

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014***

CALL TO ORDER

President Murphy called the Open Session to order at 1:00 PM. Those in attendance included Director Lewis, Director Eminger, Director Smith, District Counsel Wayne Lemieux (via Skype), General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

President Murphy reported that there was no closed session at the April 3rd meeting.

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule reported that it is pretty obvious that Staff has already been working on ideas for updating the Board room. He commented that the pleated blue table skirt and topper on the Staff table is an example of what can be done for very little cost. He explained that the addition of a valence or narrow open sided box along the front of the table could be added to hide distracting cords and laptops from view. He stated that they could also be used to place name plaques and the District Logo. He reported that the Facilities Committee will spend a bit more time looking at how this room can get cleaned up and updated so it presents a better image of the District to the public. Mr. Heule commented that he thought yesterday's Facilities workshop was productive and provided Staff with good insight regarding several issues. He reported that Staff will continue to investigate how the District moves to a paperless agenda package and what hardware and software requirements there will be. He explained that plans and costs will be developed for a modular expansion of the District fish rearing program and that it will be discussed with Lake Improvement. He added that Staff will bring bids for the purchase of an electronic sign board to Facilities to consider a recommendation for the District to purchase, and finally Staff will inquire if the American Society of Civil Engineers and the local Historical Society would be willing to help share the cost of replacing the two plaques at the dam that were stolen. Mr. Heule reported that Crowell Weedon & Company found another CD for us. He explained that for an 18 month term our interest will be 0.35% on \$250,000 with Farmers and Merchants. He explained that they also purchased a 17 month CD at 0.35% with Zenith Bank. He added that this one works well for use because they were not able to invest all the proceeds that became available in March in 18 month CD's because of the lack of availability. Mr. Heule reported that the ACOE recorded \$190,291.99 of WIK. He explained that the District had asked for \$190,292 but there was only room on the current estimate for \$190,291.99. He reported that Raina Fulton, our project manager, will now focus on getting all the contract work finished and completing all the work to actually close out the project. Mr. Heule reported that he and Don

Evenson are finishing a new draft version of a proposal allowing Valley District to store emergency water in the Lake that they could use when they are obligated by our agreement to deliver to Mutual but do not have State Project water available. He explained that this is a much less complex version than we have been studying for the past 18 months. He added that we will review it with Valley District staff and if there is interest on their part the Watermaster Committee will study it further.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that all buoys are out and all hazards are up. He stated that the RV Park opens May 1st. He explained about the STEM class that he is involved with at the Middle School involving 32 children learning about water samples, limnological reports and other lake related data. He added that they will watch, practice, record, and then directly compile the information and make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Stephenson reported that the beginning of the season breakfast is scheduled for May 14th. Director Eminger asked when Shoreline Cleanup opening day is scheduled. Mr. Stephenson stated it is scheduled for Saturday May 10th.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Eminger, the following consent items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of April 3, 2014
- Warrant List Dated April 10, 2014 for \$70,830.32
- Approval of Special Districts election for Regular LAFCO Member and Alternate LAFCO Member
- Approval of a Special Event Permit for the Rotary July 4th BBQ

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SALE OF FAWNSKIN SLIVER FILL PARCEL

Mr. Heule reported that in 2008 the Board approved the sale of a portion of District sliver fill parcel 0304-131-11 in Fawnskin to the abutting property owner. He explained that the District had the property appraised and fixed a sale price of \$33,900. He added that the District also adopted a Categorical Exemption and filed a Notice of Exemption for this and other select properties around the lake during the Board meeting on March 5, 2009. He reported that the property owners at that time prepared survey and engineering documents and opened an escrow account but failed to engage the District in those efforts. He explained that as a consequence the process failed. Mr. Heule advised that the present owners now wish to begin this process again. He reported that the Administrative Committee recommends that the Board approve the sale of this parcel for \$35,000 and that the buyers pay all fees and perform all actions necessary to close escrow. President Murphy asked if there is a sea wall there already. Mr. Heule reported that there is a sea wall.

Director Lewis moved approval of the sale of the Fawnskin Sliver Fill Parcel for \$35,000 and that the buyers pay all fees and perform all actions necessary to close escrow. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER SCHEDULE FOR PLEASURE POINT MARINA COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Heule reported that Marina Permit compensation for Holloways, Big Bear Marina, Dana Point, Pine Knot, and Pleasure Point, is adjusted every five years. He explained that with the exception of Pleasure Point the adjustment is computed on years ending in 0 or 5. He added that for Pleasure Point Marina changes occur in years ending in 4 or 9. Mr. Heule reported that the last time marina compensation was adjusted was in 2010 and the Board retroactively adjusted the compensation for Pleasure Point because it would have been different than the other marinas. He explained that because it is impossible to keep compensation calculations consistent between all marinas with two different adjustment dates, he suggested that the Board consider amending controlling documents to assign adjustment dates uniformly across all commercial marinas. He reported that the Administrative Committee concurred with this suggestion and recommends that the Board of Directors direct Staff to begin working on the necessary changes to make adjustment dates for all marinas to occur in years ending in 0 and 5. He added that the Committee recommends that this change be completed in time for the compensation adjustments that are scheduled for 2015.

Director Smith moved approval for staff to begin working on the necessary changes to make adjustment dates for all marina permit compensation to occur in years ending in 0 and 5. Director Lewis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

WEED HARVESTER UPDATE - DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Heule reported that there was lengthy discussion of this subject at yesterday's workshop. He explained that it appears on the agenda just in case anyone has further questions. Mr. Stephenson explained that he proposes to run 12 hour shifts using current employees (paying overtime) except for Friday's. He reported that he discussed this with the current maintenance personnel and they are excited about it. He added that we will still get the new harvester in 2015. Director Lewis asked if the new harvester we will be receiving next year has an agreed upon price including shipping. Mr. Stephenson responded yes. President Murphy asked if we would be saving money by using current employees if we have to pay overtime. Mr. Stephenson explained that it will be less than one half of what the rental would have been saving a lot of money and also help out the employees who appreciate the extra work. Director Smith commented that one of the employees approached him yesterday thanking him for the extra work. He added that it is a win-win situation (saving money and helping our employees).

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Larry Cooke, valley resident, commented on the District letter that was sent to lake front property owners regarding low lake levels and their docks. He stated that he feels that a public meeting should have been scheduled before these letters went out. He explained that the policy of not being able to exercise dock privileges during low lake levels is not fair. He added that in the past docks could move to accommodate low lake levels and other docks and converging property lines. He sees a problem if one property owner doesn't agree, that owner can make it hard on all

other property owners in the area. President Murphy commented that we hope lake owners will work together. Mr. Cooke stated that it is his concern that if they won't work together, it will be detrimental to all.

Mr. Jim Fipps, Big Bear Lake Coast Guard Auxiliary, introduced Lowell Gytri, Fleet Commander, and gave a brief presentation summarizing all of the good things the Auxiliary accomplished last season. He reported on the various commendations they received adding that they are credited with saving lots of lives and property. He thanked the District for their support. Mr. Tom Corcoran, Big Bear Lake resident, reported that he agrees with Larry Cooke on dock use and lake levels. He would like to form some sort of citizen's oversight committee. He would like the District to have a dredge plan. He commented that moving docks to areas with more water is not available to them anymore (Owl Drive) and he would like the District to come up with a common sense plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that next Wednesday he will be speaking to a high school class on "how I got here from there". He added that it's called a Real World Presentation and a number of community members describe to senior classes what their education and work history has been for them to end up doing what they are doing now. He commented that this will be the second time he has shared in a senior classroom. He reported that he will also be doing a video presentation with Emily Dunn for the Realtors Association. He added that they have a certification that they can give realtors that study and pass a test about Big Bear specific issues. He reported that our next Workshop is scheduled for May 14 at 1:00 PM adding that the agenda will be issues from the Watershed Committee. He explained that he will be attending another Statewide Mercury TMDL Stakeholders meeting on Friday May 16 adding that it might be more valuable to have the Watershed Workshop after he returns from this meeting. President Murphy advised that the Watershed Workshop scheduled for May 14 will be cancelled for now. Mr. Heule reported that BBARWA will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on Wednesday May 28th. He added that Director Smith will be discussing supplementing fish purchases at the City Council meeting on Monday April 28 at 6:30 PM.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments were made

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:41 PM to:

Conference with Legal Counsel under:

Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) - Potential Litigation

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 2:01 P.M.

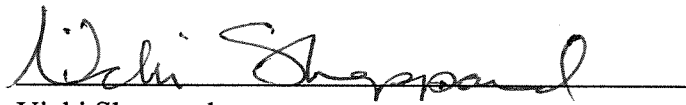
District Counsel reported on potential litigation - no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 1, 2014
Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA



Vicki Sheppard
Secretary to the Board
Big Bear Municipal Water District

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