

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010***

CALL TO ORDER

President Fashempour called the Open Session to order at 1:03 PM. Those in attendance included Director Eminger, Director Smith, Director Murphy, District Counsel Wayne Lemieux (via Skype), General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule reported on the lake release that began yesterday. He added that this is the first release since 2001. He explained that the District began releasing approximately 10 cubic feet per second of water from the lake in response to a request from Bear Valley Mutual and in accordance with the 1996 agreement. He reported that whenever the summertime lake level is less than 4 feet from full and Bear Valley Mutual Water Company needs water, releases must be made from the lake. He added that when summer levels are more than four feet below full, Valley District supplies water to Bear Valley Mutual in-lieu of releasing it from the lake. He explained that yesterday Jim Weber was on vacation and Don Evenson was not available so he, along with Mike Stephenson and John Tuttle, got together and began the release process. Mr. Heule reported that he has since spoken to Don Evenson and was advised that the gates can't just be opened and closed explaining that it takes up to 5 days to reduce the releases by 1 CFS. He stated that Flatiron Construction Company also had some concerns explaining that if water sprayed on the construction site it could undermine the bridge construction. He added that Muni stated that if the release affected that bridge construction it did not have to be done. He reported that Don Evenson advised the District to release 4 CFS. He stated that the water released was from the bottom of the dam and was very dirty and smelly. Mr. Heule added that per our agreement, we do need to release water. He stated that this release will show good faith to Muni adding that Don Evenson is working on a model proposal to perhaps change the in-lieu agreement. Director Murphy asked if the water could affect the down-stream fish. Mr. Heule explained that by the time the water reached Edison/Seven Oaks it would be clear. Mr. Heule explained that Director Suhay is in the hospital but should be released sometime today.

Mr. Stephenson thanked the Directors for their help with Kool Kids yesterday. He explained the problem with the fish cages and the lack of success with the children catching fish. He stated that the problem (an opening in the fish cage) would be fixed before the next group of children arrived next Wednesday adding that everything else seemed to go very smoothly. He explained that weed harvesting is still going strong. He added that chemical treatment of weeds has concluded for the season. He also reported that carp electro-fishing has stopped for the time being adding that close to 40,000 pounds of carp have been taken.

Director Smith explained that as far as the fishing experience at Kool Kids, they made the best of what they had and the children seemed to have fun anyway learning about meal worms. Director Eminger thanked Mr. Stephenson and the crew for a job well done with Kool Kids. President Fashempour commented that she appreciated the great attitude of the staff at Kool Kids.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux commented that they will be moving their offices in October and will then have a dedicated room for Skype which should cut down on any future problems.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Murphy questioned the event approval time-line for the Antique & Classic Boat Show asking why it was on the agenda so close to its start date. Mr. Heule explained that the problem was with the applicant not getting his paperwork in earlier adding that he had been contacted by staff numerous times prior to the event.

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of August 5, 2010
- Warrant List Dated August 11, 2010 for \$68,583.51
- Approval of a special event permit for the Antique & Classic Boat Show to be held August 19th through August 22, 2010.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule commented that Mr. Stephenson may be going to Phoenix for a tractor auction soon. He added that he will also be attending several lake management and aquatic weed conferences in the near future. Mr. Heule reported that he had requests to have committee meeting agendas go out via e-mail similar to the Board Meeting notices. He said that it has been decided that committee meetings will be posted as usual and not e-mailed however he requested that the upcoming Lake Improvement Committee meeting scheduled for Friday be sent to the marinas (via e-mail or fax) since Marina Point is on the agenda.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments were made

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:34 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 2:16 P.M.

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 2, 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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