

MEETING MINUTES

**April 10, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
BOCC Chambers Pahrump, NV**

Members:

Unfilled - Area 1 (Currant Creek/Smoky Valley)
Charles "Heath" Miller - Area 2 (Tonopah/Manhattan)
Edwin Goedhart - Chair, Area 3 (Beatty /Armargosa Valley)
Helene Williams - Vice Chair - Area 4, Position 1 (Pahrump Valley)
Bruce Holden - Area 4, Position 2 (Pahrump Valley)
Ernie Jackson - Area 4, Position 3 (Pahrump Valley)
Michael Lach - At Large

**Board of County
Commissioners:**

Debra Strickland

Staff:

Daniel C. Weeks

Finance:

Helen Bae

1. (00:00:33) Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
2. (00:00:35) Roll Call – All Present: Mrs. Williams, Mr. Holden, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lach (telephone), Mr. Miller, Mr. Goedhart.
3. (00:02:00) Mission Statement – “Protect, Provide and Preserve the water resources of Nye County.”
4. (00:02:11) Approval or Alteration of Agenda for April 10, 2025.
5. (00:02:26) General Public Comment - First.

Dwayne Enger of Leeward Renewable Energy which is proposing solar energy projects in Nye County came before the board to introduce himself and his company to the Nye County Water District Governing Board.
6. (00:05:19) MEMBERS’/MANAGER’S COMMENTS (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas.
7. (00:05:56) Disclosure Of Ex-Parte Communications and Possible Conflict of Interest.

Mr. Goedhart disclosed that he was a holder of water rights in Pahrump and Amargosa but that he did not feel there was anything on the agenda that would present a conflict of interest. Mrs. Strickland disclosed that she was a licensed well driller in the State of Nevada but as she was not a voting member of the board she did not present any risk of a conflict. Mr. Lach mentioned that he was a holder of water rights in Nye County but that he did not see anything on the agenda that would hinder his ability to vote. Mr. Miller disclosed that he was also a water rights holder in Nye County but that nothing on the agenda posed a risk of conflict.

8. **(00:07:39) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, deliberation with possible action on the 2024 Independent Auditor’s Report conducted by Daniel C. McArthur, LTD Certified Public Accountant and filed with Nevada Department of Taxation by Nye County Comptroller Helen Bae on behalf of the Nye County Water District. This item will impose no unbudgeted financial impact.**

9. **(00:29:02) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion and deliberation to accept, amend and accept or reject the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget of the Nye County Water District Governing Board. This item will impose no unbudgeted financial impact.**

Mrs. Williams made a motion to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget of the Nye County Water District Governing Board. Mr. Jackson offered a second to the motion which was approved through a unanimous vote of 6-0.

10. **(01:05:52) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, deliberation, and consideration to approve, amend and approve or deny a request for funding for BEC Environmental Inc. Work Order #6 in the amount of \$20,000 for technical services on an as-needed basis to support the Nye County Water District General Manager.**

Mr. Holden made a motion to approve funding for BEC Environmental Inc. Work Order #6 in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Lach offered a second to the motion which was approved through a unanimous vote of 6-0.

11. **(01:26:06) PRESENTATION – Presentation offered by Nye County Water District Legislative Consultant Jay Dixon of The Water Strategy Group titled the “Updates on Select Water Bills at the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session.” This item will impose no unbudgeted financial impact. No time limit.**

14. **(02:04:07) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, deliberation and approval for the General Manager to execute a lease agreement on behalf of the Nye County Water District Governing Board in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 annually for a commercial building space to house the property of the Nye County Water District and provide a working environment for the General Manager’s activities in support of the District.**

Nye County resident Susie Hurtz spoke in support of the item and offered kind words of support to the District. Nye County resident Doug Blackstock suggested purchasing a modular building to be placed on Nye County owned property. Nye County resident Tim

Bohannon suggested that the amount of \$22,000 listed in the item be adjusted for inflation in coming years.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to direct the General Manager to execute a lease agreement on behalf of the Nye County Water District Governing Board in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 annually for a commercial building space. Mr. Holden offered a second to the motion which was approved through a unanimous vote of 6-0.

12. (02:35:25) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – Discussion, deliberation with possible direction to staff on a proposed program to support the Community Source Groundwater Protection Plan through a direct mailing campaign to all Nye County residents encouraging them to use the prescription drop off program already underway by the Nye County Sheriff's Office. This item will impose no unbudgeted financial impact at this time.
13. (02:49:40) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – Discussion, deliberation and possible direction to staff to work with the District's General Legal Counsel to develop a "Distressed Water Rights Buy-Back Program" for water rights holders in Nye County.

No action was taken and no direction to staff was offered.
15. (02:55:13) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – Discussion, deliberation and possible direction to staff to develop a working plan to address the growing problem of water haul being conducted in Pahrump and identify the implications and consequences of supporting the legitimization of such activities within Basin #162. Development of this plan may include incurring unbudgeted expenses through services contracted with Nye County Water District General Counsel Schroeder Law.

Mr. Holden requested that the Manager return to the board with answers to a variety of questions asked during discussion on the item.
16. (03:05:37) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – Discussion and deliberation on the 2:1 relinquishment ordinance for new residential subdivisions within Nevada Hydrographic Basin #162 and what progress has been made toward the ordinance being ratified by the Board of Nye County Commissioners. This item will impose no impact.

Mrs. Strickland offered advice on how the ordinance's proposed language could be amended so that it may receive support from the Nye County Commission. No direction to staff was offered.
17. (03:40:56) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion and deliberation to: A) Support an application filed with the Pahrump Regional Planning Commission to approve a gas station located at the corners of Hwy. 160 and Hwy. 372 in Pahrump at the previous location of the Bank of America, or: B) Oppose an application filed with the Pahrump Regional Planning Commission to approve a gas station located at the corners of Hwy. 160 and Hwy. 372 in Pahrump at the previous location of the Bank of America. This item will impose no financial impact.

Mr. Holden made a motion to support an application filed with the Pahrump Regional Planning Commission to approve a gas station located at the corners of Hwy. 160 and Hwy. 372. Mr. Jackson offered a second to the motion which was approved through a unanimous vote of 6-0.

18. (04:06:18) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion and deliberation to approve, amend and approve or reject an official letter of gratitude from the members of the Nye County Water District Governing Board to Nevada State Engineer Adam Sullivan and staff members of Nevada Division of Water Resources. This item will impose no financial impact.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve sending a letter of gratitude to Nevada State Engineer Adam Sullivan. Mr. Holden offered a second to the motion which was approved through a unanimous vote of 6-0.

19. (04:10:02) **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY** – Discussion and deliberation on the State of Nevada Water Conservation Planning Guide. This item will impose no financial impact.

No direction was offered to staff by the Board.

20. (04:11:16) **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY** – Discussion and deliberation on the pending advertisement of renewal and vacancy in Nye County Water District Governing Board positions. Board members impacted by the renewal include Chair Goedhart, Vice-Chair Williams and Member Heath Miller. This item will impose no financial impact.

21. (04:13:34) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES TO PRIOR MEETINGS** – Review, correct and/or accept presented Minutes of previous meetings of the Nye County Water District Governing Board.

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Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Jackson offered a second to the motion which was approved through a vote of 5-1 with Mr. Holden abstaining from the vote as he was unable to review the supporting materials.

22. (04:14:57) **SUPPORTING REPORTS** – Organization Members, Staff and County Liaison.

No supporting reports were offered.

23. (04:19:19) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion and deliberation to set the date, time and location of the next Water District Governing Board meeting for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pahrump Commissioners Chambers.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve set the date, time and location of the next Water District Governing Board meeting for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pahrump

Commissioners Chambers. Mr. Holden offered a second to the motion which was approved through a unanimous vote of 6-0.

24. (04:21:04) CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Up to three-minute time limit per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period.

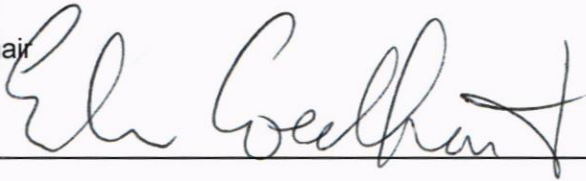
No comment was offered.

25. (04:21:19) BOARD COMMENTS – (This item limited to announcements and to propose future workshops or agendas and should not revisit matters addressed during the meeting.)

Mr. Holden offered that general accounting practices dictate that a new General Auditor be selected every five years and that the current auditor had been retained for at least eight years. He recommended that the Board consider another auditor moving forward.


26. (04:25:57) ADJOURN.

WDGB Chair



Date: 8/12/25

WDGB Manager



Date: 8/12/25