

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

March 11, 2020

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance 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.

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, requested to pull the following Consent Agenda item for discussion:

- Item No. 3 – Application for Annexation of Dewitt Center, Placer County

Nick Wilcox, Division V Director, announced he would not seek re-election in 2020.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding Director Wilcox's announcement and thanked him for his service
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir and expressed appreciation for the work NID does
- Janette Carpenter, M.D., resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Cost of Service Study presented at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, spoke about funds needed for the Centennial Reservoir and regarding Director Wilcox's election
- Rich Johansen, NID customer, running for Division 5 NID Director, thanked Director Wilcox and his wife for their contributions to the community
- John Norton, resident of Division 5, thanked Director Wilcox for his service and announced that he would also be running for the Division 5 NID Director
- Donn Coenen, resident of South County and Christmas tree farmer, addressed the Board regarding lack of rain and requested the Board to extend the service year due to climate change

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- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, thanked Director Wilcox and his wife for their contributions to the community and the country and addressed the Board regarding Centennial Reservoir, trees, and wildlife

MINUTES – February 26, 2020, Regular Meeting

**Approved as amended to add the following item to Director Peters' Items/Reports on Page 22.**

- **Participated in the Wolf Creek Alliance monthly monitoring**

**M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

HYDROELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUEST

**Approved the Hydroelectric Department Training request, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF DEWITT CENTER, PLACER COUNTY

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

- Syd Brown, member of the public

**Adopted Resolution 2020-07 – Making Application for Annexation of Land at the Dewitt Center area in Placer County, M/S/C Bierwagen/Wilcox, unanimously approved as amended as follows:**

- **Struck statement of the environmental impacts**
- **Remove APN xxx-xx-064 and update map attached as Exhibit "A"**
- **Page 1, last paragraph to read Exhibit "B"**
- **Page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph to read "Placer" County**
- **Update Exhibit "B" heading to reflect "One (1) Parcel"**
- **Added two paragraphs to resolution:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as findings of the Board of Directors.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is directed and authorized to take such further action as necessary and reasonable to implement the terms of this Resolution and to work with the County of Placer and any other landowners within this exclusion area in an effort to fully annex this exclusion area.**

SOUTH YUBA CANAL EVALUATION (FATR #2419)

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment

- John Norton, resident of Division V

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**Awarded a consulting contract with GHD in the amount of \$295,796, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. Approved as submitted. M/S/C Peters/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

WATER 2020 COST OF SERVICE (COS) REPORT AND 2020 RATE SETTING

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

Public Comment

- None

**Received and filed the Water 2020 COS Report as submitted, and authorized to begin the 2020 rate setting. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

Public Comment

- None

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

The meeting recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 11:34 a.m.

President Heck moved the AB1825 Harassment Prevention Training Workshop to follow the Board of Directors' Items/Reports.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 205,652 acre-feet in storage - 95% of 7-year average and 76% of capacity
- Bowman Lake Precipitation at 29.48" - 59% of average
- Snowpack is at 13" of water content - 46% of average
- Conservation – 5% over year 2013
- Insurance update
- Coronavirus – COVID-19 update
- Attended NACWA annual meeting
- Attended retirement party for PCWA former General Manager, Einar Maisch
- Bay Area Task Force update
- Met with Paye and Wilkinson regarding possible annexation of parcels, along with Board President and staff
- Met with Cascade Homeowners Assoc. regarding easement encroachments
- Scheduled upcoming Board items:
  - o March 25<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report Training
  - o April 8<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan
  - o May 13<sup>th</sup> Raw Water Master Plan Outreach Design
- Combie Phase 1 update
- Doty North Canal Siphon update – Public meeting scheduled March 12<sup>th</sup> at Placer Yard and Public hearing scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>

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- Hwy 174 pipeline relocation work has begun – completion scheduled by mid-April
- Table Meadow Phase II District Financed Waterline Extension update
- Greenhorn Sediment Removal update
- Generator Install for North Auburn Treatment Plant update
- Hemphill Diversion update - scoping meeting anticipated mid-April

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended South Sutter Water District Board Meeting
- Requested a future agenda item to discuss the E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Project

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

- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau meeting with the General Manager and Director Heck

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

- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau meeting
- Requested Ag Policy Ad Hoc Committee updates
- Attended a number of meetings with constituents
- Attending ACWA Legislative Day on March 12th

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

WORKSHOP - AB1825 Harassment Prevention Training

Dave Timoney, ARM, SDRMA Chief Risk Officer, facilitated the workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 1:32 and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. in Closed Session.

Closed Session was declared at 1:40 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) to confer with District Counsel regarding threatened litigation. One Case. Cancellation of Land Tenure Agreement – Scotts Flat Trail.

**Board Action: Direction was given to legal counsel.**

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:57 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, 25th, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

*Krist Stepaniak*

Board Secretary

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

*Lick Seck*

Division I

*Chris Brumby*

Division II

*NWA*

Division III

*Ann Peters*

Division IV

*Nick Wiley*

Division V