

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on May 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

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

Public Present:

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| Kat Dow, WBC | Lauren Bartels, NDWR |
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Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present.

3. Declaration of Election of Directors Pursuant to NRS 539.117

Secretary HALTERMAN advised Marcus Masini and Dennis Acciari ran unopposed and retained their seats for District 1 and District 5, respectively. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to declare the results of the election; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

4. Oath of Office for newly elected Directors and presentation of Certificates of Election

Secretary HALTERMAN read the Oath of Office out loud with Vice President MASINI and Director ACCIARI verbally accepting.

5. The Board of Directors will organize and elect a President

Director GIORGI made a motion to retain Jim Snyder as President; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

6. The Board of Directors will organize and elect a Vice President

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to retain Marcus Masini as Vice President; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

7. The Board of Directors will organize and appoint a Secretary who need not be a member of the Board and who also may be the Treasurer

Director ACCIARI made a motion to retain Jessica Halterman as Secretary; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

8. The Board of Directors will organize and appoint a Treasurer who need not be a member of the Board and who may also be the Secretary

Vice President MASINI made a motion to retain Richard Nuti as Treasurer; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Consideration of Minutes of April 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

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

10. Water Master's Report

No representative was present.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of April 30, 2025:

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| Cash in Checking | \$ 179,893.51 |
| Cash in Money Market | \$ 1,048,373.35 |
| Cash in CDs | <u>\$ 815,285.96</u> |
| Total | \$ 2,043,552.82 |

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals

April 2025 Bills & Payroll

| Payee | Check No. | Date | Amount |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| NOVUS Glass | 101478 | 4/10/2025 | \$ 1,737.00 |
| Southwest Gas Corporation | 300158 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 282.16 |
| City of Yerington | 101479 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 126.51 |
| GANNETT NEVADA-UTAH | 101480 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 651.62 |
| Giomi, Inc. | 101481 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 266.10 |
| HorsePower Express LLC | 101482 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 412.50 |
| Jim Menesini Petroleum | 101483 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 469.08 |
| Marianne Leinassar | 101484 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 500.00 |
| Municipal Treatment Equipment | 101485 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 3,351.00 |
| Nationwide Insurance | 101486 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 300.00 |
| NV Energy | 101487 | 4/14/2025 | \$ 272.04 |

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| O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. | 101488 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 70.32 |
| Pape' Machinery Exchange | 101489 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 13,821.27 |
| PERS Administrative Fund | 101490 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 11,887.66 |
| Pitney Bowes Global Financial | 101491 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 221.71 |
| Public Employees' Benefits | 101492 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 870.23 |
| Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes | 101493 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 963.22 |
| Quill | 101494 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 562.89 |
| Sierra Office Solutions | 101495 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 158.82 |
| Wells Fargo Card Services | 101496 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 1,747.09 |
| Xerox Corporation | 101497 | 4/14/2025 | \$ | 345.73 |
| JASON MILLIGAN | 101498 | 4/15/2025 | \$ | 1,610.00 |
| SCOTT ROBINSON | 101499 | 4/15/2025 | \$ | 1,610.00 |
| Alhambra | 300159 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 114.91 |
| HomeTown Health | 300160 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 7,357.83 |
| Vision Service Plan - Nevada | 300161 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 325.00 |
| AFC Industries full | 101500 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 47.66 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance Corp | 101501 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 1,121.80 |
| California Dept. of Water Res | 101502 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 19,936.00 |
| MF Barcellos | 101503 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 3,896.72 |
| The Ferraro Group | 101504 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 7,500.00 |
| U.S. Geological Survey | 101505 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 24,982.00 |
| Will Servoss | 101506 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 455.00 |
| Woodburn & Wedge | 101507 | 4/24/2025 | \$ | 24,829.09 |
| CMC TIRE INC SPO | 101508 | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 1,319.39 |
| Desert Research Institute | 101509 | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 12,918.95 |
| MBK Engineers | 101510 | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 14,792.50 |
| NV Energy | 101511 | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 3,009.39 |
| Sierra Office Solutions | 101512 | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 121.66 |
| Payroll | | 4/15/2025 | \$ | 9,929.79 |
| EFTPS | | 4/15/2025 | \$ | 788.08 |
| Payroll | | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 30,527.40 |
| EFTPS | | 4/30/2025 | \$ | 8,596.20 |
| Total Bills & Payroll | | | \$ | 214,806.32 |
| NFWF Submission | | | \$ | (29,915.05) |
| Total District Expenses | | | \$ | 184,891.27 |

Vice President MASINI inquired about the NOVUS bill; GM BRYAN stated they are the company that replaced 4 windshields. Vice President MASINI asked about the service fee on the credit card; Secretary HALTERMAN stated that by the time the Wells Fargo credit card statement comes in the mail, the due date is only a few days later and a check cannot be processed and signed in time to get paid by the due date. Secretary HALTERMAN has called Wells Fargo to attempt to make a phone payment, get a paperless statement, and to change the due date, but none of that is doable with the type of account. GM BRYAN stated the District has had that credit card since before his tenure, but staff is looking into a banking and credit card change; Vice President MASINI stated that needs to be looked into. Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 34,470 acre-feet (57% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 25,980 acre-feet (61% capacity). The weather service gave a briefing this morning and indicated based on the April 1st projection to today, the system lost 10,000 acre-feet on West and 4,500 acre-feet on the East that did not come down. The soil moisture is average. The peak is expected to be May 26th on the West and May 30th on the East but that could change. There is warmer weather expected during this week before a cool down next week. The decree is on Full this week on the West, Tunnel, Main and Antelope Valley sections and an 1890 on the East section. GM BRYAN has received a few questions about a re-allocation since the decree is on Full, but it is still too early to figure out. GM BRYAN has a little bit of a buffer in the reservoirs, but there is still approximately 31,000 acre-feet already allocated to come out of both sides. GM BRYAN will work with Joanne to see if there can be a reallocation once the decree comes off of Full. Treasurer NUTI asked if the pools are holding; GM BRYAN stated they are holding, but now there is a bigger buffer on the West than the East.

The shop crew has continued the regular repair & maintenance on all of the drains and reservoirs. Last week, the West Drain culvert replacement project was completed at SR208/Pursel Lane. NDOT is in a bad fiscal position right now so the 95A project has been delayed until 2026. All of the other projects on the NDOT list have been removed. NDOT did indicate there are a lot of concerns with the culverts under the state highways being that the majority of culverts are CMP with a shelf life of 25 years and they are almost 40 years old at this point. At some point, there is going to be a need to replace the culverts and issues will arise with the ownership of the culverts and who will pay for the replacement. GM BRYAN reminded everyone to contact the State if a culvert needs to be cleaned and not to clean it without their approval.

GM BRYAN reported the OSHA violations have been abated, and the payment has been submitted. There is a program called SCATS that will come in to do a safety audit and, if there is a finding, they will not issue a fine and will allow the District to correct the finding. GM BRYAN stated he does not think it needs to be done yearly, but it may

be a good thing to do every couple of years. President SNYDER asked who pays for that service; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it is a paid service through POOL & PACT, but she will send the information out because they may do private entity services.

GM BRYAN provided a breakdown on the progress of the legislative bills and will keep the Board updated on any changes.

On April 11th, GM BRYAN had a meeting with the UNR snowpacks advisory group led by Loretta Singletary. They were working on the modeling, and they had questions on how the allocations were set each year. The hope for them is to fine tune the model and then come back to give the Board a presentation. The model may be beneficial in planning each year.

GM BRYAN reminded everyone of the Singatse Peak Applications 93718-21 and 93723-25 pre-hearing conference at NDWR on May 20th at 9am. GM BRYAN did meet with the Singatse Peak Services representatives yesterday who gave a presentation of their extensive modeling of the entire basin. They have suggested ideas for what or how they would like to do some of their operations. They do initially plan to drain the pit within 40 years and keep the pit dry for mining operations. They also have plans to begin production on the MacArthur deposit and that does not require de-watering. They would like to give a presentation at the July meeting.

Next month, there will be an application for the change of point of diversion by Borsini's. They are applying to transfer New Lands water only from the Hall Ditch to the Fox Ditch. The application is on file and available for review in the front office. Treasurer NUTI asked if both ditch companies must approve the change before the application is filed; GM BRYAN stated the applicant does need to get approval from both ditches. Director GIORGI asked if the ditch company still bills for the decree water if it stays in the original ditch; GM BRYAN stated the ditch company should send a bill for any water remaining in the ditch. President SNYDER asked if the water righted acres will change for each ditch with the approval of the transfer; GM BRYAN stated the water righted acres will change on each ditch- one will decrease and one will increase. Vice President MASINI stated the increase/decrease and assessments change should be a ditch company issue and not a WRID issue; GM BRYAN confirmed.

GM BRYAN reported that next month the proposed fee protocols and amounts will be on the agenda for discussion. The proposed fees will be for water cards, usage statements, and impact fees for large scale projects amongst other fees. With the large-scale projects such as the solar projects, the District is losing thousands of dollars with staff time and legal review, so a fee is being proposed based on a template from other irrigation districts. Vice President MASINI stated the District works a lot with the Conservancy and State Parks on their concerns and water right questions and asked how the fees would work with that; GM BRYAN stated the fees would be across the board. The District is doing a lot of research and review for those entities and the fees would apply to them as well. GM BRYAN stated the District can now accept credit

card payments to make payments easier. Unfortunately, the fees will impact even those users who have one water card, but the District is eating the cost of every change requested, every card printed, and all of the hours spent on the requests. There is currently no mechanism to cover the cost to the District. If there are any further suggestions, let GM BRYAN or Secretary HALTERMAN know.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated he did not have an update.

E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN received an email from Wes with MBK. They plan to have a draft within the next week, and it will be circulated to the Board. Once the report has been reviewed, they will provide a final copy by the end of May. The final report will be submitted to all program cooperators. Vice President MASINI asked if there were inquiries from farmers on whether the program was going to continue; GM BRYAN stated he has had a few inquiries but not a large amount. Treasurer NUTI stated that because of the program, people are wanting to sell their water for \$150 per acre-foot now.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Treasurer NUTI asked if the NDOW water was being transferred out of the valley; Sandy NEVILLE stated it was staying in the valley and was just being transferred amongst users. Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the transfers for April 2025; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

G. 2025 Election Update

Secretary HALTERMAN stated an update will be given on a later agenda item.

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

Lauren BARTELS stated that the Smith Valley pumping goal is 21,600 acre-feet and 1% of that goal has been pumped and the Mason Valley pumping goal is 84,200 and 8% of that goal has been pumped. The reporting has improved since last month, but Lauren will be doing field readings on the meters that were not reported. Tomorrow at 1pm there is the East Walker designation hearing to overview the dedication order and the meter & reporting order and then to hear testimony. The meeting will be in the WRID board room.

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

Kat DOW stated today is the 1st day of their retail sale at the Sutter property. They will have a full list of available plants, and they plan to have the retail sale 3 days per month. President SNYDER requested the full list be emailed out.

14. Consideration of petition defining the boundaries of and requesting the District Board of Directors to for Local Improvement District No. 7 to acquire, operate maintain, repair, and improve the Nichol-Merritt Ditch and Canal.

GM BRYAN stated the Nichol-Merritt Ditch petition was included in the petition along with the boundary legal description and map. If approved, a resolution will need to be signed. The next step will be for legal counsel to proceed with forming a Local Improvement District. Director GIORGI asked how the maintenance is performed; GM BRYAN stated the ditch is fairly self-sustainable with Peri's and Thompsons doing the maintenance. Director GIORGI asked if the District could handle it; GM BRYAN stated the District has been managing the ditch for the past few years. GM BRYAN stated the ditch will be run just like the other ditches already owned by the District where the ditch advisory board will dictate what is done on the ditch. Director GIORGI made a motion to form Local Improvement District No. 7; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

15. Declaration of Local Improvement District #6 Campbell Ditch Special Election results Pursuant to NRS 539.155

GM BRYAN stated the Campbell Ditch Special Election was held on April 16th and more than 66% of the votes cast were a 'Yes' vote. The next task will be to work with legal counsel on setting a date for the hearing at District Court. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to declare the election results of the Local Improvement District No. 6 special election pursuant to NRS 539.155; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

16. Annual Review on the performance of the Walker River Irrigation District General Manager Robert C. Bryan and consideration of possible adjustment in compensation.

Counsel DePAOLI stated the review was not ready and suggested to table the item to next month.

17. Discussion, consideration, and decision on authorization and method of payment for purchase of 2024 John Deere 544P Front Loader for approximately \$218,000 from Pape Machinery pursuant to N.R.S. 332.195 (joinder) under Contract No. 011723-JDC through the Sourcewell Purchasing Program, subject to review and approval of related documentation by District Manager and Legal Counsel.

GM BRYAN stated the District has been leasing a loader for over 2 years and the rental fees could have covered the purchase price for a loader at this point. There is a quote for a 2024 John Deere 544P Front Loader in the packet. There are financing terms available as well as a lump sum option. The quoted loader is located in Reno right now and would be available immediately if the purchase is approved. Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 John Deere 544P front loader at the 0% interest option, and to see if a set of forks could be included; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

18. Director Comments

None presented.

19. Public Comment

None presented.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director

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