

Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

April 23, 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 23rd day of April 2025, at 9 a.m.

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

Chris Bierwagen, Vice-President (Division II) was absent.

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

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Heck called the meeting to order
- President Heck led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 4 Members Present – 1 Member Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Greg Vixie, resident of Division 5:
 - Proposed the District consider crediting 2025 Standby Fees towards 2026 water purchases, as customers are being prohibited from buying water this year due to the PG&E – Spaulding Reservoir issue
 - Commended the District and the Board for their continued water stewardship
 - Expressed appreciation for the Cascade Canal, calling it a wonderful resource for the community
- Don Coenen, member of the public:
 - Expressed frustration with PG&E, their slow repair work and feeling ripped off
 - Encouraged the Board to take legal action against PG&E

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

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MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 9, 2025

Approved as submitted. M/S/C Johansen / Stephens.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Absent
Fowler, Division 3	Aye
Stephens, Division 4	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye

WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, payroll fund certificates, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period March 29, 2025 through April 11, 2025. M/S/C Johansen / Stephens. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Absent
Fowler, Division 3	Aye
Stephens, Division 4	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye

2025 COLLECTION AGREEMENT FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN NID AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST

Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Map
- Facilities and maintenance
- Jackson - Boat-in Campground services maintenance
- Maintaining the same level of service
- Clarified reduced amount this year due to shorter season and fewer one-time expenditures
- Liability and fire risk
- Looking at the big picture and benefits to the District
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Project #1668 and working with them and Tahoe National Forest on these campsites
- Improving fire resiliency
- Inquired if Forest Service will monitor Golden Mussels
- Confirmed no motorized vessels allowed this year on Jackson Meadows and Bowman Lake
- Inquiry about possible future fines for violating rules related to Golden Mussel

Public Comment:

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-27 - Approving the 2025 Collection Agreement Financial Plan between Nevada Irrigation District and the United States Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Tahoe National Forest and

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authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen / Heck.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	Aye
Bierwagen, Division 2	Absent
Fowler, Division 3	Aye
Stephens, Division 4	Aye
Johansen, Division 5	Aye

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Rate study status provided and discussions anticipated this summer
- PG&E – No new information to report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Bullard's Bar Facebook post regarding Golden Mussel and 5-days dry for boats and confirmed NID is only accepting NID sealed boats in 2025

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

- Appreciated campground information to see what District is up against
- Confirmed monthly accounting of expenditures from the Forest Service
- Lots of work on the farm

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

- Receiving constituent phone calls regarding mussels and motorized vessels
- The Nevada County Ag Tour is on May 14th and inquired if moving the regular NID Board meeting date
- Requested an update on Rollins Reservoir additional storage

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

- Presenting at Cascade Shores Homeowners' Association on May 3rd at 1 pm along with a member of NID staff

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:30 a.m. The regular Board meeting on May 14, 2025 is cancelled. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, May 28, 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