

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on June 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the district board room, 410 N Main St, Yerington, Nevada by Vice President David GIORGI.

Present:

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

Public Present:

Wayne Bull	Bryan Masini	Chad Walling	Reed Cozens
Ed Ryan	Nat Lommori	Carey Garcia	

Public Comment:

None presented.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

President SNYDER absent. All other board members present.

Consideration of Minutes of the May 8, 017 Regular Meeting.

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

Water Master's Report:

Water Master SARKISIAN went over the recent event with Desert Creek. She advised her board would like to do something permanent at the overpass in Desert Creek for years such as this. Desert Creek was an issue and Central had the potential to be flooded. Her board would like to have this issue taken care of permanently to mitigate future high-water issues.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Checking	\$66,068.55
Cash in Money Market	\$1,882,260.64
Cash in CD's	\$1,240,611.33
Total	\$3,188,940.52

Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.

May 2017 Bills & Payroll

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
119577	5/1/2017	Cal Poly Corporation	58,142.65
119578	5/1/2017	USBWC	23,128.25
119579	5/2/2017	AFLAC	265.93
119580	5/2/2017	Frontier	274.65
119581	5/2/2017	AT&T Mobility	321.04
119582	5/2/2017	Quill	238.67
119583	5/2/2017	California Dept. of Water Resources	11,704.00
119584	5/2/2017	Wells Fargo Card Services	2,988.64
119585	5/8/2017	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	1,220.60
119586	5/8/2017	ABILA	1,469.00
119587	5/8/2017	Giomi, Inc.	280.25
119588	5/8/2017	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	663.13
119589	5/8/2017	Mason Valley Printing	1,503.59
119590	5/8/2017	MF Barcellos	7,971.59
119591	5/8/2017	True Value	218.78
119592	5/8/2017	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	93.50
119593	5/8/2017	Power Plan	4,834.72
119594	5/8/2017	Public Employees' Benefits Program	803.29
119595	5/8/2017	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	554.00
119596	5/8/2017	R&E Fasteners, Inc.	45.29
119597	5/8/2017	Jim Menesini Petroleum	1,743.73
119598	5/8/2017	NV Energy	225.11
119599	5/8/2017	Southwest Gas Corporation	95.97
119600	5/8/2017	Danny Lemos	300.00
119601	5/8/2017	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	2,130.00
119602	5/11/2017	High Desert Internet	174.95
119603	5/11/2017	Associated Concrete Pumping Material Belting	VOID
119604	5/11/2017	Lyon County Recorder	22.24
119605	5/11/2017	Quill	242.96

119606	5/11/2017	Yerington, City of	86.00
119607	5/11/2017	Sierra Office Solutions	89.74
119608	5/11/2017	Associated Concrete Pumping Material Belting	3,454.35
119609	5/30/2017	Fast Glass	145.00
119610	5/30/2017	Frontier	275.76
119611	5/30/2017	AT&T	122.79
119612	5/30/2017	Mason Valley Quicknet	2,082.50
119613	5/30/2017	Quill	142.71
119614	5/30/2017	R.N. Fulstone Co.	7,117.32
119615	5/30/2017	Reno Gazette Journal	92.60
119616	5/30/2017	Alhambra	11.95
119617	5/30/2017	Standard Insurance Company	219.96
119618	5/30/2017	Verizon Wireless	269.84
119619	5/30/2017	Wells Fargo Card Services	1,002.46
119620	5/30/2017	Wild West Chevrolet	746.34
119621	5/30/2017	Xerox Financial Services	139.44
119622	5/30/2017	Yerington, City of	29.00
119623	5/30/2017	HomeTown Health	6,648.88
119624	5/30/2017	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	426.92
119625	5/30/2017	Arigoni, Robert	1,685.00
119626	5/30/2017	Cruz, Maria	350.00
119627	5/30/2017	USBWC	807.36
119628	5/30/2017	PERS Administrative Fund	6,155.74
4679	5/15/2017	Bridget A. Banta	1,248.01
4680	5/15/2017	Jesus Cervantes	2,874.46
4681	5/15/2017	David Cervantes	1,299.56
4682	5/15/2017	Oscar Cortez	2,687.97
4683	5/15/2017	Damian Diaz Alvarado	1,227.20
4684	5/15/2017	James Martens	1,795.74
4685	5/15/2017	Jason R. Milligan	365.71
4686	5/15/2017	Scott Robinson	110.82
4687	5/15/2017	Jessica A. Smith	1,164.60
4688	5/15/2017	Lupe Wagner	1,063.14
4689	5/31/2017	Robert A. Arigoni	1,281.42
4690	5/31/2017	Bridget A. Banta	1,356.96

4691	5/31/2017	Robert C. Bryan	4,931.36
4692	5/31/2017	David Cervantes	1,640.67
4693	5/31/2017	Jesus Cervantes	2,776.30
4694	5/31/2017	Oscar Cortez	3,261.68
4695	5/31/2017	Damian Diaz Alvarado	1,707.38
4696	5/31/2017	Joseph E. Huggans	776.47
4697	5/31/2017	James Martens	2,415.68
4698	5/31/2017	Jason R. Milligan	2,557.84
4699	5/31/2017	Ronald Murray	1,239.60
4700	5/31/2017	Scott Robinson	1,457.35
4701	5/31/2017	Jessica A. Smith	1,474.10
4702	5/31/2017	Donald Swan	645.72
4703	5/31/2017	Cynthia Tibbals	1,593.32
4704	5/31/2017	Justin L. Toebe	1,948.81
4705	5/31/2017	Lupe Wagner	1,209.35

Total Bills & Payroll 199,869.41

Director MASINI requested to know what the Cal Poly bill was for. GM BRYAN advised it is for the study on the regulatory reservoirs. All funded through the NFWF grant. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to accept the bills as paid. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Manager's Report:

GM BRYAN advised there is currently 44,510 acre feet or 72% at Topaz and 19,110 ac feet or 45% at Bridgeport.

Since the 4th January, the system has sent down 202,700 acre feet to Walker Lake which brought the lake level up 7.29 feet. GM BRYAN has been having constant conversations with MBK engineers, the Weather Service and the California Weather Forecast Center. The projections for the East peak will be around the 3rd or 4th week of June and this week is going to be the peak for the West. GM BRYAN advised there is currently 585 cfs coming out of Topaz. He advised Topaz was averaging 1200-1600 cfs coming in from the inlet and there was extensive flooding in Antelope Valley. Green Creek has flooded over a forest service road. Topaz has been storing about 1500-2000 feet per day. With the flows, we could fill it up in a day. Antelope flood level is at 3100 cfs and we have had 5000 cfs flowing through there. Everything seems to be holding up very well in Bridgeport and are releasing 860 cfs out of the reservoir. There was 1075 cfs coming into the reservoir this morning. The district has cleaned over 73 miles of channel. GM BRYAN went over the minor flooding in Smith Valley in Central and the edge of the school. We re-established a drain catch basin for the water. There was 90 cfs going over the channel for the Desert Creek water. They put in a 2-ft. pipe, sluice gate for the safety device on the Saroni. The safety valve will be able to take effect tomorrow. The cement should be cured by then. The ditch rider will be running the safety valve to mitigate flooding.

Treasurer NUTI advised Desert Creek has been a problem for many years and suggested to find a more permanent solution. The question is whose ditch is it to take care of. Who is financially obligated to manage it? GM BRYAN advised it cannot sustain flows any higher than they have at the moment. He advised they are staging excavators at high hazard locations, including the weir. WRID's long reach is broke down in the yard and it is unknown what is wrong with it. Pape has one in Sacramento brand new, and if we do not act on it, it will be gone very soon. Tied an old safety lateral that connects the east and main drain.

Legislative session update:

The following bills died:

SB73, SB134, SB231, SB269, SB271, SB272, SB494 and AB298.

The following bills passed and are awaiting on the Governor's approval:

SB47, SB74, SB270 and SB514.

The following bills passed and have been signed by the Governor:

SB51, SB513, AB114, AB138 and AB209.

The auditors have come in and started the testing on the system. Jim advised everything is looking good and hopefully will have everything complete by the August meeting.

Bryan Masini requested to know who has the liability on the forest service access road that was flooded by Green Creek. Counsel DEPAOLI advised given the circumstances there is no liability on anyone's part. This is the kind of year where flooding happens. The bigger problem is related to how it gets fixed. Unless someone can say someone did something to cause the damages, there should not be any liabilities on anyone's part.

As of May 22, we are on flood mitigation. The usage statements for the month of May, there will be a note in the mail that will state the water, other than decree and storage will not count against your duties. Director MASINI requested to know how long the high flows will be lasting. GM BRYAN advised the prediction is through August. Director MASINI asked GM BRYAN when he would like the reservoir to be full. GM BRYAN advised that is the tricky part. He is afraid the peak flows may come back up again because of the water still left to come down. He advised we are not out of the woods yet. Treasurer NUTI advised the flows have gone down a little and asked if the peak flows may have hit. GM BRYAN is hoping some of the snow will stay at the top.

Legal Counsel's Report:

No Report.

Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers:

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

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

They are getting ready to wrap up the second reading of the year. He introduced the field tech, Carey Garcia. Reed went over legislative bill that includes the proofs of appropriation. This is regarding a spring or well existing prior water law, owners have 10 years to get them listed with the state. He advised he is watching the flows of the river. Flood waters are being delivered. Take as much as you want. Director MASINI asked how much has been pumped. Reed advised they will have a number in July.

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

No one representing Walker Basin Conservancy was present. GM BRYAN advised he is going to reach out to Joy Morris regarding an article in the paper referencing the budget approval for the Walker River Recreation area. He would like an update from the State Parks and Walker Basin Conservancy. Hopefully the July meeting will bring more information. GM BRYAN advised Miller Ln and Lux Ln is closed due to the high flows. It is unknown when they will reopen.

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

GM BRYAN went over the SNOTEL reports and handout from Jeff Anderson. The engineers are expecting this week to be the peak flows for the West. They are anticipating a cool down in the temperature and then back up again. They do not anticipate any higher flows than we saw in Antelope Valley for the rest of the season. The flows will continue to be very high for an extended period of several weeks. At the end of the day our goal is to have full reservoirs. There will be a re-allocation, unknown what it will be until we get to July. Reed Cozens advised the storage water does not go against the 4 acre feet per acre as long as users do not turn on their wells. Treasurer NUTI confirmed he must order decree first and then supplement with flood water if you want more than the decree you are allotted. GM BRYAN advised that is correct. You must use decree first and supplement with flood.

Discussion, consideration and direction on acquisition of new long reach excavator, including source of funding, purchase process options (bidding under Local Government Purchasing Act, or through Purchasing Division of the Nevada Department of Administration) and known available options for new 2017 John Deere 250 GLC Super Long Front Excavator (60') for approximately \$279,525.96, or new 2017 John Deere 350 GLC Super Long Front Excavator (72') for approximately \$375,599.96 from Pape' Machinery.

GM BRYAN advised the 250 is a little bigger than the District's long reach. The 350 is going to require new permitting for the transport. He recommends the 250 so we do not have to go through extra permitting. Director ACCIARI made a motion to purchase the new 2017 John Deere 250 GLC Super Long Front Excavator (60') for approximately \$279,525.96 and the financing will be under the direction of the General Manager. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion, consideration, planning, prioritization, budgeting and tentative schedule for meeting future District equipment needs, including, but not limited to, new replacement Back Hoe, Tractor with mow and spray attachments, Water Truck, Back Hoe Trailer, All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and ATV Trailer.

The mower would work well when the dam is inspected each year. They are requesting the area be cleaned all the way to the toe of the reservoirs each year. Treasurer NUTI would like to see a list of everything on the list regarding pricing on each piece of equipment requested. He would like to see the information on each piece of equipment. Director ACCIARI made a motion to obtain prices and set up a prioritized list on the equipment requested. Treasurer NUTI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

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 provided an overview of the cumulative reports for the evaluation of GM BRYAN.

Job Knowledge - Average rating was 4.8/5.0 Manager is very knowledgeable and willing to learn more.

Communication with others – 4.8/5.0 Manager interacts and communicates well and has established new and improved relationships.

Decision Making – 4.75/5.0 Manager looks beyond short term results and upgrades repair and maintenance

Planning and Organizing - 4.6/5.0 Allocation of resources can be improved.

5.0 no comments

Work Environment and Safety – 4.8/5.0 no comments.

Overall Performance – 4.8/5.0 Manager is doing well in a challenging job during a difficult time.

Summary of action plan regarding employee strengths and what can be done to improve.

Strengths – asset to the district.

Improvements - improve distribution of information to users and employees. Continue modernization efforts.

Recommendations for salary increase. Average recommendation – 10-12%

When should increase take effect. Suggestions were either May 1 or June 1.

Director ACCIARI states he believes GM BRYAN is doing a fantastic job. He put in 600 more hours than he got paid for. He doesn't have to do that. Treasurer NUTI concurred with Director ACCIARI and added he can work with other agencies well. Director MASINI advised GM BRYAN is proactive instead of reactive. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to give GM BRYAN a 12% increase effective May 1, 2017. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Director Comments:

Director ACCIARI advised he is thankful for GM BRYAN and the state for working with each other.

Treasurer NUTI advised he wants to look at some sort of definition for WRID's responsibilities. We should be able to direct people on who to talk to about instances. WRID gets asked to cover a lot of territory that is not exactly WRID's responsibility. Define district boundaries and what we are responsible for. Everyone wants to use it, nobody wants to be responsible for it. Counsel DEPAOLI advised AB114 allows the irrigation district to assess all properties within the basin. Not just the water righted land. May want to consider this assessment for all property owners within the Walker River Basin. Treasurer NUTI asked what will open up for WRID if we decide to tax all lands. Treasurer NUTI requested if you can pick and choose who you tax or is it every acre. Counsel DEPAOLI advised it would have to be all acres.

Director MASINI requested to know what is going on with the regulatory reservoirs. GM BRYAN advised they have been looking at different locations in both Mason and Smith Valley. Looking at the studies to make sure we are not incurring millions of dollars of debt to build the regulatory reservoirs. MASINI asked how many acre feet per reservoir. GM BRYAN advised around 400-acre ft.

Public Comment:

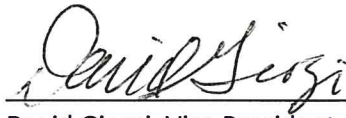
None presented.

Adjournment:

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

Absent

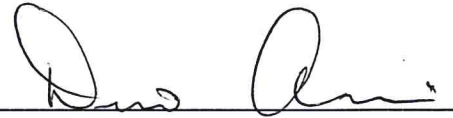
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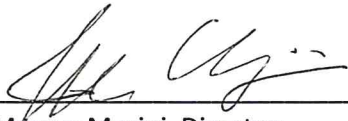
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