

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009***

CALL TO ORDER

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

REPORTS

Mr. Heule reported on the Big Bear Marina Dredge Project stating that Moffett and Nichol is waiting for survey and bathymetry data and Hicks and Hartwick's field work is complete and they will be processing the air photo imagery to develop the topo map. He added that he contacted Aquatechnex regarding their field work and is waiting to hear back after a phone call regarding their progress. He reported on Tuesday's Watermaster Meeting that he attended with Directors Fashempour and Suhay. Mr. Heule stated that prior to the meeting he and Director Suhay toured the base of Seven Oaks Dam to see the diversion facilities for Bear Valley Mutual, San Bernardino Valley Conservation District, and other down-stream water rights holders. He added that they are draining the debris pond and Conservation District is able to spread all of the flow they are getting explaining that water quality is not a problem for them right now. Mr. Heule reported that ACOE still needs to install the stream gaging station upstream of the Dam so all flows entering the reservoir can be timed and measured adding that only outflows can be accurately measured now. He explained that LAFCO will make a decision on July 15 regarding the consolidation of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. He added that Bob Neufeld anticipates the consolidation will go through and then Muni would become the third member of the Watermaster Committee. He reported that Mutual was able to use nearly all fish release flows during 2008, (540 of 576 acre-feet). Mr. Heule reported on Flatiron Construction and new Highway Bridge explaining that Flatiron is not diverting water from Bear Creek in spite of stories that are rumored. He added that muddy water from spring flow on the slope south of the dam was pumped into a water truck to avoid discharge into the lake or Bear Creek and the water was used for fill control on the access road on the downstream side of the dam. He reported that the latest word is that blasting will take place on Monday May 11th between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Mr. Heule reported that the flow meter and butterfly valve for the 2-inch discharge pipe has been delivered to Flatiron and they will deliver it to Jim Weber who needs to do some welding before Flatiron can install on the outlet works. He added that they expect to be able to begin installation next week. He stated that the value of this arrangement to District taxpayers amounts to about \$2,000 per acre foot. Mr. Heule reported that the articles and layout have been drafted for the 2009 *Lakeviews* explaining that the publication was delayed due to launching of the new District web page. He added that Staff anticipates its arriving in valley mailboxes in June. He updated the Board on Property Taxes reporting that he noticed that the State Department of Finance has prepared a Budget

Revision option for the Governor that includes suspension of Proposition 1A. He added that it specifically proposes to “borrow” eight percent of Fiscal Year 2008-09 local government property tax revenue to help fill the budget hole. Mr. Heule reported on a proposed food concession explaining that the Operations Committee has discussed a summer hot dog concession at the East Ramp. He added that there is a need to revise our concession permit and insurance requirements for this situation based on advice from counsel. He explained that the applicant is still trying to get the pieces lined up that would allow her to move on this issue.

The Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson, reported that the RV Park has opened for the season. He stated that the East Ramp construction looks good adding that the Contractor, Trinity Construction, is doing a great job. He reported that a small amount of algae is beginning however the water clarity remains at 14 feet. He added that there is very little milfoil so far this year but treatment will begin next week for the few patches that are showing. He explained that the lake is beginning to stratify and this means that algae blooms will probably not happen this year to any great degree. Mr. Stephenson reported that staff is de-winterizing the island tomorrow and will assess and determine what planting will be needed. He reported that the Carp Roundup response has been good so far, adding that the May Trout Classic is coming up next weekend.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported on the Conroy case explaining that it was released with prejudice and the case is over.

Director Suhay reported on the trip to Seven Oaks Dam commenting that it was an informative tour. Director Smith reported that the East Ramp Building project contractors are doing a very good job. Director Eminger agreed.

Lake Operations Supervisor, Travis Carroll, reported that the Adopt-A-Shoreline Kick Off is this weekend adding his thanks to the *Grizzly* for reporting on the program so thoroughly.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of April 16, 2009
- Warrant List Dated April 29, 2009 for \$237,839.85
- Approval for a Special Event Permit for the Big Bear Lake Annual Hobie Cat Regatta scheduled for June 20 & 21, 2009
- Approval for a Special Event Permit for Discovery Center Canoe & Kayak Educational Tours for May 22 – June 19, 2009

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lake Operations Supervisor Travis Carroll made a presentation introducing the two new Lake Patrol Officers; David Henderson and Adam Williams. He briefly covered their background and training. He awarded them both a Lake Patrol pin.

Director Smith complimented Staff on the success of the Quagga Prevention Program. He added that their diligence is definitely making a difference.

PRESENTATION BY JEFF MATHIEU, CITY MANAGER AND DAVID LAWRENCE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER, CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE REGARDING LAKE ACCESS POINTS – NO ACTION

Mr. Heule introduced Jeff Mathieu, City Manager, and David Lawrence, Director of Public Works/City Engineer. Mr. Mathieu stated that they wanted to speak to the District before even going to their City Council. He said it is their intent to provide greater access points to the lake. Mr. Mathieu and Mr. Lawrence made a Power Point presentation reviewing several proposed lake access points and breaking them down into two categories:

Full Development

- Fisher Road
- Red Ant Hill Landing
- Eagle Point Lot A
- Widgeon Landing

Low Impact

- East Landing
- Metcalf Bay Landing
- Meadow Landing
- Mallard Landing

Mr. Mathieu explained the proposed upgrades to the various areas. He stated that they do not want to disturb the existing plant life, just improve the areas. He showed the proposed signage. Director Suhay expressed his concern regarding parking at the Eagle Point site. Mr. Mathieu stated that it currently is listed as a lake access point and parking should not be a problem because they are looking at walking or bicycling areas more than parking areas. Mr. Lawrence stated that there are at least three public parking spots at each site. Director Fashempour asked if area residents are aware of the lake access points. Mr. Mathieu stated that the neighbors should be aware of the access points but prior to beginning the improvements they will notify each area homeowner.

Director Fashempour asked what the City wanted the District to do. Mr. Mathieu responded stating they want the Districts endorsement. He added that possibly they would be looking at applying for grants and perhaps they could collaborate on some aspect of that process. Mr. Heule suggested that the Lake Improvement Committee visit the access points with Mr. Mathieu and Mr. Lawrence to view the areas.

CONSIDER THE SELECTION OF TODD MURPHY FOR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF LAFCO

Mr. Heule reported that the District has received a ballot measure from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the selection of an Alternate Special District member. He explained the instructions for the election and the candidate statements for each candidate. He added that at the meeting of April 2, 2009, the nomination of President Murphy for this position was approved. He commented that the District may vote for only one candidate and the Executive Committee is recommending that the Board vote to elect President Todd Murphy.

Director Eminger moved approval of the selection of Todd Murphy for Alternate Special District Member of LAFCO. Director Suhay seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the vote for Director Murphy was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET – NO ACTION

Mr. Heule made a power point presentation go over the proposed budget. He covered Fiscal Year Revenue, Historic Tax Revenue, In-Lieu Payment Calculation, In-Lieu Payment History, Salaries and Benefits, and the Capital Improvement Fund.

President Murphy excused himself and left the meeting at 2:15 pm. Vice President Fashempour took the gavel. After the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Heule and Ms. Shirreffs went through the Budget page by page.

Director Eminger asked about the bridge project. Mr. Heule stated that he will be meeting with Bryce Johnson from Caltrans regarding the project presenting the expenses to date. Director Smith commented that we need a firm commitment from Caltrans as to the amount of funds available for the project.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that he will be on vacation Friday the 15th and Monday the 18th. He stated that Director Eminger will be attending JPIA Conference on May 18th to the 20th and he and Director Suhay will be attending the ACWA Conference the 19th to the 22nd in Sacramento.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

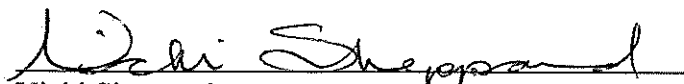
Vice President Fashempour announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be adjourned due to lack of a quorum. The next meeting will be June 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 21, 2009
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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