

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

May 12, 2021

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 May 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Greg Jones, Interim General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Bob MacDonald, Interim Maintenance Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

President Bierwagen called for a moment of silence for the recent loss of NID employee Robert Kreiter.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

MINUTES – April 28, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on April 28, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – February 2, 2021, Regular Administrative Practices Committee Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular Administrative Practices Committee meeting on February 2, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – February 9, 2021, Regular Water & Hydroelectric Operations Committee Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular Water & Hydroelectric Operations Committee meeting on February 9, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

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MINUTES – February 16, 2021, Regular Engineering Committee Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular Engineering Committee meeting on February 16, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – February 23, 2021, Regular Maintenance & Resource Management Committee Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular Maintenance & Resource Management Committee meeting on February 23, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

QUARTERLY BUDGET vs ACTUAL REPORT

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

Public Comment: None

**Reviewed and received the Quarterly Budget vs Actual Report for the period ending March 31, 2021. M/S/C Johansen/Peters, unanimously approved.**

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT, RESERVES & SHORT-TERM FORECAST

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

Public Comment: None

**Received and filed the Quarterly Investment, Reserve, and Short-Term Cash Forecast Report for the period ending March 31, 2021. M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved.**

2021 JAYHAWK TANK RESTORATION PROJECT (FATR #2569)

Bob MacDonald, Interim Maintenance Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- John Norton, NID customer

**Awarded a contract for the 2021 Jayhawk Tank Restoration Project (FATR #2569) to Olympus and Associates, Inc. of Reno, Nevada, in the amount of \$159,000.00, and authorized the Interim General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS, PROJECTS & FACILITIES, INVESTMENT REPORT

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

Public Comment: None

**Approved the Check Register, and received and filed the Project & Facility, and Investment Transaction Report for the period ending April 30, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

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The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

### INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Spoke about the recent passing of NID employee, Robert Kreiter
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting received from the Government Finance Officers Association
- New phone system scheduled to go live on May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Memorandum of Understanding with PCWA & Placer County regarding water service to Placer County Government Center – Item to the Board on May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Met with new Placer County Regional Forest Health Coordinator, Kerri Timmer
- District participation in steering committee requested by NOAA regarding Yuba River reintroduction of endangered species salmon
- Met with Nevada County engineers regarding the Dog Bar Bridge realignment
- Lower Scotts Flat Trail update
- Recreation recruitment gearing up for the 2021 season
- Combie Phase I update
- Alta Sierra Tank update
- Hemphill Diversion Structure Project update
- Doty Ravine Siphon update
- Storage & precipitation update
- Governor Newsom's Drought Proclamation
- Drought and water purchase item coming to the Board at the next meeting
- Update of continued work with FERC for additional information request to support preparation of Supplemental EIS & Revised Biological Assessment to complete Endangered Species Section 7 consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Earthquake last week in Jackson Lake area – no damages to report
- English Meadow Floodplain Restoration & Enhancement Project update - public comment period underway
- Grand Jury Report released May 4<sup>th</sup> regarding electronic payment fees – Item will soon be brought to the Board to discuss
- Cost for all materials increasing and longer lead times to receive

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended a couple of meetings for organizations the past few weeks
- Valley water and threat to perineal crops

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

- New grandma, and was happy to be there and still being able to participate in Board activities
- A recent article reported that three NID employees helped put out a fire along Hwy 20 before the fire department arrived

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

- Participated with Director Peters at the Placer County Farm Bureau BBQ
- Met with Greg Jones and a resident from Table Meadows
- Thanked NID Customer Service and staff for their quality of service
- Requested an update on the new CMMS (computerized maintenance management system)

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

- Participated with Director Hull at the Placer County Farm Bureau BBQ
- Attended Placer County Farm Bureau meeting

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

- Met with constituent near Rollins Lake regarding a new fire-wise committee
- Recognized the hard work done by NID ditch workers/crews
- Commented on a recent article in Ag Alert magazine regarding scientific studies and releasing more water to promote endangered species

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 12:00 p.m.

Closed Session was declared at 12:00 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation - China Well, Placer County.

**Board Action: Claim rejected. M/S/C Hull/Heck, unanimously approved.**

Closed Session Conference with Labor Negotiators was declared at 12:00 p.m., (Government Code § 54957.6) District Representatives: Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, Jackson Lewis, P.C., and Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, District Counsel; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 146

**Board Action: None**

The meeting reconvened in open session at 1:17 p.m., and Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:18 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West 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.



Division I



Division II



Division III



Division IV



Division V