

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011***

CALL TO ORDER

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

REPORTS

General Manager Scott Heule remarked that he knows it has been very busy with Committee meetings over the past couple weeks and thanked the Directors for their time. He explained that we are making good progress on several fronts especially in the planning arena. He commented that as he said in his e-mail yesterday afternoon his meeting with Caltrans Ray Wolfe was congenial, however we probably actually went backwards on Caltrans funding commitment. He explained that Caltrans told him they couldn't just cut us a check but had to make a request to the California Transportation Commission and in order to do that they had to have a bid from a contractor and environmental document in order to begin this process. They would also need a build-report from Caltrans. He thought they could possibly get up to \$600,000 but that would be based on a 6' wide bridge with a steel cable railing. Mr. Heule told Caltrans that the District would not pay for designs on a 6' wide. He explained that Ray Wolfe, Caltrans, wants to do it as a change-order and wants to build a 6 foot wide portion of the contract cost. He reported that Mr. Wolfe stated that he wants to put the past behind and start fresh. Mr. Heule replied that we might have trouble doing that because of what has transpired to date and he feels the Board needs some assurance of Caltrans' credibility. Mr. Heule reported that he had a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce this morning and many of the attendees asked if we really needed pedestrian access on the Dam and they didn't seem to think pedestrian access was necessary. He remarked that it might be the time to decide on another course of action like having Caltrans take over the project by taking down the existing bridge and then let them put up a 6' wide with their railing. Director Smith stated that we would have to close it off to the public and have it as maintenance only. Director Fashempour commented that if there was no public access to the dam bridge we would not have to deal with the trash that the public throws off of it and then it would be Caltrans obligation to clean up if trash were thrown from the new highway. Mr. Heule stated that Caltrans still has not submitted plans for us to give to DSOD for removal of the old bridge. President Suhay stated that he feels we need to back-off and let Caltrans build what they will. District Counsel Scott Nave commented that we can discuss this and the Board can give direction but can't make decisions on what to do at this meeting. Director Smith stated that he believes that Caltrans wants our estimates so they can then figure a price per foot so they don't have to pay for their own estimates. President Suhay stated that we should back off and schedule a committee meeting to discuss options. Mr. Heule stated that a committee meeting will be scheduled and the item will be placed on the agenda for the meeting on February 3rd. He stated that he will talk to Simon Wong and have them stop work on the plans and bill us for their time to date. Mr. Heule stated that he does not believe based on his conversations at the meeting on Tuesday with TMDL Task Force administrator, that anyone will have a problem with our reduction in water sampling

frequency this summer. He explained that it needs further discussion at a future regular Task Force meeting however. He reported that at the Chamber Government Affairs Committee meeting this morning there was a lot of discussion regarding traffic direction up and down the hill. He explained that the RA, Chamber, and resorts are editing their web pages to help direct traffic up the accessible routes. He added that the District web page will be updated to reflect those same issues and maybe will provide a link to directions already prepared by others. He reported that Victoria Moore is having surgery and will be out for several weeks. He explained that in the meantime Stacy Marquardt will be filling in and working closely with Carrie on financial and payroll tasks.

Mr. Stephenson reported on lake releases stating that a total of 3150 acre feet of water had been released to date. He explained about the sediment that was released with the water. He updated the Board about the Big Bear Marina Remediation project explaining that the electrical contractor needed to do some work and then it would be complete. Mr. Stephenson reported on the bridge project explaining that Flatiron Construction will return to the project when the air temperature reaches 45 degrees for five days straight. He commented that he figures this will be in June and then it will take two months of direct construction and then two months of clean up.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of January 6, 2011
- Warrant List Dated January 14, 2011 for \$35,809.45

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM MAPCO/TRANSTECH TO PREPARE A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF THE TROUT POND PROPERTY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,650

Mr. Heule reported that the Watershed Committee discussed possible uses and needs for the Trout Pond and then made the following two recommendations:

- Authorize MAPCO/Transtech to prepare a topographic map of the property including trees larger than 6-inches in diameter dated December 15, 2010 for a cost of \$6,650.00. This will then provide a visual basis for discussing the core mission or objective and priorities for the District's use of the Trout Pond.
- After receipt of the topographic map, the Committee will schedule a workshop to formally adopt an objective(s) for the use of the Trout Pond and prioritize a list of activities and actions that will implement that objective.

He explained that the financing will come from the Rathbun Creek/Watershed fund adding that the Watershed Committee recommends approval of this proposal. Director Smith inquired if the District wants to consider a lot split, will this map still work. Mr. Heule explained that this is an essential piece necessary to make other planning decisions and to consider various options. He added that this will not only include the Trout Pond area but the Rathbun Creek property upstream.

Director Fashempour moved approval of the proposal from Mapco/Transtech to prepare a topographic map of the Trout Pond property for an amount not to exceed \$6,650. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR 2011 TROUTFEST TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND

Mr. Heule reported that Alan Sharp, Big Bear Marina, and Rick Bates from the Events Office at the RA made a presentation to the Operations Committee on January 14, 2011 regarding their co-sponsorship of the Troutfest with Western Outdoor News. He explained that essentially their proposal is to take over all the responsibilities of sponsoring the event with the exception of the standard duties the District would normally be obligated to do during a very busy holiday or special event weekend. He reported that they provided an application and proposal detailing responsibilities and assignments for Big Bear Marina, Holloways, the Resort Association, and Western Outdoor News. He explained that the proposal, if approved, will obligate the District to provide consultation for the event, use of the office parking lot for parking cars and trailers during the event, stocking fish, tagging fish for the event, donation or loan of the District fish cleaning station, Quagga inspection and decontamination on Friday night, and early morning Saturday and Sunday Lake Patrol duties. Mr. Heule added that the event sponsors will be responsible for securing all City permits and permissions and insurance for offsite parking. He explained that they also propose to guarantee \$15 per entrant for fish stocking adding that the fish purchase by the District will be made based on the number of entrants registered as of August first. He added that payment for the \$15 per entrant fish stocking fee will be made to the District after the Troutfest event. Mr. Heule explained that other than the usual staff time and obligations of vessel inspection, tagging and Lake Patrol efforts immediately prior to start of fishing each day there are no financial obligations for the District and based on these considerations the Operations Committee recommends approval of the Troutfest special event. Director Eminger asked if Western Outdoor News was aware of this proposal. Mr. Heule explained that they are part of the proposal.

Director Eminger moved approval of a special event permit application for 2011 Troutfest. Director Fashempour seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Sharp, Big Bear Marina stated that he thinks it is important for the public to have information on the road closure. He suggested the District link to the RA website for road information. He also thanked the Board for approving the Troutfest tournament. He inquired about the Big Bear Marina Remediation project asking if the contractor was going to grade and gravel and then return the area to like it was originally. Mr. Stephenson stated that it would be taken care of. Mr. Sharp referenced the Marina Task Force meeting last fall when fuel supply was addressed. He was concerned that District patrol boats, marina rental boats, and also private boats could not get fuel on the water. He remarked that the marinas still have not found a supplier/distributor that will bring fuel up to Big Bear to service their large fuel tank. Director Suhay asked if a distributor could not bring some extra up when they came to service the filling stations. Mr. Sharp stated that he would check with the various service stations; Valero, Shell, Chevron, etc and then report back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that this coming Monday he will be meeting in Sacramento at DSOD with MWH Mike Rogers and Simon Wong Engineers to discuss the replacement bridge project and removal of the old highway bridge. He added that the next day he will meet with Don Evenson at his office to go over Watermaster and State Board report preparation issues. He explained that if

he could arrange it he will also try to meet with Walter Yep. Mr. Heule reported that he is also going, at Mike Rogers invitation, to the Beaver Awards Dinner in LA tomorrow night.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

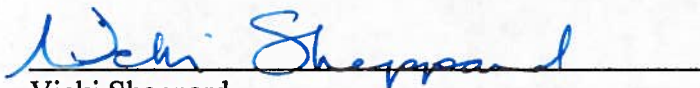
Director Eminger thanked the Budget & Finance Committee for their hard work on budget issues. President Suhay asked, if when we send our renewal letters, if we could not also send out a map with directions addressing the road closure. Mr. Sharp commented that if it is possible to link to the RA website that might be better than sending a printed map.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 3, 2011
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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