

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

January 12, 2022

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 January 2022, at 9 a.m.

Present were Chris Bierwagen, President (Division II); Karen Hull, Vice President (Division III); and Directors Ricki Heck (Division I); Laura Peters (Division IV); and Rich Johansen (Division V).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Steve Prosser, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Naomi Schmitt, Interim Human Resources Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order by President Bierwagen at 9 a.m.
- President Bierwagen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members present

SPECIAL ORDERS

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented Service Awards recognizing the following employees for their years of service:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<u>25 Years</u> Craig Harkey	Equipment Operator	09/03/1996
<u>20 Years</u> Paul Hopper	Water Distribution Operator II	12/17/2001
<u>10 Years</u> Lance Adams	Welder II	09/19/2011
Christopher Dunn	Utility Worker I	09/19/2011
Wayne Giles	Water Treatment Operator III	09/19/2011

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Bierwagen pulled the following items from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the request of members of the Board:

- Item 8: Quarterly Budget vs. Actual Report

Public Comment: None

**Director Heck motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda, excluding Item 8 as noted above. Director Hull seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

MINUTES – December 7, 2022, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on December 7, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on December 8, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – December 15, 2022, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on December 15, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS - Resolution of Appreciation for D. Hunt

**Adopted Resolution No. 2022-01 (Resolution of Appreciation – Dean Hunt). M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

AB361 COMPLIANCE – BROWN ACT/COVID-19 TELECONFERENCE AND REMOTE MEETING REQUIREMENTS

**Adopted Resolution 2022-02 (Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings Consistent with AB 361). M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**Approved the Board Meeting Schedule for 2022. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF 2021 REIMBURSEMENTS

**Adopted Resolution No. 2022-03 (Annual Disclosure of Reimbursement to Employees and Directors). M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

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WARRANTS, PROJECTS & FACILITY REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

**Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check register, Project and Facility Report, and Investment Transaction Report for the period November 27 to December 24, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

Item pulled from the Consent Agenda for Discussion:

QUARTERLY BUDGET VS. ACTUAL REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

**Received and filed the Quarterly Budget vs. Actual Report for the period ending September 30, 2021. Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

Loma Rica Ranch – Statewide Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP)

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, presented the item. Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, provided additional background and introduced James Hamill, Managing Director for California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA).

A robust Board discussion ensued regarding the program and benefits to the District and property owners.

President Bierwagen opened the Public Hearing.

Public Comment heard during the Public Hearing:

- Barbara Bashall, with Nevada County Contractors' Association, addressed the Board in favor of the item
- Martin Wood, member of the public, addressed the Board in favor of the item

President Bierwagen closed the Public Hearing.

**Adopted Resolution No. 2022-04 (Authorizing the District to Become a California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) Program Participant and to join the SCIP; Authorizing the CSCDA to Accept Applications From Property Owners, Conduct Special Assessment Proceedings and Levy Assessments and Special Taxes, and to Form Assessment Districts and Community Facilities Districts Within the Territory of the Nevada Irrigation District; Embodying a Joint Community Facilities Agreement Setting Forth the Terms and Conditions of Community Facilities District Financings Approving Form of Acquisition Agreement For Use When Applicable; and Authorizing Related Actions). M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

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WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 10.07 - PREPAYMENT OF CAPACITY CHARGES

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Keoni Allen, General Contractor, addressed the Board in favor of the item
- Martin Wood, member of the public, addressed the Board in favor of the item
- Dan Boatwright, member of the public, addressed the Board in favor of the item
- Barbara Bashall with Nevada County Contractors' Association addressed the Board in favor of the item

**Approved modification of the Water Service Rules and Regulations Section 10.07 Prepayment of Capacity Charges. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Financial System update
- Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided a precipitation & storage report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- No power, water, internet, or phone for nine days
- Met with Nevada County Contractors' Association

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

- Constituent feedback regarding drought surcharge and timing of the bill
- Attended West Placer Watershed Resource Advisory Group meeting and shared highlights
- Requested Board item to discuss Standing Committee workshops

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

- Constituent feedback regarding drought surcharge
- Communication and education opportunity to better understand drought surcharge need and how calculated

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

- Spoke about drought surcharge and messaging

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:33 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 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