Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

October 8, 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 8thth day of October 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.

STANDING ORDERS

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

Dustin Cooper, Legal Counsel, recapped the requirements for Board members to attend meetings remotely using the just cause exception. President Heck requested the Board approve that she attends the meeting remotely via Zoom using the just cause exception, due to an emergency circumstance.

Public Comment: None

Approved allowing President Heck to attend the Board meeting remotely using the just cause exception. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Name	Job Title
10 Years	
Desiree Ince	Accountant II
Megan Pontius	Dispatcher II
15 Years	
Robert Granholm	Hydro Maintenance Technician II
20 Years	
Troy Texeira	Buyer
Tonia Tabucchi Herrera	Senior Engineer
25 Years	
Matthew Crowe	Land Surveyor
Christopher Friedman	Equipment Operator
35 Years	
Greg Cornejo	Electrical Systems Technician II

CONSENT AGENDA

Public comment: None

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2025
M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved as submitted.

ADDITION OF SENIOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN JOB CLASSIFICATION
Adopted Resolution No. 2025-47 - Authorizing the addition of a Senior Electrical Systems Technician Classification and Job Description. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens unanimously approved.

MODIFICATION OF POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST CLASSIFICATION
Adopted Resolution No. 2025-48 - Authorizing a position Description Change to the Communications Specialist I/II Job Classification and the Creation of a New Job Family Classification of Senior Communication Specialist and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT – SELECT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-49 - Approving a Contract Amendment Adding $30,000 to Select Property Management Inc., PO No. 00058294, and authorized the General Manager or designee to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

MATERIALS FOR THE DEER CREEK POWERHOUSE COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE (PROJECT #2665)

Approved the purchase of Deer Creek Powerhouse Communications materials under Project #2665 up to $180,200 through InfinitiWireless. 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 register, payroll fund certificate, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period September 13th, 2025, through September 26th, 2025. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

WATER PROFESSIONALS' WEEK

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-50 - Recognizing October 4-12, 2025 as Water Professionals Appreciation Week. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

NID STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW FOR 2026

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Remove language "at Rollins Reservoir"

Public Comment: None

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-51 - Adding Goal 4 to the District's Strategic Plan, Strategic Priority #1 – Long-Term Infrastructure and Water Supply Reliability, as amended to remove reference to Rollins Reservoir. M/S/C Stephens/Fowler, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:
- Reserves
- Property tax increase
- Capital expenditures
- Fund 70 reserve balance
- OPEB & unfunded liability
- Fund 85 and reaching target
- Assessment Districts
- Water fund and 29% change
- Material cost increase
- Transfers
- Gross revenue and expenses
- Comparing to past years
- Starting balances and projected fund balances
- Capital expenditures
- Timing
- Interest
- New connections
- Taxes and assessments
- Consultants – outside revenue service
- Cost of operating plants
- Cost recovery for loss of Recreation revenues
- Forest Service – upper-division
- FERC request for recreation
- Shutting down / idling times
- NCPA (Northern California Power Association)
- Electric power revenue
- Power sales
- Transformer and back-up options
- Dam safety consultants
- Expressed appreciation for a clear and concise presentation
- Net operating expenses and gross revenue
- Cost of service study
- Unfunded mandate and projecting staff

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:
- Item coming to the Board in November to remove the Emergency Declaration
- Rain in the forecast
- Water theft item requested by Director Johansen

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Stephens, Division IV, reported on the following items:
- Rainfall at his property during recent storm
- District grants and looking for new sources of revenue

Director Johansen, Division V, reported on the following items:
- Attended Sustainability Summit
- Spoke with Amy Irani, with Nevada County Environmental Health
- Nevada County Resilience Project Kick-off on Oct. 22nd
- Spoke about Imagination Library Program by Dolly Parton

Director Fowler, Division III, reported on the following items:
- Rainfall during recent storm
- Trades Day at Nevada County Fairgrounds and appreciative of NID's participation
- School Ranch update
- Dinner with RCD and Nevada County Farm Bureau award to School Ranch
- Attending Placer County Farm Bureau's upcoming event "Hoedown at the Hall"

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:
- Nevada County LAFCo in the process of hiring a new Executive Officer, and conducting interviews on Oct. 16th

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:
- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:47 a.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, October 22, 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