Silas Adams
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Public Comment

None presented.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All members present.

Consideration of Minutes of the July 7, 2017 Regular meeting.

Treasurer NUTI brought up a re-wording on page two. The new page is in the minutes. President SNYDER advised there doesn't need to be a motion if it has already been corrected. Treasurer NUTI read the new portion to the board. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the minutes for July 7, 2017. Vice President GIORGI seconded the minutes. The Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Water Master's report

Water Master SARKISIAN advised flood water is officially off. She advised there were historic deliveries and with that comes historic sediment. She is having trouble delivering the water because of the sediment; there is plenty of water in the system. She advised everyone needs to work together to get the sediment cleaned up. The ditch companies need to understand they need to help with the clean-up. The weir is completely closed. There is some leakage. The gages will be re-rated next week with USGS. The meander project through fish and game has caused some major issues. It was not rated correctly and she does not know what is going on passed the weir.

Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI advised as of July 31, 2017:

Cash in Checking	182,329.59
Cash in Money Market	1,297,243.56
Cash in CDs	1,240,611.33
Total	2,720,184.48

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.***July 2017 Bills & Payroll***

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
119698	7/7/2017	AFLAC	265.93
119699	7/7/2017	Frontier	275.82
119700	7/7/2017	Gioni, Inc.	330.15
119701	7/7/2017	AT&T Mobility	321.04
119702	7/7/2017	MF Barcellos	3,875.76
119703	7/7/2017	True Value	195.96
119704	7/7/2017	PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	226.27
119705	7/7/2017	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	212.02
119706	7/7/2017	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	301.50
119707	7/7/2017	Jim Menesini Petroleum	2,200.25
119708	7/7/2017	NV Energy	220.59
119709	7/7/2017	Southwest Gas Corporation	38.87
119710	7/7/2017	D & S Waste Removal	180.00
119711	7/7/2017	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	1,220.60
119712	7/7/2017	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	401.32
119713	7/7/2017	USBWC	12,622.50
119714	7/12/2017	Cashman Equipment	1,338.23
119715	7/12/2017	Farm-Assist, Inc.	173.23
119716	7/12/2017	High Desert Internet	174.95
119717	7/12/2017	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	354.00
119718	7/12/2017	AT&T	124.75
119719	7/12/2017	John Deere Credit	377.75
119720	7/12/2017	Lyon County Recorder	35.50
119721	7/12/2017	Mason Valley Equipment	10.12
119722	7/12/2017	Public Employees' Benefits Program	803.29
119723	7/12/2017	NV Energy	36.89
119724	7/12/2017	Verizon Wireless	279.40
119725	7/12/2017	Wild West Chevrolet	57.37

119726	7/12/2017	Yerington, City of	108.20
119727	7/12/2017	Sierra Office Solutions	52.98
119728	7/26/2017	Nevada Employment Security Division	705.76
119729	7/26/2017	Nevada Employment Security Division	3,002.02
119730	7/26/2017	Farm-Assist, Inc.	10,230.00
119731	7/26/2017	BERKLEYNET	4,382.00
119732	7/26/2017	Lyon County Treasurer	2,288.74
119733	7/26/2017	MBK Engineers	11,477.72
119734	7/26/2017	Quill	474.08
119735	7/26/2017	Alhambra	65.42
119736	7/26/2017	Standard Insurance Company	219.96
119737	7/26/2017	U.S. Geological Survey	7,047.00
119738	7/26/2017	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	206.46
119739	7/26/2017	Walker River Irrigation District	454.22
119740	7/26/2017	Xerox Financial Services	139.44
119741	7/26/2017	R & T Enterprises	1,540.00
119742	7/26/2017	HomeTown Health	6,648.88
119743	7/26/2017	Desert Research Institute	15,046.86
119744	7/26/2017	ABC Fire	326.89
119745	7/27/2017	Arigoni, Robert	1,685.00
119746	7/28/2017	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	213.46
119747	7/28/2017	PERS Administrative Fund	5,937.15
119748	7/28/2017	Petty Cash	135.40
4737	7/14/2017	Bridget A. Banta	1,069.91
4738	7/14/2017	Jesus Cervantes	1,195.19
4739	7/14/2017	David Cervantes	668.45
4740	7/14/2017	Oscar Cortez	1,151.85
4741	7/14/2017	Damian Diaz Alvarado	584.45
4742	7/14/2017	James Martens	1,117.31
4743	7/14/2017	Jason R. Milligan	332.46
4744	7/14/2017	Scott Robinson	332.46
4745	7/14/2017	Jessica A. Smith	1,129.27
4746	7/14/2017	Justin L. Toebe	340.36
4747	7/14/2017	Lupe Wagner	969.56
4748	7/31/2017	Robert A. Arigoni	1,281.42
4749	7/31/2017	Bridget A. Banta	1,248.01
4750	7/31/2017	Robert C. Bryan	5,464.38
4751	7/31/2017	Jesus Cervantes	1,924.56
4752	7/31/2017	Oscar Cortez	1,862.57
4753	7/31/2017	Maria Cruz	451.49

4754	7/31/2017	Joseph E. Huggans	776.48
4755	7/31/2017	James Martens	1,892.24
4756	7/31/2017	Jason R. Milligan	2,678.50
4757	7/31/2017	Ronald Murray	1,239.60
4758	7/31/2017	Scott Robinson	1,717.25
4759	7/31/2017	Jessica A. Smith	1,347.72
4760	7/31/2017	Donald Swan	645.72
4761	7/31/2017	Cynthia Tibbals	1,593.32
4762	7/31/2017	Justin L. Toebe	1,684.26
4763	7/31/2017	Lupe Wagner	1,088.87

Total Bills & Payroll

134,829.36

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to accept the bills as paid. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN advised as of 5:00 this morning there is 56,030-acre feet of storage in the pool at Topaz and 38,660-acre feet in Bridgeport. Topaz is at 93% capacity and Bridgeport is at 91% capacity. Peak flows are gone and the outflow has been reduced coming out of both reservoirs. GM BRYAN spoke about the sediment issue throughout the system. The river is full of sediment top to bottom. He advised the material is triple the amount that was there in 2015 prior to the river clean up. If problems do arise, the District will come help clean the areas that need to be cleaned and then bill the respective ditch company. The weir is a problem because it is packed full of sediment. Treasurer NUTI confirmed we can work from the banks of the river. GM BRYAN advised that is correct. WRID uses the NRCS rolling stock permit to remove the water from the bank of the river. GM BRYAN advised May 22-July 23 was flood mitigation water. It will not go against anyone's duty due to flood mitigation. The District's permit water was back on from July 24-July 31. GM BRYAN praised the users for taking flood mitigation waters and using them appropriately. He advised all flooding efforts have wrapped up. WRID is working on drains to make sure everything is clean. GM BRYAN advised there was a house flooded due to a canal that broke in the middle of the night from a thunder storm. GM BRYAN received a phone call at 3:00 AM for the flooding. It happened in the Wilson Canyon area from the Tunnel. It ran over the top of the canal and into the home. This could be a further problem through the rest of the season and ditch riders and river riders need to be aware. Regarding the USGS gage for the Tt will not be rated as we are passed the funding stage. WRID picked up 1 month's cost and the County picked up another month's cost. On July 13th, there was a California Regional Water Control Meeting for the Lahontan region. The Bridgeport Grazing Operation Waiver was renewed at the meeting. The waiver was extended to July 13, 2022 which gives the ranchers in Bridgeport 5 years to come up with proposals to the District for a watershed approach. Dr. Styles visited the week of the 24th of July and he will be back for another meeting this month August 21-24 regarding the regulatory reservoir study. GM BRYAN advised he was invited to present at a conference regarding WRID's modernization project. WRID will be published again through this presentation. GM BRYAN will be part of a panel describing the set up in our irrigation district. The conference is October 24-27 in Sacramento.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DEPAOLI presented a question to the board regarding the Bridgeport Reservoir Lease. The tenant, Jeffrey Wenger, is deceased and has been for 3 months. The Trustee called and advised there are two potential buyers to take over the marina and district lease. One wants to get in there right away and operate it the way it was before. The other person wants to get in there and do bigger things such as cabins. The lease says it cannot be reassigned without the Board's decision. The person who would like to get in and operate right away, they need to get in there by August 15. They need to know if the board would have a special board meeting on or before August 15th to decide on the marina lease. In order to do that next Monday, the information would have to be posted by Wednesday at 9:00. Counsel DEPAOLI asked the board if they can schedule the meeting for August 14th or 15th for the Bridgeport Marina Lease. Treasurer NUTI requested to know if the potential lessee is local. GM BRYAN advised they are unaware if the person is local. Director ACCIARI advised it would be good to get the marina open again for the local businesses. The board seemed receptive to the special meeting.

E. Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.

Vice President GIORGI asked if there is a cut-off date for reservoir to reservoir transfers. GM BRYAN advised there is not a cut-off date determined. He has not had a chance to talk to the Water Master regarding this matter. He suggested those transfers take place sooner rather than later. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the transfers. Vice President GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

F. Bookkeeper's Audit Update

Jessica SMITH advised there are some small reconciliations they are going over with the most being \$45. They may be posting errors. She advised they will be ready to present the audit at the next board meeting.

G. Water Smart Grant Update

GM BRYAN advised Jessica SMITH applied for the small-scale Water Smart grant and through her hard work, the Saroni Canal won the grant. SMITH advised the grant is a three-phase project awarded \$71,796. The Saroni must put in 51% of the \$146,000. The Saroni will end up paying \$74,727. The first phase will cover piping 500 ft. above Mr. Burns' house in the Tera-Nap section. The second phase is putting in the in-stream measuring devices and the third phase will be installing data loggers. We should be getting the funding in September or October. The Plymouth wrote their own grant and was awarded \$73,500 for a piping project on the lower Plymouth. Treasurer NUTI advised this will solve the issue with the high-risk area where the Tera Nap has rotted. The Saroni will not have to worry about replacing Tera Nap 25 years from now. It should be a final solution because there will no longer be an open ditch to worry about.

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

GM BRYAN advised they had a scheduling conflict. They did provide some information to present today. As of July 2017, 4,350-acre feet in Smith and 8,000-acre feet in Mason Valley.

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

Joy Morris advised the East Walker properties officially transferred on July 18, 2017. She advised they will continue to pay the assessments. The only property that did not transfer is the Fletcher property where the springs are located near 9-mile. Laurie Thom asked about Johnson talking about a new dam. Morris advised she is unaware of a dam, but there is talk about a regulatory reservoir. They are going to be refocusing on acquisitions for 2018. She introduced Silas Adams based out of the Yerington office. He is working on field monitoring in the area. Silas Adams advised he has a background in water management and is from Texas.

Update and discussion concerning the 2017 Spring and Summer runoff flows using the current recommended reservoir operations on the Walker River system.

GM BRYAN advised all numbers on the handout are based on 5:00 AM today. Bridgeport Currently has 38,660-acre feet, or 91% and Topaz has 56,030-acre feet, or 93%. He advised the in-flow is slowing down and he expects it to continue to slow throughout the rest of the season. Director MASINI asked if there is still snow in the mountains. GM BRYAN advised there is and quite a lot in some places. Treasurer NUTI acknowledged GM BRYAN and his staff for doing an excellent job.

Discussion, consideration and decision on authorization to purchase a new Backhoe Loader pursuant to N.R.S. 332.195 (joinder) under Contract No. 032515 through the National Jointer Powers Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Program with available options of either: (a) new 2017 John Deere 410L Backhoe Loader for approximately \$124,171.40 from Papè Machinery; or (b) new 2017 New Holland B110 SCP for approximately \$124,000.00 from Renner Equipment Company.

GM BRYAN advised the backhoe in Smith Valley needs to be replaced. The transmission is going out and it is leaking hydraulic oil. Vice President GIORGI asked if the District would be going through State purchasing. GM BRYAN advised we will be going through state purchasing. President SNYDER asked how Pape has been with call outs and maintenance calls. GM BRYAN advised they have been great to work with and quick to respond. Vice President GIORGI asked about the interest on the John Deere. Jessica SMITH advised right around \$6,000. Vice President GIORGI asked what was left in the fund. Treasurer NUTI advised \$574,000. Treasurer NUTI stated he would like to buy local, but he would like to keep the same equipment the District has. GM BRYAN advised historically the District has kept the same type of equipment. Vice President GIORGI made a motion to purchase the John Deere 410L Backhoe outright with no financing. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion, consideration and decision on resolution authorizing District Manager to purchase a 15 Ton Trailer at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.

GM BRYAN advised he received a couple of quotes and Director ACCIARI helped by reaching out to a couple trailer companies. The trailer will hook up to the dump truck and be able to transport the backhoe without having to use the transport every time. There is no need to entertain bids if the cost is less than \$25,000. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to authorize District Manager BRYAN to purchase a 15-ton trailer at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Preliminary discussions and direction to District Manager concerning planning, prioritization, budgeting and tentative scheduling for meeting future District equipment needs, including, but not limited to, Excavator Attachments, Tractor with mow and spray attachments, Skid Steer with attachments, Transport Tractor, Water Truck, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), ATV Trailer, Boat, and Boat Trailer.

GM BRYAN advised they added the transport tractor to the equipment list. The Kenworth is a 1972. The mechanic has stated if we need to fix it up and keep it on the road, we are looking at \$20,000. The District can look at a 1994 transport tractor for around \$45,000. Treasure NUTI asked if there are issues with the state of California and smog issues with the truck. Director ACCIARI advised there is a 3-day permit that can be obtained when needed. President SNYDER stated he thought a mower would be useful. GM BRYAN advised there are mowers that can mow the roads and ditch banks. Director ACCIARI and Treasurer NUTI went to a ranch and looked at a transport tractor. It was older but very clean and he suggested to have it on the next agenda. Counsel DEPAOLI advised because it is above \$25,000 and under \$50,000, there needs to be two bids from two different entities. Vice President GIORGI made a motion to consider the equipment needs and to put it on the agenda for next month. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion and consideration of resolution authorizing District legal counsel to file a Disclaimer of Interest on behalf of the District in *Sierra Power Company v. Soilfume, Inc. and Walker River Irrigation District, et al.*, in the Third Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Lyon, Case No. 17-CV-00716, Dept. No. I, wherein Sierra Pacific seeks to acquire an easement over 19,331 square feet of land owned by Soilfume, Inc. for purposes of the construction operation and maintenance of the Mason to Smith Valley 60 kv transmission line, which will run along Lower Colony Road in Smith Valley.

GM BRYAN advised WRID was named in the suit. It is located at Ben Jacobsen's old place on Lower Colony. Counsel DEPAOLI advised the District was named because WRID was on a couple of documents. The District can file a Disclaimer of Interest. He has looked at the lawsuit with GM BRYAN and there does not seem to have anything that involves interest the District would have. He suggested to file a disclaimer on behalf of the District. President SNYDER asked why the District would have any interest. Counsel DEPAOLI advised WRID's name was on a document related to the property regarding how the owners will receive water in the CCNR's. GM BRYAN advised he does not see any conflict with the lawsuit. Vice President GIORGI made a motion to authorize Counsel DEPAOLI to file a disclaimer. Director MASINI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Director Comments

Treasurer NUTI commented on the stream gages. He would like them looked at and making sure they are in place before next water season. It is important to know what is coming into the reservoirs. He would like to start talking about this sooner than later. GM BRYAN has been talking to Dr. Styles regarding the inflow to the reservoirs. There have been some users in Bridgeport that have reached out to a State Senator regarding the gages. There are other gages that are potentially on the chopping block in the future. We need more people to pitch in with the District for the gages. GM BRYAN advised he is working with Dr. Styles to give a range of flow coming into the reservoir in-house. There was an issue at Bridgeport because we were unaware when there was extra water coming into Bridgeport during this season. GM BRYAN suggested

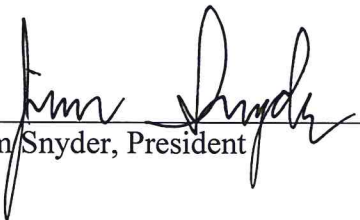
some revenue that would be continuous to cover the costs of the gages. The more participants, the less each participant will have to pay. President SNYDER advised the major assistance from the gages is the change of the pool every 24 hours. GM BRYAN advised he would be able to plan better if there was a constant gage reading the flows. GM BRYAN advised the closest gage is Hoyo Canyon downstream from Topaz. The gages cost \$21,800 per year per gage. GM BRYAN advised there was talk in a Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the tribe being interested in getting the gages back in working order. GM BRYAN advised the gages are hyper-critical in a flood year and it is hyper-critical in a low water year where every drop counts. Treasurer NUTI suggested the USBWC work together with WRID to assist in the funding. GM BRYAN advised it is being brought to the state senators as well. Treasurer NUTI would like to see what it would cost to get MBK to give us an assessment on our Bridgeport Dam. GM BRYAN advised he is in the process of putting together an EAP which includes the assessment of the Bridgeport Dam. WRID received a letter advising we have until 2021 to have the EAP filed with the State of California. GM BRYAN has reached out to MBK to obtain a quote. Treasurer NUTI would like an assessment regarding the spillway possibly being too high and the violent shaking of the wheelhouse. He would like the truth and the risk issues. GM BRYAN advised the Bridgeport Dam is considered high risk. GM BRYAN will ask for the quote for the Bridgeport Dam assessment.

Public Comment

Laurie Thom advised she is having difficulty finding owners on the West Hyland Ditch. They found a few owners but when they attempted contact, the number of the individuals listed have since been deceased. She needs to contact the owners for the last portion of the Tiger grant to redo Campbell Lane up to the dairy. GM BRYAN asked if they need to talk to the board or the owners. Thom advised they need to speak to both land owners and the ditch board. GM BRYAN advised the District can look into contacts for the Hyland Ditch Company.

Adjournment


Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:47.



 Jim Snyder, President




 David Giorgi, Vice President



 Richard NUTI, Treasurer



 Dennis Acciari, Director



 Marcus Masini, Director