

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010***

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**REPORTS**

Mr. Heule thanked the Board for approving his vacation time last week commenting that he and his family had a wonderful time in Alaska. He reported that staff was concerned about impacts on launch ramp operations during road closures for the Amgen event on May 21<sup>st</sup> explaining that, as it turned out, we essentially had no impacts on our operations. He added that several people used the east ramp parking lot but it pretty much looked like a typical Friday afternoon crowd with nothing out of the ordinary. Mr. Heule reported that our staff has received written commendations from people we serve, and the District was thanked for opening up the Big Bear Marina launch ramp for public use while the east ramp is under construction adding that a phone call was received yesterday from a woman who specifically wanted to thank us for making those plans. He also read two letters that the District received. One was from Sol Polen praising the outstanding service and professionalism of Eric Gonzales and another was from Wally Weber thanking Travis Carroll and Adam Williams for assistance in handling a problem over the Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Heule reported that he met with Don Evenson (MWH) and Doug Headrick (GM of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District) to discuss a proposed change to our in-lieu agreement. He stated that Mr. Headrick was generally agreeable to the proposal but wants to see some modeling of the proposals before discussing it in detail with his Board. He explained that the plan would essentially create a storage account for Muni (San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Dist.) and the District could recreate on the stored water in the mean time. He explained that Mr. Evenson will be making another presentation to the Watermaster Committee on this topic at the next meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. He reported that he spoke with Bryce Johnston yesterday who explained that Caltrans is satisfied with the latest design from Simon Wong and the Federal Highway Administration (which provided funding for the new highway bridge) has said the bridge on the dam must be replaced before the new highway bridge project is considered complete. He reported that he sent a copy of the dam bridge design to Gloria Meade at the historical society so she is kept informed on the progress. He added that we will probably be considering approval of the final design plans and specifications contract with Simon Wong during the Board meeting on June 17. Mr. Heule reported that the new District web site can now be viewed at [www.bbmwd.com](http://www.bbmwd.com) and once some registration issues are resolved a full launch to the new web site at our regular web address will occur within the next 5 to 10 days. He explained that at that time we will also send out a post card mailer announcement in-lieu of our regular *Lakeviews* newsletter.

Lake Manager Mike Stephenson reported that the lake temperature is at 53 degrees explaining the unusual limnological report. He stated that there has been a lot of interest in the Carp Roundup adding that because of the unusual weather recently, it is a good thing that the tournament was rescheduled for later in June. He reported that staff will start weed treating next week describing the new hardware purchased for mapping. Mr. Stephenson reported that he

observed 3 different nests of small mouth bass. President Fashempour asked what bass nests were. Mr. Stephenson explained bass spawning nests. He reported on the progress of the East Ramp Repave and Decon Station project. He stated that it should be completed by next Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, explaining that there is a penalty clause in the contract that the District can choose to exercise if the project is not completed by that date. Mr. Stephenson reported that trout fishing is incredible at this time adding that as the water temperature goes up it will change explaining that trout don't like the higher water temperatures.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that the Board met in closed session on May 20<sup>th</sup> regarding Conroy with no action to report.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of May 20, 2010
- Warrant List Dated May 28, 2010 for \$67,808.71
- Approval of a dock design variance for Lakeside Village Park

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Rusty Barnes of Big Bear Lake inquired about the closure of the East Ramp. He asked about dock rights for the residential property just east of the Edgewater Inn stating that he represents the property buyer. Mr. Heule stated that he will consult with District Counsel and then the Operations Committee will meet regarding the Edgewater.

### **DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET – NO ACTION**

Mr. Heule reported on the proposed budget stating that the Budget & Finance committee, along with Carrie Shirreffs, has been working very hard on the new budget. He summarized the budget going over it page by page. Mr. Heule discussed page 3 explaining Professional Services would most likely be less due to the reduction in payments to Walter Yep & Associates. Director Suhay stated that he feels we should keep Walter Yep as a consultant and perhaps lobby for direct funding for District projects rather than for ACOE projects. Mr. Heule stated that if that was the consensus they would make that adjustment. Mr. Heule continued explaining pages 4 through 15. No other comments were made. Mr. Heule stated that the next meeting, June 17<sup>th</sup>, would be for the budget adoption.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RELATING TO DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION**

Mr. Heule reported that the Administrative Committee is recommending that each Director be paid not more than \$148.00 for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board and Committees thereof, and for each day's service rendered as Director by request of the Board, not exceeding a total of six days in any calendar month. He explained that each calendar year, the compensation shall be increased annually in January, but not decreased, in the amount of the change in the Consumer Price Index Urban Wage Earners of Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County, California. He added that in no event shall the increase exceed five percent. He reported that the Committee is recommending that the Ordinance first reading be made at this meeting and finally adopted at the June 17, 2010 Board meeting.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MWH TASK ORDER NO. 6 FOR TMDL WORKSHOP MEETINGS AND ON-CALL CONSULTING SERVICES**

Mr. Heule reported that the Lake Improvement Committee did not have an opportunity to review the proposal prior to Agenda preparation but is now recommending approval. He stated that MWH's Arcadia office recently provided the District consulting and facilitation services associated with the conceptual master plan workshop. He explained that this work was requested by the Board partly in anticipation of the need to critically review and respond to proposals from the Nutrient TMDL Task Force to conduct studies and complete projects in the Lake. He added that in order to prepare the Board for this work MWH was asked for a scope of work and cost estimate to meet with key TMDL Task Force consultants in preparation for and facilitation of a Board workshop on June 24, 2010. He explained that during the workshop the Board will: 1. Review with the consultants the background and current standing of the Nutrient TMDL and Task Force status; 2. Learn about the draft Plans currently being proposed by the Task Force and; 3. Have an opportunity to develop guidelines from which the District can formally adopt support of the draft Plans (qualified where necessary) during the regular Board meeting on July 15, 2010. Mr. Heule reported that two of the draft plans include the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and the Lake Sediment Nutrient Reduction Plan adding that both of these plans will result in some minor or major obligations for the District or possibly impact the objectives identified by the District at the recent conceptual master plan workshop. He added that MWH was asked to include a task for on-call consulting services relating to TMDL issues so a piece meal approach to consultant management could be avoided in the future. Mr. Heule explained that the proposed cost for the MWH work is \$6,984 for Task 1 - TMDL Task Force meeting preparation and participation; \$12,953 for Task 2 - District TMDL workshop; and \$25,945 for Task 3 - Supplemental On-call services adding that besides the project management services associated with delivery of Tasks 1 and 2, the supplemental on-call services will only be commenced upon written direction from the District. He reported that funding for this work was not budgeted however there is sufficient money that has not already been designated in the Lake Improvement fund to pay for this effort.

Director Murphy moved approval of MWH Task Order No. 6 for TMDL Workshop Meetings and On-call Consulting Services. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heule announced that the ACOE Change of Command Ceremony is scheduled for July 1st at 10:00am, Fort Mac Arthur, San Pedro with dinner the night before. He asked if the Directors wanted to attend and if so the July 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting would have to be adjourned. Director Suhay, Director Eminger, Director Murphy, and President Fashempour stated they would like to attend. President Fashempour proposed adjournment of the meeting but not deciding on another time and place of adjournment at this time.

Director Eminger moved to adjourn the meeting of July 1, 2010. Director Suhay seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Heule reminded the Board that a closed session meeting was scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> to conduct the General Manager's performance evaluation. He also stated that the Board Workshop meeting on TMDL was scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Heule announced that the jet boat test tour with Wally Weber could be scheduled for after the Board meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Stephenson should try and schedule it with Wally Weber for 12:00 noon on that date.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Murphy announced that he would have to attend the closed session meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> via conference call.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.  
Thursday, June 17, 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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