

# ***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011***

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of December 16, 2010
- Warrant list dated December 23, 2010 for \$46,468.46
- Approval of a special event permit for Aaron's Spring Big Bear Big Bass Tournament to be held on May 21, 2011

## **REPORTS**

President Fashempour gave her review of 2010 summarizing the following accomplishments: Water levels full (showing a photo of the lake releases), company picnic at the General Manager's house, the Trout Pond purchase (she commented that she is looking forward to serving on the Watershed Committee), the District front office remodel, the repaving of one third of the East Ramp parking lot, completed engineering plans for dredge project in Big Bear Marina, and 49,000 pounds of carp removed from the Lake. President Fashempour thanked the Staff, the Directors, and District Counsel for a successful year.

## **ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO TODD MURPHY, DIVISION 1; PAULA FASHEMPOUR, DIVISION 2; AND SKIP SUHAY, DIVISION 3**

Mr. Heule explained that in the November election, Todd Murphy Division 1, Paula Fashempour Division 2, and Skip Suhay Division 3, were appointed by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters in lieu of election. Board Secretary, Vicki Sheppard, administered the oath of office to the three Directors who then took their seats on the dais.

## **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

Director Suhay (representing Division 3) took his seat as President of the Board as determined by the automatic rotation of officers by divisions described in the District's Administrative Code. Director Eminger (representing Division 4) will serve as Vice President this year.

President Suhay stated that Item 6F, Dam Bridge Replacement Caltrans Negotiations, will be pulled from the agenda.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011 AND PRESIDENT'S GOALS**

President Suhay explained that each year, at the first meeting in January, the new Board President announces the Committee Members and distributes the committee descriptions for the upcoming

year. President Suhay announced that he is forming a new Foundation Committee and Mr. Heule explained the duties of the various committees and announced the committee members as follows:

**Administrative Committee**

John Eminger  
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Vince Smith

**Budget & Finance Committee**

Todd Murphy  
Vince Smith

Alternate: Paula Fashempour

**Facilities Committee**

Vince Smith  
Paula Fashempour

Alternate: John Eminger

**Foundation Committee**

Paula Fashempour  
Todd Murphy

Alternate: Skip Suhay

**Lake Improvement Committee**

Skip Suhay  
Vince Smith

Alternate: Paula Fashempour

**Operations Committee**

Skip Suhay  
Todd Murphy

Alternate: Vince Smith

**Watermaster Committee**

John Eminger  
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Todd Murphy

**Watershed**

John Eminger  
Paula Fashempour

Alternate: Skip Suhay

President Suhay thanked Director Fashempour for a good year and stated that he is looking forward to the upcoming year. He also thanked all the Directors and staff for their ongoing support. He explained his goals for 2011 by stating that he wants to continue things pretty much as they are while working on the Trout Pond and the Pedestrian Bridge. He also wants to concentrate on lake weeds.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S JPIA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

President Suhay reported that the District utilizes the services of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) for its property and liability insurance requirements. He announced that he is

appointing Director Fashempour as the District's JPIA representative for calendar year 2010 explaining that this will be her second year as JPIA Representative.

### **CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM MWH FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BEAR VALLEY DAM REHABILITATION**

Mr. Heule stated that the previous contract for dam engineering work by Mike Rogers and his staff at MWH (San Diego) has been used. He explained that he met with Mr. Rogers in November 2010 and developed a scope of work that will be needed for the balance of fiscal year 2010-11. He reported that the work will not exceed \$84,000 and will include the following:

- a. Ongoing instrumentation reporting to DSOD for underwater inspections and surveying monitoring results
- b. Service Road (pedestrian bridge) coordination consulting with Simon Wong Engineers and Caltrans
- c. Auxiliary spillway assessment to evaluate and define flood routing and the ability of the dam to safely pass the design floods without large, new spillway gates and to argue our case to the DSOD
- d. Coordination with DSOD during all issues related to the removal of the highway bridge and construction of the new pedestrian bridge on the dam.

Director Eminger moved approval of the proposal from MWH for Engineering Services for Bear Valley Dam Rehabilitation at a cost not to exceed \$84,000. Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **REPORT ON DECEMBER LAKE RELEASES - INFORMATION ONLY**

Mr. Heule made a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on Lake Releases. He reported that on December 22nd the District began releasing water from the dam for flood control purposes. He explained that the lake level has been maintained at 1 foot from full.

President Suhay explained that 3 years ago the District made a Resolution to maintain the water level 1 foot from full.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Debra Stone, Big Bear City resident, reported on a problem that she is experiencing with Western Outdoor News. She explained that she won a GPS at Troutfest (she showed an I.O.U. certificate) but never received the prize itself. She explained that she has communicated numerous times with WON by e-mail with no satisfaction. She added that four people won this prize and none of them have received the GPS. Mr. Heule reported that he has spoken to Chuck at WON registering his dissatisfaction with their handling of this issue. He added that WON is aware of the problem and working on a resolution. Director Fashempour asked if this has ever happened before with Troutfest prizes. Mr. Heule stated that he was not aware of any other problems with contestants receiving their prizes.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heule reported that John Tuttle is working on getting the motor home at the Trout Pond removed from the property. He explained that Tuttle has had conversations with the Sheriff's office (they cannot do anything because it is not on the street) and another conversation with a towing company. Mr. Heule reported that he has spoken with WON about the future of Troutfest explaining that they are adamant that they won't raise entry fees. He added that they are in discussion with the Resort Association and Events Office as well as Big Bear Marina and it

appears they are considering holding the event at Big Bear Marina. He reported that they have asked if the District would approve the event if we were not a sponsor and he advised that he did not see why we would not do that if the money for trout stocking was part of the process. He told them that other fishing events are obligated to contribute to the District stocking program. He explained that he has received no commitment from them at this time. Mr. Heule reported that there remains a great deal of interest in our Lake release. He explained that he spoke with the new highway bridge contractor and advised that we could increase the release and use the service spillway gates if we get more wet weather. He reported that there was a good chance we would need to do a high level release in the spring if we get rain when there is still snow on the ground. He added that they were considering how to finish removing the temporary bridge structures before a high level release would occur because there was some erosion adjacent and under some of their footings. Mr. Heule stated that he gave him no guarantees one way or another. He added that they also asked if we could lower the Lake level now so that a later high level release would not be needed. He explained that because we cannot predict future runoff into the lake and our obligation is to keep the Lake full as possible we could not consider that as an option. Mr. Heule reported that the finance and planning workshop currently scheduled for January 17 falls on a District holiday asking the Directors when we could reschedule. The consensus was that it could be rescheduled for the next day, January 18th, at 9:00 AM. Mr. Heule reported that Conroy's attorney has asked to change their hearing date from January 20 to a later date in March. District Counsel Scott Nave asked if the Directors had any objection to moving the hearing to March. He explained that they also may be contemplating doing it with a hearing officer rather than a full hearing before the Board. He explained that the District would not need two attorneys if it went this way. The consensus from the Board was that moving it to March was no issue and asked that District Counsel work out the details and get back to them

#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**


Director Murphy thanked Director Fashempour for her successful year as President and welcomed President Suhay stating that he is looking forward to another year on the Board. Directors Eminger and Smith also thanked Director Fashempour and welcomed President Suhay.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.  
Thursday, January 20, 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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