

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

July 12, 2017

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 12th day of July, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Nick Wilcox, President (Division V); William Morebeck, Vice President (Division IV), Nancy Weber, (Division I); John H. Drew (Division II), and W. Scott Miller (Division III), Directors.

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Matthew Crowe, Senior Right of Way Agent; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board regarding conduct of Board meetings, and requested that the Board review Policies 5030.4, 5030.5 and 5070.5.
- Craig Lasley, resident of Nevada City and neighbor of the day-use recreation area at Scott's Flat Lake, addressed the Board regarding the need for masticating.
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, recited a pledge to the Earth, and read excerpts from an article about *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert.
- Carmen Mateo, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the Centennial Reservoir, protecting nature, and posting of signs along ditches to notify when hazardous substances are being used.
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, and NID customer addressed the Board about training volunteers from the community to remove vegetation growth.

MINUTES – June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on June 28, 2017, as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

WARRANTS

Approved warrants as submitted on check and payroll registers. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

POLICY 2010 – ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manger, requested that this item be removed from the Agenda and be brought back at a later date.

HYDROELECTRIC JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATES

Approved updates to job descriptions as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Service Awards

The following Employees were recognized for their length of service with the District and were congratulated by their Department Manager or Supervisor and presented with recognition awards:

Employee	Title	Hire Date
<u>20 Years</u>		
Joseph D. Pitts	Water Distribution Supervisor	01/05/1997
Paul L. Sokoloff	Water Distribution Operator II	04/09/1997
<u>15 Years</u>		
Gerry G. Gnech	Equipment Operator	01/2/2002
Kenton R. Early	Maintenance Supervisor	04/29/2002
<u>10 Years</u>		
Joshua S. Bove	Senior Hydroelectric Plant Operator	01/27/2007
Adrian N. Schneider	Senior Engineer	03/19/2007
John M. Grande	Senior Water Distribution Operator	04/30/2007
Keane S. Sommers	Hydroelectric Manager	05/07/2007

WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 4.06.03 PARCEL REQUIREMENTS – ADDITION OF COMMERCIAL / PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE CATEGORY:

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager presented the item to the Board.

Public Comment:

- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley

Approved an addition to Section 4.06.03 of the District’s Water Service Rules and Regulations, requiring treated water use parcels with commercial/production agricultural to install a dedicated irrigation meter and backflow device, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Weber/Miller, unanimously approved

WILLOW CREEK & 1ST STREET TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT (FATR# 7033)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item to the Board.

Approved a contract with Hansen Brothers Enterprises in the amount of \$658,922 for the construction of the Willow Creek & 1st Street Transmission Main, a budget amendment, and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved

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Meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

CHICAGO PARK POWERHOUSE ROAD EASEMENT ACQUISITION PROJECT

Gary King, Engineering Manager presented the item to the Board.

Public Comment:

- Richard Thomas, resident of Nevada City
- Maury Hull, resident of Placer County

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-20 declaring necessity and authorizing eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of real property for a public project known as the *Chicago Park Powerhouse Road Easement Acquisition Project* on Placer County Assessor Parcel Numbers: 063-150-014 and 063-150-008 owned by George Back; and Placer County Assessor Parcel Numbers: 063-320-001 and 063-320-002 Owned by George Back & Dorothy R. Back, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C/ Drew/Miller, unanimously approved

Public Comment:

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley
- Maury Hull, resident of Placer County

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-21 declaring necessity and authorizing eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of real property for a public project known as the *Chicago Park Powerhouse Road Easement Acquisition Project* on Placer County APN: 063-150-021 owned by James Earle Leahy* & Patricia Ann Leahy*, Trustees of the Leahy* Family Trust (*aka Leahy); and Penni F. Behr, Trustee of The Penni F. Behr Trust; and Lori Lanee Solberg, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved

Director Drew left the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and returned at 10:15 a.m.

NEW STAFF POSITION – COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST I / II

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item to the Board.

Public Comment:

- Peter VanZant, resident of Ridge Estates Road and NID customer
- Richard Thomas, resident of Nevada City and raw water customer
- John Volz, resident of District 2

Director Drew made a motion to approve the establishment of a new Communications Specialist I/II staff position as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee on July 6, 2017. Director Miller seconded the motion.

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Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	No
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Bachman, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

Meeting recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

CENTENNIAL RESERVOIR PROJECT – PHASE III GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION (FATR # 7013) – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Gary King, Engineering Manager, introduced Michael Forest with Aecom, who gave the presentation to the Board.

Director Drew left the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and returned at 11:37 a.m..

Public Comment:

- John Volz, resident of District 2
- George Olive, resident of Nevada City
- Charlotte Allen, NID treated water customer, and member of Sierra Club's Steering Committee for the California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee
- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City
- Bob Branstrom, resident of Grass Valley
- Maury Hull, member of the Public
- Peter VanZant, resident of Ridge Estates Road and NID customer
- Richard Thomas, resident of Nevada City
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Grass Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Tracie Sheehan, with The Foothills Water Network

GENERAL MANGER'S REPORT

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

- Precipitation and storage report
- Conservation
- Shale Ridge Project update
- Rattlesnake Road BEP (Backbone Extension Project)
- Golden Oaks at Lodestar meeting update
- Ironhorse and Armstrong meetings
- Bear River Syphon Bypass complete
- Hemphill Agreement with California Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant underway
- Video Adhoc Committee Meeting Scheduled
- Working with U.S. Forest Service on upper division recreation

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/REPORTS:

Director Weber reported/commented on the following items:

- Extending treated water lines / fire hydrants

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Director Morebeck reported/commented on the following items:

- Ag Commission meeting

Director Miller reported/commented on the following items:

- Golden Oaks meeting update

President Miller reported/commented on the following items:

- NID traffic control on Spenceville

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

-None-

Meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:05 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. Nevada Irrigation District's Petition for Assignment of Water Rights for Centennial Reservoir and the Protest by South Sutter Water District to that Petition pending before the State Water Resources Control Board.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:05 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger, Sommers, and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment for acquisition and sale of rights in real property; properties subject to negotiations:

- South Yuba Canal, Chalk Bluff Canal, Deer Creek Powerhouse; flowage/wheeling rights in Drum Canal, Bear River Canal, Wise Canal, and South Canal (all owned by PG&E)
- Flowage Rights in Bowman-Spaulding Canal, Fall Creek Flume, Dutch Flat Flume, and Chicago Park Flume; right to storage in Rollins Reservoir (all owned by NID)

Persons with whom negotiations will be conducted: PG&E Management

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:05 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager.

Director Drew left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 1:55 p.m.

President Wilcox reported on actions taken in closed session, as follows:

GENERAL MANAGER – Performance Evaluation and Salary Increase

Authorized President to execute the General Manager's Performance Evaluation and the associated Personnel Action Form; and approved salary increase for the General Manager in the amount of five percent.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:56 p.m to reconvene in regular session on July 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Board Secretary

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

Director
Division I

Division II

Division III

Division IV

Division V
