

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010***

CALL TO ORDER

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

REPORTS

Mr. Heule reported that Director Murphy is on vacation right now and Director Smith is at a short course in the Bay area for his position on the Board of First Mountain Bank. He explained that most of the past two weeks Staff has been in some form preparing for the 6th annual Troutfest. He added that although the awards portion of the event seemed too long, and started too late, lots of anglers caught limits both days and the largest fish was a very nice specimen out of our caged population. Mr. Heule thanked the Directors for their support of this event that certainly helped the merchants, restaurants and inn keepers of the valley in this shoulder season. He stated that he and Mr. Stephenson would be sharing some important statistics regarding District Troutfest expenses with the Operations Committee next week. He reported that he had met with Paul Bennett, USFS, earlier in the week regarding changes to the agreement at the dam between the District and the USFS including changes to the lighting and trash cans. Mr. Heule reported that the Big Bear Marina Remediation Project bid packages had been sent out last week explaining that an on-site walk-through would be held this coming Monday. He added that Mr. Stephenson had dug a test hole at Big Bear Marina explaining that some water came into the hole adding that the contractor will have to deal with this problem. President Fashempour commented that she could hear the Troutfest festivities from her shop adding that the enthusiasm and energy seemed very high for the event. She stated that she had a conversation with a candidate for City Council and he asked her if the City took part in the Troutfest event and when she explained that they were not directly involved in the event, he commented that he thought they should be because the event brings visitors to the City. Mr. Heule commented that the City of Big Bear Lake Public Works Department helped with parking control and also reported that the Resort Association and the Chamber of Commerce were not directly involved with the event this year. He explained that the awards ceremonies went too long and started too late. He stated that he and Mr. Stephenson met with the Western Outdoor News representatives after the event. Mr. Heule reported that he and John Tuttle hiked down to Station A earlier in the week adding that it is a fairly difficult trail with several problems that need to be addressed. President Fashempour asked if the trail could be a project for some volunteer organization. Director Suhay commented that we may not want to encourage the public to be in that area. Mr. Heule explained that he feels that employee safety is a concern adding that John Tuttle goes down there several times during the summer months accompanied by another employee. He reported that the District will be researching options for Station A this winter. President Fashempour asked if they took photos when they were down at Station A. Mr. Heule stated they took numerous photos. Director Eminger asked about the progress of the new highway project. Mr. Heule explained that it is coming along and the contractor is getting paid.

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 September 16, 2010
- Warrant List Dated October 1 for \$75,800.91
- Approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District requesting a grant of two floating restrooms from the Department of Boating and Waterways for the installation of floating restrooms at Big Bear Lake

DISCUSSION ONLY, PROGRAM EIR FOR LAKE DREDGE PROJECTS – PROJECT AREAS

Mr. Heule stated that perhaps this item should be put off until the next meeting since two of the Directors are not present. President Fashempour stated that she feels some additional elements should be added to the options. She asked if the EIR would be more expensive if they added several elements. Mr. Heule stated that if they were generic it probably would not be more expensive. He added that he will ask MWH to edit and add to it and then bring it back to the committee and then to the full Board.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR SIMON WONG ENGINEERS TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND COST ESTIMATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT DAM SERVICE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Heule stated he has been waiting for Caltrans to prepare a written commitment to fund the construction of a replacement service bridge on the dam explaining that earlier today that letter was received from Bryce Johnston of Caltrans. He read the letter to the Directors. He then explained that 45 minutes after receiving the letter, he received a call from Sayed Raza and Ray Wolf of Caltrans cancelling the letter and giving three alternative options:

1. Keep the entire old bridge in place
2. Build a 5' wide pedestrian walkway
3. Contribute 50% - 60% of the cost of a service bridge

Mr. Heule expressed his frustration adding that they offered no explanation of why this decision was so long in coming. He added that Senator Dutton's field representative, Larry Broedow, had a conversation with Caltrans earlier in the week and was told that the service bridge across the dam was approved. Mr. Heule explained that the District needs vehicular access to the dam for maintenance and therefore a pedestrian pathway would not be acceptable. He reported that Caltrans brought up an encroachment permit that they needed. Mr. Lemieux stated that Caltrans should not need an encroachment permit from us but we might need one from them since the dam was in place before the old highway was in place. Director Suhay stated that DSOD should be contacted. Mr. Lemieux stated that we might need to get our state senator and assemblyman involved also. Mr. Heule advised that no action should be taken on this item today. President Fashempour asked if we need to schedule a workshop to discuss the subject. Mr. Heule explained that he would be contacting Caltrans later today and would keep the Directors advised.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that he will be at a Utility Executives Conference in Napa Wednesday through Friday of next week adding that Mr. Stephenson will be back in the office all week. He commented that the pre-bid walkthrough for the Big Bear Marina Remediation Project will occur next Monday.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Eminger stated that he felt the Troutfest ceremonies took too long adding that it was getting cold and people were getting restless. Mr. Heule stated that he and Mr. Stephenson had a meeting with Western Outdoor News yesterday discussing timing of the event.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:47 P.M to:
Confer with real property negotiator re: APN NO.2328-202-15, 2328-202-08
District Negotiator - Scott Heule

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 1:58 P.M.
No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 21, 2010
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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