

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

Staff Present:

Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC Scott Tibbals

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC KJ Joshi

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

President SNYDER was absent. Director ACCIARI was present via phone.

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

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

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported that Bridgeport was at 15,920 acre-feet (37%) and Topaz was at 19,990 acre-feet (33%). Joanne stated she is releasing 85cfs between the two reservoirs and delivering 55cfs systemwide.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of September 30, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 90,068.16
Cash in Money Market	\$ 917,946.22
Cash in CDs	\$ 826,589.48
Total	\$ 1,893,603.86

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals

September 2025 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
HomeTown Health	300196	9/4/2025	\$ 4,429.92
Quill	300204	9/5/2025	\$ 121.30
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101655	9/8/2025	\$ 1,391.32
Desert Research Institute	101656	9/8/2025	\$ 21,694.72
Giomi, Inc.	101657	9/8/2025	\$ 372.68
MacCabe, Shawn	101658	9/8/2025	\$ 4,000.00
NV Energy	101659	9/8/2025	\$ 309.76
PERS Administrative Fund	101660	9/8/2025	\$ 13,347.69
Purchase Power	101661	9/8/2025	\$ 455.45
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101662	9/8/2025	\$ 317.10
USBWC	101663	9/8/2025	\$ 33,806.37
Wells Fargo Card Services	101664	9/8/2025	\$ 8,045.02
Xerox Corporation	101665	9/8/2025	\$ 226.74
Petty Cash	101666	9/9/2025	\$ 235.00
AT&T	300214	9/13/2025	\$ 91.29
John Deere Financial Leasing	300205	9/15/2025	\$ 6,567.83
Southwest Gas Corporation	300206	9/15/2025	\$ 37.36
Spaeth Technologies Inc.	300207	9/15/2025	\$ 402.50
Verizon Wireless	300208	9/15/2025	\$ 332.53
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300209	9/15/2025	\$ 209.86
Quill	300210	9/15/2025	\$ 124.23
City of Yerington	101667	9/15/2025	\$ 100.26
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101668	9/15/2025	\$ 397.54
John Deere Credit	101669	9/15/2025	\$ 79.73
NV Energy	101670	9/15/2025	\$ 41.43
NWRA	101671	9/15/2025	\$ 745.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101672	9/15/2025	\$ 110.68
THE PARTS HOUSE	101673	9/15/2025	\$ 7.99
Xerox Financial Services	101674	9/15/2025	\$ 30.22
NOVUS Glass	101675	9/16/2025	\$ 290.00
HomeTown Health	300211	9/25/2025	\$ 4,429.92
HomeTown Health	300212	9/25/2025	\$ 2,927.91
John Deere Financial Leasing	300213	9/25/2025	\$ 6,567.83
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300216	9/29/2025	\$ 209.86

D & S Waste Removal	101676	9/29/2025	\$	203.64
Standard Insurance Co	101677	9/29/2025	\$	211.21
Woodburn & Wedge	101678	9/29/2025	\$	35,178.00
MF Barcellos	101679	9/29/2025	\$	3,073.90
U.S. Geological Survey	101680	9/29/2025	\$	3,750.00
Payroll		9/15/2025	\$	8,186.19
EFTPS		9/15/2025	\$	1,637.42
Payroll		9/30/2025	\$	30,429.86
EFTPS		9/30/2025	\$	8,366.37
Total Bills & Payroll				\$ 203,493.63

Director GIORGI asked if the City of Yerington bill had increased; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it probably would have, but the District is billed a minimal amount from May through October because of the Main Street irrigation system using a significant amount of water during those months.

Treasurer NUTI 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 20,010 acre-feet (33% capacity) and Bridgeport was currently at 15,900 acre-feet (38% capacity). The remaining storage balance to deliver is 8,991 acre-feet on the West and 9,069 acre-feet on the East. The pool is looking good and will be at a healthy level at the end of the year. The projection for this winter is that it will be a La Nina year which does not indicate anything, really. GM BRYAN will have the Weather Service do an update in November or December.

The shop crew has continued routine repair and maintenance. The crew is cleaning the automatic gate areas in Mason. As a result of the recent rain issues, GM BRYAN scheduled a meeting with Lyon County and Lyon County Emergency Management to address sluffing and other problems in the Hoyer Canyon area. Lyon County will help with potential grant opportunities. GM BRYAN is hoping Lyon County can be the figure point to produce an engineered plan to permanently address the issues.

GM BRYAN stated the District well has been fixed and is running fine. Carson Pump was in the valley, so they were quick to respond and address the problem. Some bolts came loose or broke and caused damage that cost just over \$10,000 to fix. Treasurer NUTI asked if Carson Pump worked on the well previously; GM BRYAN stated they were. Vice President MASINI stated they were also the ones who worked on his well a few times over the last few years and are now working on the same well again for the same problem as the District well. Vice President MASINI stated, on a personal level, he is concerned with the work Carson Pump is doing. GM BRYAN stated he obtained

a couple of quotes, and Carson Pump was the cheapest and the quickest. They have worked on the well previously and they were the most attentive in getting a quote. GM BRYAN reported that Carson Pump only charged the District for the parts and nothing for the labor.

On September 23rd, GM BRYAN met with Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and BRO President, Steven Fulstone to tour the south end of Bridgeport Reservoir- specifically the District's grazing area. LRWQCB wanted a better understanding of the location and what the grazing rules were. There was a report last year that Gansberg's cattle made it to the water line and contaminated the reservoir water. The cattle do not eat the aquatic weeds and there are rules on where the cattle can and cannot graze. The cattle drink water from Buckeye and Robinson Creeks and do not drink from the reservoir. There has not been much feedback, but GM BRYAN will update the Board with changes.

During last week's Lyon County Board of County Commissioners Meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to oppose the Walker Basin Conservancy transfers in support of the District's position with the protests. The District does have a meeting scheduled with Conservancy later this month to discuss all of the transfers.

GM BRYAN stated there is a Walker Basin Partnership workshop lead by the Langdon Group from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Smith Valley Hall. The intent of the workshop is to discuss changes in the Walker Basin. GM BRYAN will be attending after the meeting today.

GM BRYAN advised the annual Saroni & Colony Ditch meetings will be held at the Smith Valley Library tomorrow, September 8th.

GM BRYAN stated he and Secretary HALTERMAN have been working on an amendment application for the remaining approximately \$12 million in the NFWF grant. Bureau of Reclamation has granted an 18-month extension. GM BRYAN will update the Board with any changes.

GM BRYAN will be attending the USCID Conference in Reno from October 21st through October 24th. On the 24th, there will be a tour of the Walker Basin. The participants will begin the tour in Topaz and will end here at the District office.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated Lyon County has supported the District's protest of the WBC transfers. The Conservancy has filed a motion to modify the decree consistent with the permits granted by the State Engineer for water rights on the Flying M and Rafter 7 ranches. USBWC has filed opposition to that petition. District legal counsel is working with both the WBC and USBWC counsels to get time to discuss the petition and everything in context of the bigger picture. Counsel DePAOLI will let the Court know that the District is participating and will ask the Court to hold off to see where things are on the bigger picture.

E. Storage Water Transfers

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the transfers for September 2025; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

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

Lauren BARTELS was not available in person, but sent the following email which was read by Secretary HALTERMAN:

WRID Board Meeting Updates from NDWR – October 7, 2025

1. Pumpage update – Based on the reported meter readings in our Meters Database as of 10/6/2025:

a. Smith has pumped about 18,500 AF, which is 86% of the pumpage goal (goal = 21,600 AF)

b. Mason has pumped about 69,500 AF, which is 83% of the pumpage goal (goal = 84,200 AF)

c. Compliance of reporting meter readings is high, which is much appreciated on my end

2. Upcoming fieldwork

a. I'll be out measuring water levels the first 2-2.5 weeks of November, and I will talk about the measurements during the December WRID Board meeting. The fall measurements are not as useful as the spring measurements with respect to long-term trends, but please let me know if there are specific data or analyses you want me to share in the December meeting regarding water levels.

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

No representative was present, but Carlie HENNEMAN sent an email stating they did not have any updates and anyone is welcome to reach out with questions or concerns.

8. Discussion and possible approval to allow the WRID bookkeeper to utilize REPAY accounts payable services through the current accounting system, BLACKBAUD.

Secretary HALTERMAN reported that the District currently uses the Blackbaud accounting system for all financial transactions and one of the features within the system is to utilize a third-party payment system called REPAY. This resource would not change the payables process significantly. The bills will be entered into the accounting system, two signatures would be obtained to pay the bill, authorization would be sent to REPAY, and they would mail or send payment directly to the vendor. REPAY has established a relationship with many national vendors and has established preferred methods of payment. Vendors such as Quill, Pitney Bowes, and Wells Fargo request electronic fund payments, so instead of waiting for a mailed check, WRID invoices are paid within minutes. The expected annual cost saving is approximately \$750 by not needing to purchase as many checks, envelopes, or postage. There are vendors such as AT&T, Hometown Health, and

others that offer a few dollars discount to utilize payment assistance agencies such as REPAY. If the Board authorizes the use of REPAY and bills are not getting paid timely or there are other issues, the resource can be cancelled at any time. If a manual check is necessary, Secretary HALTERMAN does have the ability to process a manual check. Director ACCIARI asked Secretary HALTERMAN if she were in favor of the program and if it helped save time; Secretary HALTERMAN stated she is fine staying the same or changing as the only time saving would be that she would not have to put the stamp on the envelope.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to allow Secretary HALTERMAN to make the judgement on when to use the REPAY resource, to select the vendors, to process manual checks when necessary; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Review, discussion, and possible response to proposed purchase of WRID vacant lands by KJ Joshi of Learning Realty Partners in the Wabuska area at APN 014-081-02 (200-acre parcel) and 014-081-06 (80-acre parcel).

GM BRYAN advised there was an updated email from KJ Joshi in regard to an offer of an additional \$500,000 for the District's 200-acre parcel and \$250,000 for the original 80-acre parcel. KJ thanked the Board and GM BRYAN for their consideration. KJ reminded the Board of the current zoning of each parcel and that neither parcel has been used for over 75 years. Counsel DePAOLI stated that the District has acquired property in various locations, there is an offer to sell two of the parcels, and the Board could consider looking at all properties and making judgements on whether to keep them or do something else with them. If the District has any interest in disposing of the two listed parcels, he recommends negotiating with the current potential buyer, or getting appraisals on the properties and giving consideration on what is an acceptable price. KJ stated he used a reputable, local commercial appraiser, feels the proposed offer is within an acceptable price range, and the appraisal of the 80-acre parcel cost him \$4,000. Vice President MASINI requested the Board do their due diligence with getting an appraisal and spending time on deciding what to do with the parcels. KJ requested a finite timeline because he has deadlines to get the application to the County or, if the Board is not interested, he can look into other properties. Gordon asked KJ to provide an acceptable timeline so the Board can work with it. KJ stated his first step is to determine what parcels he is working with so he can determine the location and number of wells to be drilled. Without a guaranteed property, he is unable to begin engineering. If the appraisal can be completed in a specific timeframe, KJ would be able to work on his two permit applications. Director GIORGI suggested having all of the District properties appraised while an appraiser is in the area. GM BRYAN stated there are two or three other parcels in the valley that the District uses for materials, etc. and he would rather not sell any of the District parcels because of the problems associated with the sale of property in Topaz. Vice President MASINI asked KJ if he would still be interested in a purchase if the appraisal comes back higher or the District receives higher offers; KJ stated it depends on the amount as he is going off of the appraisal he received and that he has other properties he could look at to purchase.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to direct the General Manager to obtain an appraisal to evaluate the potential value of the Wabuska parcels by an appraiser hired by the District; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

10. Director Comments

None presented.

11. Public Comment

None presented.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ABSENT

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director