

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

June 26, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 26th day of June 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were W. Scott Miller, President (Division III); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Syd Brown, member of the public, addressed the Board requesting more elaboration and detail be included in Board meeting minutes
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the District's Strategic Plan and cancelled meetings
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, expressed gratitude for water availability and addressed the Board regarding the Low-Income Rate Assistance Program
- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board regarding commitment to the Brown Act and requested the General Manager to report on the recently cancelled Administrative Practices Committee special meeting
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River, provided twelve reasons why not to build the Centennial Reservoir and requested the General Manager to report on the need for Board approval of the revised 2019 budget before water rate increases are implemented
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding glyphosate and alternatives
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board requesting notification of when the District will be spraying, voiced related safety concerns, and requested reconsideration for the construction of the Centennial Reservoir

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- Ashley Overhouse, Policy Manager for South Yuba River Citizens League, addressed the Board regarding Centennial Reservoir spending cuts
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the cancellation of the Maintenance & Resource Management Committee meeting, use of Round-up and vegetation management alternatives
- Traci Sheehan, with Foothill Water Network, addressed the Board regarding the June Administrative Practices Committee meeting, cutting Centennial Reservoir spending and District budget, and PG&E being the sole buyer of NID electricity
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding concerns of fire danger at the Greenhorn Campground

President Miller pulled Item 11, Establish District Policy 6685 – Canal Encasements from the agenda at the request of Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager.

President Miller opened the following items of the Consent agenda up for discussion:

- Item 1: Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 22, 2019
- Item 7: Community Facilities District No. 2007-1 (Cement Hill) Special Tax Levies for FY 2019-2020
- Item 8: Assessment District No. 2008-1 (Rodeo Flat) Special Assessment Levies for FY 2019-2020

MINUTES – May 22, 2019, Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 22, 2019, as amended to add the word “support” after “Expressed 100%” under Board of Directors’ Items/Reports on Page 45. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-11 (Resolution of Appreciation Upon Retirement – Cheryl Harris). M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-12 (Resolution of Appreciation Upon Retirement Mary Bennett). M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-13 (Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund). M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND BY NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-14 of the Nevada Irrigation District Joint Powers Authority (Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund). M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

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ASSESSMENTS – DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS (Res. 2019-15 & Res. 2019-16)

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-15 (Placing Delinquent Accounts on District Assessment Roll for Collection – County of Nevada) and Resolution No. 2019-16 (Placing Delinquent Accounts on District Assessment Roll for Collection – County of Placer). M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2007-1 (CEMENT HILL) SPECIAL TAX LEVIES FOR FY 2019-2020

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-17 [Acting as the legislative body of Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2007-1 authorizing the levy of special taxes within CFD No. 2007-1 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020], Received Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Report. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2008-1 (RODEO FLAT) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVIES FOR FY 2019-2020

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Adopted Resolution 2019-18 [Acting as the legislative body of Assessment District (AD) No. 2008-1 authorizing the levy of special assessments within AD No. 2008-1 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020], Received Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Report. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 14.06 - LOWER AND UPPER DIVISION CAMPGROUND RULES AND REGULATIONS

Approved the proposed addition to Section 14.06 of the Water Service Rules and Regulations regarding Campground Rules and Regulations for the District's Lower and Upper Division Campgrounds, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

BADGER METER TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, introduced Kaycee Strong, Water Efficiency Technician, who provided a presentation demonstrating the capability of the recently deployed Badger Meter System.

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City
- Kurt Lorenz, member of the public
- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley

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CHICAGO PARK POWERHOUSE FIRE PROTECTION UPGRADE (FATR #2164)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Awarded a design and construction contract to Sabah International for the Chicago Park Powerhouse Fire Suppression System Upgrade in the amount of \$258,680 and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Wilcox/Heck, unanimously approved.

ANNEXATION OF E. BENNETT ROAD AREA, NEVADA COUNTY

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Adopted Resolution 2019-20 (Making Application for Annexation of Land to Nevada Irrigation District - Unincorporated Nevada Co.) as amended to correct Exhibit B to read “ Annexation of 25 Parcels on East Bennett Road, Nevada County” and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents, as recommended the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Director Heck left the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 10:52 a.m.

Public Comment:

- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Peters/Heck , unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Thanked Board for attending the Nevada County Farm Bureau tour
- Attended annual Water Committee meeting for California Farm Bureau Federation
- Attended annual Nevada County Resource Conservation District event
- Continuing to work with District Counsel on Voluntary Settlement Agreements
- Provided explanation of why June APC Special Meeting was cancelled and spoke briefly about other recently cancelled Committee meetings
- Proposed amended 2019 Budget to the Board on July 24, 2019
- ACWA's Headwaters Working Group moving forward
- Repairing flume at Nevada County Fairgrounds
- 2020 Cost of Service requests for proposals update
- CMMS and ERP update
- Rates can be moved forward without a budget
- Outage on the Combie Phase 1 and downstream system – provided update
- Upcoming outage for repairs to transmission line leak on Ridge and Hughes Road

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- Final Greenhorn Environmental Impact Report to public by the end of the week and anticipate public hearing at July 24, 2019 Board meeting
- Lake Wildwood to E. George public meeting is June 27, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.
- Newtown Canal regrading update
- Hemphill update
- Combie Phase 1 update
- Boreham Mine/Gayle Lane update
- Combie dredging in the wet and Board can anticipate tour
- Low-Income Policy item scheduled to go to the Board on July 24, 2019, as a consent item

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Peters, Division IV, reported on the following items:

- Attended the Nevada County Farm Bureau Farm Tour
- Voluntary Settlement Agreement Participation

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:

- Attended the annual Water Committee meeting for California Farm Bureau Federation and shared highlights
- Attended the Nevada County Farm Bureau Farm Tour
- Attended 75th Anniversary Nevada County Resource Conservation District event

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:

- Attended the Nevada County Farm Bureau Farm Tour
- Attended 75th Anniversary Nevada County Resource Conservation District event
- Attended a budget workshop and applauded management team

Director Wilcox, Division V, reported on the following items:

- Attended 75th Anniversary Nevada County Resource Conservation District event

Meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

Director Miller, Division III, reported on the following items:

- Attended 75th Anniversary Nevada County Resource Conservation District event
- Shared Code Red public service announcement

SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – 2019 BOARD ELECTION

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-21 (For the Election of Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors) casting ballot based on the following votes for the SDRMA Board of Directors:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Bob Swan	4
Jesse D. Claypool	1
Patrick K. O'Rourke, MPA/CFRM	4
Sandy Siefert-Raffelson	2
James (Jim) M. Hamlin	3

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Pilot Peak claim – pending litigation item

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:55 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Rough & Ready Road, Nevada County

Board Action: Claim rejected. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:55 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Pilot Peak Lane, Nevada County

Board Action: Claim rejected. M/S/C Heck/Peters , unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS was declared at 11:55 a.m. (Government Code § 54957.6) District Representatives: Remleh Scherzinger and District Counsel Employee Organization: All District bargaining units represented (supervisory, field, and office by AFSCME) and unrepresented (management, and remaining unrepresented employees.

Received and filed the Compensation Survey for all District bargaining units. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:4 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the District’s Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California. The Wednesday, July 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors has been cancelled.


Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.


Division I


Division II


Division III


Division IV


Division V