Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

July 9, 2025

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 9thth day of July 2025, at 9 a.m.

Present were Ricki Heck, President (Division I) and Chris Bierwagen, Vice-President (Division II); and Directors Brad Fowler (Division III); Earl Stephens (Division IV); and Rich Johansen (Division V).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Gabe Aronow, Director of Engineering; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Peter Wade, Director of Power Systems; Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance; Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation; Naomi Schmitt, Director of Human Resources; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

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STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Heck called the meeting to order
- President Heck led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Jeff Williams, resident of Rough & Ready:
    - Addressed the Board regarding decreased flow at his pond
    - Shared concerns with NID's methodologies used to determine water flow
    - Provided the Board information and video documenting and demonstrating the issue on his property

SPECIAL ORDERS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - SERVICE AWARDS

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, provided a presentation and along with Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, recognized the following employees for their years of service:

Name	Job Title	Hire Date
10 Years		
John Rodney McGhee	IT Analyst II	01/05/2015
Steve Beebe	Chief Water Treatment Operator	01/05/2015
Greg Callison	Senior Storekeeper	02/09/2015
Seth Miner-Gann	Vegetation Control Worker I	02/17/2015
Larry Lundell	Facility Ranger	03/30/2015
Dennis Flower	Senior Storekeeper	04/13/2015
Andrew Chidley	Senior Utility Worker	04/27/2015
Scott Davis	Equipment Operator	06/06/2015
Douglas Dreher	Hydro Plant Operator II	
15 Years		
Joan Tortorici	Purchasing Supervisor	05/24/2010
20 Years		
Todd Williams	Senior Hydro Plant Operator	03/07/2005
Andrew Rutter	Hydro Water Systems Operator	04/18/2005
Thor Larsen	Water Resources Superintendent	06/21/2005
25 Years		
Will Barker	Hydro Plant Operator I	02/07/2000
Eric Fassler	Senior Water Distribution Operator	05/11/2000
30 Years		
Douglas Andrews	Maintenance Supervisor	05/18/1995

CONSENT AGENDA

It was noted that Item 4D was listed on the agenda twice.

Public comment: None

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2025
M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved as submitted.

WATER RIGHT SUPPORT CONTRACT
Authorized the General Manager to execute a consulting services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for water rights compliance support in an amount not to exceed $150,000. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

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CHEMICAL TANKS CIP PROJECT TRANSFER

Authorized staff to modify Capital Improvement Project (CIP #2716) to relocate the chemical tanks from the Lake Wildwood Water Treatment Plant to the North Auburn Water Treatment Plant. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

UPDATE OF EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS POLICY

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-37 - Approving Updates to the Employer-Employee Relations Policy. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers and the Investment Transaction Report for the period June 14, 2025 through June 27, 2025. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – SENIOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Comments:

- FLSA Status corrected to “Non-Exempt”
- In support of encouraging training, allowing talent to stay with the District
- Different Classes and updates to Construction Inspector II
- Nuclear Guage training
- Methodology used for Attachment B: Pay Scale Comparisons

Public Comment: None

Adopted the new job description for a Senior Construction Inspector, as amended correcting FLSA Status from “Exempt” to “Non-Exempt”. M/S/C Stephens/Fowler, unanimously approved.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORTS - FY 2025 Q1, PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance, presented the item.

Board Comments:

- January – March Electrical Generation
- Rates for revenue in Spring Quarter
- Power Purchase Agreement
- PG&E outage
- Requested darker print and larger font on report
- Bond payments contributing to Water Fund 10 reporting at 62% of budget expenditures spent

Public Comment: None

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Received and filed Budget to Actual Reports - FY 2025 Q1, for the period ending March 31, 2025.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

HYDROELECTRIC DEPARTMENT - ELECTRICAL PROTECTION PROJECTS
Ted Blank, Hydro Compliance and Protection System Specialist, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

Combie South Transformer Replacement

- Regular wear and tear
- How long before hard wire
- Lap report temps and comfort zone
- Vegetable oil used to keep from arching

Bowman Intertie Relay Upgrade

- Cost benefit analysis on how much to maintain 10-miles of transmission line
- Risk
- Agreement with Haypress and cost-sharing

Rollins Powerhouse 60kV Circuit Breaker

- Clarified vacuum and not air breakers
- Lifespan
- Cost
- Location of breaker
- Inspections and witnessing by interconnection customer

Rollins Powerhouse Relay Upgrade

- All electronics for electrical protection at Rollins
- Separated from internet
- Primary and back-up relays
- Cost
- Other plants
- Risk mitigation trackers and protections
- Analyzing electronics
- Confirmed repairs would not be done in-house and repair time
- Institutional knowledge and keeping it within the District
- Cross Training and succession planning

Additional Projects

- Chicago Park Powerhouse Rewind cost and timing
- Transformer manufacturers and lead time

Public Comment: None

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- PG&E Repairs update and received initial cost sharing invoice
- Tyler update – go-live date on track for January 1st
- Draft CEQA document out for Bear Yuba FERC Relicense – Comments due by July 16th
- Participating in a State Board Administrative Hearing Office hearing on Yuba Accord Extension and providing testimony likely early next week
- Water rates update
- Rollins Storage update and anticipate Board workshop in August
- Golden Mussel update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- No report

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

- Attended Nevada County OES meeting with Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, and provided highlights
- Commented on 401 Certification and State Water Control Board
- Recent statements from Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Dept. of Agriculture and how that impacts Nevada County agriculture - Support local agriculture

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

- None

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

- Support local agriculture
- Spent time in the high country – Reported Bowman Lake is full, and Sawmill is spilling
  Expressed appreciation for Electrical Protection Workshop
  Looking forward to Rollins / Storage Workshop in August

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

- Has been busy responding to inquiries from many constituents regarding issues at Cascade Shores and Scotts Flat Lake

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:52 a.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary

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