

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 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, General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

**REPORTS**

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that in the closed session meeting on June 5th there was no agreement on the interim General Manager but there was an agreement with Mr. Heule. Mr. Heule had no report. Lake Manager Mike Stephenson reported on lake levels and lake clarity issues. He also reported on lake weeds explaining that this time last year we had received 168 weed calls but as of this date this year we have not received even one weed call. He stated that the harvester will be going out on Monday. He reported that there have been small algae blooms here-and-there but nothing significant. Mr. Stephenson stated that the East Ramp paving started today. He updated on the alum treatment project explaining that we will not be moving forward with the project until we have a compliance date. He added that the MS4 folks won't provide funding without something in writing from the Regional Board. He reported that the 11th Annual Carp Roundup is this weekend. Director Smith asked how the poor water clarity would impact the carp catching. Mr. Stephenson explained that it might be hard to see the fish but if it is not windy it would help with the water clarity.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of June 5, 2014
- Approval of a Special Event Permit for USARC Summer program
- Approval of a Special Event Permit for the Nikolai wedding ceremony

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 Budget**

Mr. Heule reported that at the last Board meeting Staff provided a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. He explained that there were just a few minor changes and the Budget and Finance Committee recommend the Board approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget as presented and also the Resolutions establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and the Resolution establishing Employee Compensation.

Director Lewis moved approval of Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. Director Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM EADIE AND PAYNE, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Mr. Heule reported that the District received a proposal from Eadie & Payne, Certified Public Accountants, for the current year fiscal year audit. He added that once again they propose providing annual District auditing services and preparing federal and California tax forms for a cost not to exceed \$22,200. He explained that they intend to begin the audit in October and providing Staff supplies the requested items in a timely manner reports should be issued by December 31, 2014. He added that this not to exceed cost of \$22,200 includes the audit and preparing the annual State Controller's Report and has been included in the FY 2014-15 Budget. He explained that the cost for the audit will be paid out of the general fund, Administration-Professional Services portion of the budget.

Director Eminger moved approval of a proposal from Eadie and Payne, Certified Public Accounts, for the completion of the Annual Audit for the year ended June 30, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$22,200. Director Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**DIVISION 3 BOARD VACANCY DISCUSSION**

Mr. Heule reported that on May 12, 2014 San Bernardino County election officials were notified of the unscheduled vacancy of the Division 3 Board seat due to the passing of Director Skip Suhay on May 5, 2014. He explained that this notification was made in compliance with Government Code section 1780 adding that the 4 year term of the Division 3 seat expires this year and will be on the ballot for the regular November 4, 2014 election. District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that there are 3 options:

- (1) Do nothing until the election in November
- (2) Call a special election explaining that this takes time and the soonest it could take place would be September or October.
- (3) Appoint to fill the vacancy (if no appointment is made, the office would only be vacant until December). He explained that as close as it is to the upcoming November election it would be unusual to appoint.

Director Smith explained that he personally feels the Division 3 voters should be able to choose and he doesn't feel we should spend money on a special election so close to the scheduled election. Director Lewis agreed.

Director Smith moved approval of waiting until the November election to fill the vacancy of the Division 3 Board seat. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments were made

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heule reported that he gave Mike Stephenson all the District equipment and keys in his possession adding that he will pick up his personal belongings tomorrow.

Director Eminger said that he will miss working with Mr. Heule. Director Smith thanked Mr. Heule for his 7 years of service adding that he hopes CSD is a good move for him. Director Lewis thanked Mr. Heule for all his help and 7 years of service.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:25 P.M to consider:

Govt. Code 54957 Appointment of Interim General Manager

Govt. Code 54356.9(1) (d) – Potential litigation, disclosure of litigants would jeopardize the Districts ability to effectuate service

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 1:54 P.M.

District Counsel announced Mike Stephenson has been appointed to act as interim General Manager. Counsel also announced negotiations with the City of Big Bear Lake are ongoing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

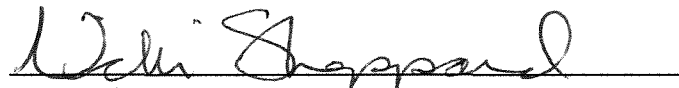
**NEXT MEETING**

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, July 3, 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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