

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on April 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
Joanne SARKISIAN	Water Master
Jessica SMITH	Bookkeeper

**Public Present:**

Tim Bardsley	Jeff Anderson	Sarah Overton	Chad Walling
Donnette Huselton	Todd O'Banion	Andrew Stroud	Steven Fulstone
Wayne Bull	Kris Leinassar	Laurie Tom	Dale Borsini
Silas Adams	Steve Tomac	David Peri	Darrell Pursel

**1. Public Comment:**

Donnette Huselton advised the water is already peaking at Rush Creek with the weekend storm.

**2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:**

All five board members were present.

**3. Consideration of Minutes of the March 7, 2018 Regular meeting.**

Treasurer NUTI advised page 4 stating the long-crested weir is at the head of lateral A. It is located on the main Saroni Canal. Secretary BANTA advised she will check the recording and will correct minutes if recording reflects the information. If not, the corrected location will be noted as the Saroni Canal in these minutes. Vice President GIORGI made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**4. Water Master's report:**

Water Master SARKISIAN advised since Friday we have put over 2000-acre feet in Topaz and 1500 in Bridgeport. She is releasing 1110 cfs out of Topaz and we are continuing to store. The runoff has not hit is peak yet.

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

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Cash in Checking	\$200,645.34
Cash in Money Market	\$1,365,231.28
Cash in CDs	\$1,240,611.33
Total	\$2,806,487.95

**B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment.**

**MARCH 2018 BILLS & PAYROLL**

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
120091	3/7/2018	AFLAC	\$ 265.93
120092	3/7/2018	Frontier	\$ 278.10
120093	3/7/2018	AT&T Mobility	\$ 207.34
120094	3/7/2018	Mason Valley Equipment	\$ 1.14
120095	3/7/2018	Municipal Treatment Equipment Inc.	\$ 3,232.00
120096	3/7/2018	Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	\$ 301.50
120097	3/7/2018	Quill	\$ 497.29
120098	3/7/2018	NV Energy	\$ 21.00
120099	3/7/2018	Stanislaus Farm Supply	\$ 193.35
120100	3/7/2018	Xerox Financial Services	\$ 139.44
120101	3/7/2018	HomeTown Health	\$ 6,638.74
120102	3/7/2018	Desert Engineering	\$ 282.90
120103	3/7/2018	Yerington Ready Mix	\$ 1,091.90
120104	3/7/2018	Petty Cash	\$ 221.05
120105	3/14/2018	Nationwide Insurance	\$ 400.00
120106	3/14/2018	Giomi, Inc.	\$ 522.02
120107	3/14/2018	Marianne Leinassar	\$ 500.00
120108	3/14/2018	AT&T	\$ 132.07
120109	3/14/2018	Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc	\$ 584.62
120110	3/14/2018	Kent's Supply Center, Inc.	\$ 1,206.00
120111	3/14/2018	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	\$ 246.33
120112	3/14/2018	Lyon County Recorder	\$ 35.35
120113	3/14/2018	MBK Engineers	\$ 7,613.00
120114	3/14/2018	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$ 138.04
120115	3/14/2018	Public Employees' Benefits Program	\$ 803.29

120116	3/14/2018	Quill	\$	166.98
120117	3/14/2018	NV Energy	\$	277.83
120118	3/14/2018	Alhambra	\$	128.86
120119	3/14/2018	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$	355.47
120120	3/14/2018	Verizon Wireless	\$	321.14
120121	3/14/2018	Wells Fargo Card Services	\$	6,626.57
120122	3/14/2018	Woodburn & Wedge	\$	7,909.56
120123	3/14/2018	City of Yerington	\$	105.91
120124	3/14/2018	Sierra Office Solutions	\$	268.56
120125	3/22/2018	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	\$	1,220.60
120126	3/22/2018	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	\$	14,330.00
120127	3/22/2018	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	\$	740.63
120128	3/22/2018	John Deere Credit	\$	657.24
120129	3/22/2018	Associated Concrete Pumping	\$	1,325.89
120130	3/22/2018	BERKLEYNET	\$	1,338.00
120131	3/22/2018	Mason Valley Quicknet	\$	3,939.97
120132	3/22/2018	MBK Engineers	\$	2,264.63
120133	3/22/2018	MF Barcellos	\$	6,484.03
120134	3/22/2018	PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	\$	3,517.30
120135	3/22/2018	Quill	\$	74.98
120136	3/22/2018	Reno Gazette Journal	\$	777.26
120137	3/22/2018	Stanislaus Farm Supply	\$	99.99
120138	3/22/2018	Vision Service Plan - Nevada	\$	191.88
120139	3/22/2018	White Cap Construction Supply	\$	86.00
120140	3/22/2018	HomeTown Health	\$	6,638.74
120141	3/22/2018	D & S Waste Removal	\$	194.04
120142	3/22/2018	Yerington Ready Mix	\$	1,182.17
120143	3/22/2018	Jim Menesini Petroleum	\$	1,669.92
120144	3/22/2018	PERS Administrative Fund	\$	100.00
120145	3/22/2018	Petty Cash	\$	700.00
120146	3/22/2018	PERS Administrative Fund	\$	6,674.01
PAYROLL		MARCH 2018 PAYROLL	\$	38,118.62

**TOTAL BILLS & PAYROLL \$ 134,039.18**

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

**C. Manager's Report**

As of 5:00 AM Topaz was at 98% of capacity and Bridgeport Reservoir is at 93% capacity. GM BRYAN advised there are two new gages active on the USGS website. He advised water was released this weekend to protect the reservoirs from reaching the spillway and syphons. GM BRYAN worked with the weather service to ensure our reservoirs did not fail. Bridgeport is on the upswing. The district did send out a letter regarding ordering water in February and March. He advised to watch the usage statements for special comments to make changes to the usage. Any changes that come after the fact will be approved and documented. Treasurer NUTI asked about the issue regarding the flood water be ordered and then was advised he couldn't have the flood water the following day because he was not a decree holder. He suggested to make the flood water and permit waters clear when the water is being ordered. GM BRYAN advised flood water and whether non-decree holders can use flood water is subject to the discretion of the water master. GM BRYAN advised the District's certificated rights go into effect May 1. Newland water right holders may take certificated water. GM BRYAN advised they have a final draft on the accounting tool from MBK engineering. We will be accounting for all the waters. It accounts for demand and what water is at the gages. There are graphs that are associated with the spreadsheet with an accretion versus depreton. He advised WRID started the District well April 1. GM BRYAN had an electrician look at the District Well. The well was vibrating when it was fired up. He had Carson Well come look at it and advised there was an issue with the bearings. The well can still run for the time being, but when they come it will have to be turned off while they are replacing the bearings. This will cost \$2720. He advised each day the well is down, we will have to account for that water loss in the May drawing to ensure we are pumping the amount drawn for May. He gave an update on the Saroni WaterSMART grant. GM BRYAN advised he is still trying to get the VEPA study completed. If it takes longer than September, WRID will have to ask for an extension for the moneys on the grant. Jessica SMITH has already contacted the grant people and advised we may need an extension. GM BRYAN advised the equipment crew is finishing up on the Garms turnout on lateral B. GM BRYAN advised he went to a SCADA training course at Cal Poly last week. He had conversations with the Nevada Division of Forestry. They have been tracking the areas of previous burns. The Slicker fire occurred on the District's property. NDF is requesting WRID's plans to revegetate the area. NDF has seed from previous fires available. GM BRYAN will be contacting NDF to see if there are any added costs for the revegetation. The office staff has been helping with pouring concrete recently. They will be able to help seed.

**D. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel Gordon DEPAOLI has nothing to report this meeting.

**E. Review and Approval of Monthly Storage Transfers.**

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to accept the transfers. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. Treasurer NUTI asked about the NFWF transfers. Director MASINI asked about the cut-off date for reservoir to reservoir transfers. GM BRYAN advised this coming Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. Secretary BANTA advised they are not on this report as she did not receive the transfers until last week. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**6. Presentation and discussion by Jeff Anderson with NRCS regarding the current year snowpack and water outlook for 2018 irrigation season.**

Jeff Anderson gave a presentation regarding the water outlook for 2018 irrigation season. March was the 5<sup>th</sup> largest March increase on record. The snowpack went from 32% of peak March 1, to 80% on March 26. He advised the snow pack is very ripe right now. As of 4/8/2018 water year to date precipitation ins 94% of average (77% of water year average). Donette Huselton asked if there were any cloud seeding completed. GM BRYAN advised there was not.

**7. Presentation and discussion by Tim Bardsley with NOAA regarding the current year weather and water outlook for 2018 irrigation season.**

Tim Bardsley provided a presentation regarding the water outlook for the 2018 irrigation season. He advised there was a correction to the Walker Snowpack as it was over simulated. The forecast was at 110%. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the percentage changed to 90%.

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

Chad Walling went over a couple personnel changes within the office. He introduced Sarah Overton as a new member of the team. They have filled other positions recently. Walling announced former State Engineer Pete Morose passed away last week. He advised they just finished the first meter reads for this season. He brought a couple printouts of trend lines for water level reporting and the trends on a few wells in Mason and Smith Valley.

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

No updates to be made.

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

Steven Fulstone advised they have nothing new to report.

**11. Review and discussion to adopt a Policy Manual for the WRID BOR WaterSMART grant.**

Jessica SMITH advised BOR is requesting the procurement policy. It is a guideline on the steps to take when seeking, applying and managing the grant money. It will outline steps for any jobs required to go out to bid. Donnette Huselton asked if there is a new procedure

for tracking the grant money and if so, when Treasurer NUTI gives the Treasurer's report, he should give the amount remaining of the grant. SMITH advised the grant funding is not on the Treasurer's Report. Huselton advised she thinks Treasurer NUTI should give that information after the Treasurer's Report. GM BRYAN advised the board was apprised of everything regarding the past BOR grants. GM BRYAN advised the final reporting must be signed off by the manager and the board is apprised of everything spent. Huselton asked if this was a grant that is billed to the grant and then reimbursed. GM BRYAN advised they must bill to the grant for reimbursement. It is not going through our actual bank account. Steven Fulstone asked if there are any legal effects for the grant policy and procedure. GM BRYAN advised to move forward with the grant, this policy and procedure is required. President SNYDER asked who prepared the policy. GM BRYAN advised it was prepared in house. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the Policy Manual for the WRID BOR WaterSMART grant. 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. 4 (Saroni Canal) to provide direction to the Manager with respect to the proposal of owners of 26 Valley View, Wellington, Nevada, Kent Deforest and Tom Tran, to remove existing flood wash bridge over the Saroni Canal at Valley View, Wellington, Nevada and to replace it with a railroad car bridge and matters related thereto.**

Board Recessed at 11:20 AM to convene as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No 4. GM BRYAN advised he met with Mr. Deforest and Mr. Tran with Dr. Styles. This is located behind the Hey Day at the end of Valley View. The District has a flood bridge over the top of the canal. The timbers on the bridge have been burnt. The suggestion was to put this in concrete rather than timber. Per the request, they need a point of access to their property. They are asking for a railroad bridge. The owners already own the railroad car. Dr Styles suggested to encase the railroad cars in concrete for the excavator to have access to the property. Treasurer NUTI advised he went up to the location and his main concern is the water will blow through the berm of dirt and end up in the canal. GM BRYAN advised they are willing to work with the District to prevent this from happening. Treasurer NUTI also asked about losing the side wall elevation. GM BRYAN advised they are willing to work with the District to keep that from happening. President SNYDER asked about the advisory board. GM BRYAN advised he has emailed the advisory board the information. He advised the bridge must be replaced regardless. Laurie Tom asked about any requirements when crossing water. GM BRYAN advised it is a private ditch company and is a different process than crossing a river. Steven Fulstone advised he would like to set up a meeting with the advisory committee regarding the bridge. They are going to have to do something to maintain the flow because it comes with a lot of debris. GM BRYAN advised he is trying to get a meeting with Mr. Deforest and Mr. Tran with the Saroni Advisory Board.

13. Adjourn as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No. 4 and reconvene as Board of Directors of District.  
Reconvened as Board of Directors of District at 11:32 AM.
14. Director Comments

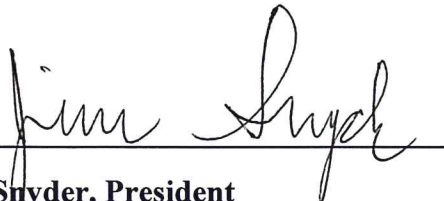
Director MASINI asked about a re-allocation. GM BRYAN advised he cannot re-allocate unless users start using storage water. He would like to re-allocate, but he is unsure if he will be able to. There is not much to re-allocate at this point.


15. Public Comment

David Peri asked if the Board has ever considered to allow storage water to be ordered early with the decree instead of April 1. GM BRYAN advised with the new rules and regulations, the Board must vote on the start of storage. Dale Borsini asked if the river is at full/flood, why does there need to be a 2-day turn on and turn off. GM BRYAN advised it is written in the 53 rules and regulations. Darrell Pursel asked what would have to happen to allow Newland users to take decree. GM BRYAN advised the 53 rules and regulations are very vague. Pursel advised the water is out of the river banks and he is getting slightly flooded at the south end of the valley. GM Bryan advised WRID is still waiting for the reimbursement for last year's flood mitigation. Peri asked about the equalizing reservoirs changing the orders from 2 days to 1 day. Water Master Joanne SARKISIAN advised it is still written in the 53 rules and regulations along with WRID enforcing their rules. SARKISIAN advised the rules would have to be changed with the court and with the WRID District Board. Borsini asked about approaching the City of Yerington and Lyon County assisting in the expense of the gages that were just put in. GM BRYAN advised they are talking about it, but he has not received any answers. Fulstone suggested obtaining money through the upcoming new Farm Bill.

16. Adjournment

Vice President GIORGI made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.

  
**Jim Snyder, President**

  
**David Giorgi, Vice President**

  
**Richard Nuti, Treasurer**

  
**Dennis Acciari, Director**

  
**Marcus Masini, Director**