

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

June 8, 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 8th day of June 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 L. 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; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 10, 2022

Approved the minutes of the special meeting on May 10, 2022, as submitted. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 11, 2022

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 11, 2022, as submitted. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 11, 2022

Approved the minutes of the special meeting on May 11, 2022, as submitted. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

AB 361 COMPLIANCE - BROWN ACT/COVID-19 TELECONFERENCE AND REMOTE MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-32 - Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings Consistent with AB 361. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

PURCHASE OF TWO 5-YARD DUMP TRUCKS

Approved the purchase of two new 5-yard, Class B, single-axle dump trucks from Riverview International Trucks, LLC (West Sacramento) in the amount of \$279,742.12, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITIES REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, Project and Facility Report, and Investment Transaction Report for the period May 7 to May 20, 2022. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION PROGRAM (DFWLE) - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, and Shannon Wood, Business Services Technician, presented the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding options moving forward with the four DFWLE applicant groups (Maranatha including:

- Financing considerations, including rate and term
- Setting a time limit for applicants to complete the agreement
- Project size and explicit number of parcels
- Considering smaller project size
- Good faith deposits

Board consensus was reached to continue with the current program financing for the four DFWLE groups, with the following exceptions:

- Financing at the current sub-prime rate of 4%
- Amortized over 20 years
- Specific project agreements on a one-by-one basis
- 6-month sign-up deadline on all four projects
- Good faith deposits are due at the time of sign-up
- Consider modification of project size when it makes financial or engineering sense
- Including the "not to exceed" number

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Public Comment:

- Glenn Freitas, resident of Maranatha Place, thanked the Board for working with them on this, voiced concerns if property owners would be able to afford the monthly payment based on the proposed updated financing terms, and reminded the Board that wells are going dry
- Sara Bowling, resident of Maranatha Place, shared that her property was purchased with the understanding it would eventually have NID water due to the District Financed Waterline Extension Program that was underway and expressed concerns regarding affordability if the term is set at 20 years, rather than 30 years

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced the item.

Board discussion ensued regarding grant opportunities, forming an ad hoc committee, staffing, financing challenges, analyzing cost benefits, and including grant opportunities as part of the annual budgeting process.

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Annual Water Quality Report has been released and is on the website
- Notice received of curtailments on the Bear River (to 1942) – more anticipated in July and will keep the Board informed
- Requested rescheduling of next hearing date from Administrative Hearing Officer for Centennial Water Rights application related to State filed water rights, as it was scheduled on a Board meeting date
- Voluntary Agreements update –item anticipated in the next few Board meetings
- Water Supply update information is available on the website

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Joined the Board of the Nevada County AAUW (Association of American University Women)
- Working with property groups interested in obtaining raw water when available

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

- Working with constituents regarding reoccurring issues related to private conduits and obtained Board consensus to bring a Private Conduit Workshop to the Board

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

- Great to see Farm Bureau members active and attending meetings

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

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- Has been doing a lot of public speaking at gatherings and with groups carrying the drought and abundance message

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

- Commented on constituent issues related to private conduits

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. in Closed Session.

Closed Session Conference with real property negotiators was declared at 10:30 a.m., pursuant to Government Code §54956.8.

Property: South Yuba Canal and appurtenant facilities; Deer Creek Powerhouse and appurtenant facilities located in unincorporated Nevada County and Placer County
Agency Negotiator: Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Jennifer Hanson, District General Manager; and District General Counsel, Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP

Negotiating Parties: Pacific Gas & Electric Company and Nevada Irrigation District

Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators concerning price and terms and conditions of acquisition

Board Action: None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:40 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, June 22, 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