

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 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.

President Murphy reported that we will move the STEM presentation to just after reports and before the Consent Calendar.

REPORTS

Mr. Heule stated that Vicki Sheppard requested information from the registrar of voters concerning the cost to the District for the November election. He reported that the estimate is \$3,400. He explained that the candidate filing begins on July 14, 2014 and the deadline is August 8th. He added that early voting begins on October 6th and mail ballots will be delivered to voters October 11, 2014. He explained that if the Board chooses to call an election to fill the vacant Division 3 seat, the November election would be the next opportunity for that to occur. He added that it also just happens that the Division 3 seat is up for a new 4 year term election in November so there would be no unusual special election expenses associated with it. He commented that it might help the Board to know that Supervisor Ramos said he believes in the electoral process and that the people of Division 3 should be the ones that choose who will represent them. President Murphy stated that he would like to address the Board vacancy on the June 19th agenda. Mr. Heule reported that he and Lake Manager Mike Stephenson had a very productive meeting with our CEQA consultant for the proposed Program EIR for Lake dredging projects. He added that, along with our engineer, we have a great team working for us on this long overdue project.

Lake Manager Mike Stephenson reported the he is watching the lake level closely and it is losing 1 inch every 3.2 days. He commented that it lost 2^{1/4} inches in the last 7 days. He added that the level today is 8 feet 10^{1/2} inches down from full explaining that it is dropping at an accelerated rate and it may be 10 feet down by July 4 and may be 12^{1/2} feet down by the end of summer.

7th GRADE STEM PRESENTATION

The Big Bear Middle School 7th grade STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) made a presentation regarding their STEM project. They explained that they went out on the lake twice studying limnology and then went back to the classroom to assess their findings. Each student individually presented and reported on their overall experience and limnological findings.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of May 15, 2014
- Warrant List dated May 28, 2014 for \$45,342.30

CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADD ASPHALT PAVING PROJECTS TO THE AGENDA

Director Smith moved approval of adding asphalt paving projects at the East Launch Ramp and the Shop Building to the agenda. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VALLEY DISTRICT FISHERIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Heule reported that the in-lieu agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) that was signed in February 1996 and was later amended to address Bear Creek fisheries releases did not contemplate subsequent increases in the amount of water released for Bear Creek fisheries. He explained that the fishery releases resulted in an increase in the amount of water required to be delivered by Valley District and it stipulated an increase in the compensation the District paid for the in-lieu program. He added that in 2009 the State Water Resources Control Board approved an amendment to Order 95-4 requiring an increase in the amount of Lake releases to maintain a healthy fishery in Bear Creek below the dam. He explained that using the same methodology that was used in the 1996 in-lieu agreement and the subsequent MOU's there is a resulting reduction in the in-lieu requirement of Valley District amounting to on average 84 acre-feet per year. He added that this in-lieu demand reduction is due to Bear Valley Mutual Water Company being able to put this additional water to beneficial use. Mr. Heule reported that to compensate the District for Valley District's reduced in-lieu obligation the annual base cost of the agreement should be reduced by \$12,600 annually. He added that this reduction would amount to approximately \$17,000 in savings to the District based on the calculations in the 1996 agreement. He stated that Don Evenson has prepared a memorandum that has been reviewed by Staff at Valley District and the General Manager.

Director Lewis moved approval of Valley District Fisheries Memorandum of Understanding. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET

Mr. Heule reviewed the proposed budget page by page highlighting certain areas. Page 7, Overall General Fund Operating Budget, highlighted Stanfield Marsh improvements at \$50,000. Page 9, General Fund Review, he explained that some property tax checks have come in changing the proposed budget to \$3,123, 000. Page 14, Administration, he explained that the \$500 at the bottom of the page for Forest Service Permits should be \$5,000. Page 15, Water Resources, Possible Mercury TMDL (the highlighted area at the bottom) is to cover a "what if".

The Additional Fish Plant, Director Smith explained that the City is issuing a check and we should receive it by July 1st. Page 16, Maintenance, Mr. Heule explained that Boating and Waterways reimburses us for maintenance of the SS Reliefs. Director Eminger asked when the Stanfield Marsh Signs will be completed. Mr. Heule reported that they are being proofed right now. Page 17, Operations, Mr. Heule explained that Quagga Prevention shows some reduction because some returning staff doesn't need training. Page 20, Capital Improvement, includes the Board Room remodel and includes general clean up and replacement of the sound system. President Murphy asked what the timing is on this project. Mr. Heule stated it will be a winter project. Page 21, Capital Replacement Schedule, and 22, Debt Service, there were no comments. Page 23, Stanfield Marsh Improvement Project, includes a \$50,000 transfer from the general fund to cover the Stanfield Corner improvements for landscape and upgrades to the corner. Mr. Stephenson explained that he is getting some bids and the project could get started by July 1. Page 24, Lake Improvement, includes the alum treatments and monitoring after alum application and \$50,000 for the modular fish rearing cages and dock system. Page 25, Dam Repair Fund, Mr. Heule reported that we are waiting for some hard-to-get permits from the Forest Service and Cal-Trans so we will wait to get bids until we have the permits. Page 26, Rathbun Creek Restoration, there is \$10,000 for the Trout Pond just in case we need it. Page 27, Contamination Clean Up, he commented that it is just sitting there because there is not a lot that we can do right now. Page 28, Invasive Species Fund (Docks), he reported that dock income is down explaining that the budget reflects that. President Murphy reported that the Budget Approval will be on the June 19th Board Meeting.

CONSIDER AWARD OF ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT CONTRACT AT THE EAST LAUNCH RAMP AND THE SHOP BUILDING

Mr. Stephenson reported that he has bids from Bear Valley Paving and Romans Construction. He explained that Bear Valley Paving has the lowest bid, \$108,159 for the East Ramp and Romans has the lowest bid, \$61,400 for the shop building. Director Smith asked Mr. Stephenson if he has a preference for one contractor or the other. District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that we need to award to the lowest responsible bidder. President Murphy asked if the project will be completed before July. Mr. Stephenson stated it would be completed by June 30th.

Director Smith moved approval of awarding the asphalt paving contract for the East Launch Ramp to Bear Valley Paving for \$108,159 and for the shop building to Romans Construction for \$61,400. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Larry Cooke, Big Bear Dock and Marine, stated that he is working on a project at Lake Elsinore explaining that if we get boats that have been in that lake we should be aware that they do nothing regarding Quagga mussel prevention. Mr. Stephenson reported that the District has been aware of that concern for several years. Mr. Cooke then commented on the Big Bear Marina Dredge and Fill Project. He passed out a 4 page letter listing his many concerns

regarding this project. One of his comments was regarding where we send the dredging materials suggesting that we might consider making an island. Mr. Stephenson commented that the District has been discussing that option for several years. Mr. Cooke stated that he is opposed to the BB Marina Dredge and Fill Project proposed design and does not feel we should move forward with the final engineering and environmental review for many reasons. He commented again on the letter that was sent out to dock owners regarding dock placement during low lake conditions. He stated that the way it worked before was better for all. He commented that this letter has screwed up what historically worked for years explaining that we used to move docks so they all could be out there. Director Smith commented on the Lake Elsinore comment from Mr. Cooke explaining that we have to be diligent with our Quagga program and fortunately we are Quagga clean so far. Mr. Stephenson reported that so far this year we have found 5 boats with Quagga and the District flagged Elsinore as non-compliant several years ago realizing that they don't monitor or educate at all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that the next Board meeting will be on June 19. He explained that agenda items will include consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget and appropriations limit and the transfer of un-appropriated funds. He added that June 18 will be a Watershed workshop on the proposed statewide Mercury TMDL.

Director Eminger commented that the North Shore Improvement Association did a very good job of shoreline cleanup. Mr. Stephenson agreed adding that they had many, many bags of trash to pick up filling our dump truck.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, June 19, 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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