

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012***

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Director Murphy, seconded by Director Fashempour, the following consent item was unanimously approved:

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of December 15, 2011

REPORTS

President Suhay made a PowerPoint presentation summarizing some of the 2011 accomplishments:

Lake water levels up to full, the Lake remains Quagga Mussel free, Marina Point Shorezone Alteration Permit complete, and the new highway bridge is now complete. President Suhay thanked the Staff and the Board Members for a successful year.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

Director Eminger (representing Division 4) 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 Smith (representing Division 5) will serve as Vice President this year.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 AND PRESIDENT'S GOALS

President Eminger 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 Eminger announced the committee members as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

John Eminger

Vince Smith

Alternate: Todd Murphy

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy

Vince Smith

Alternate: Paula Fashempour

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

John Eminger

Skip Suhay

Alternate: Todd Murphy

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Paula Fashempour

Todd Murphy

Alternate: Skip Suhay

LAKE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Vince Smith
Skip Suhay

Alternate: John Eminger

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Paula Fashempour
Todd Murphy

Alternate: Skip Suhay

WATERMASTER COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Paula Fashempour

WATERSHED

John Eminger
Paula Fashempour

Alternate: Vince Smith

President Eminger thanked General Manager Scott Heule commenting that he is a “great General Manager. He also complimented Lake Manager Mike Stephenson for his hard work with the lake weeds and the Quagga Mussel program. He thanked the front office staff, Jim Weber Dam Keeper, John Tuttle who keeps things running, and the entire Staff for their hard work. He commented that many people take the Lake for granted explaining that the District keeps it healthy. President Eminger provided a short history of MWD and the Dam explaining the low lake levels back in the beginning and commenting on the in-lieu water program. He added that the lake is used for recreation in the summer and snow making/water sales for the ski areas in the winter. He ended by commenting that “God willing, we will have a good 2012 year”.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT’S JPIA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

President Eminger 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 2012 explaining that this will be her third year as JPIA Representative.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson is on vacation and will be returning to work after three weeks off on January 17th adding that he is hunting in Arizona right now. Mr. Heule explained that he has been working with the City of Big Bear Lake and the County of San Bernardino on grants for funding projects to mitigate sediment runoff from the forest, expansion of the carp and weed harvester operations, sediment and debris removal from the outlet works on the Old Dam, alum treatment on two hot spots (about 100 acres), and debris detention basins on streams flowing to the lake. He added that he is also collaborating with the USFS in an advisory consultancy capacity on their grant application for dirt road improvements in the forest. He reported that the Watershed Committee will be hearing details on these proposals over the next couple of months. Mr. Heule reported that this summer, the District will continue collecting lake

water TMDL samples explaining that all costs will be borne by the City, County, and Resorts. He explained that the sampling frequency will probably be reduced and the samples will be delivered to a Southern California Lab Courier at the bottom of the hill by other than District staff. He added that the District will be reimbursed for all wages, materials, equipment, depreciation and fuel. Mr. Heule reported that Jim Weber and he met again with Caltrans to discuss the needs for access and protection at either end of the Dam. He added that we have had the same conversation with them on multiple occasions without seeing any progress. He explained that we are unsure if, after this latest meeting, they will actually begin to design the necessary fencing, retaining walls, catwalk access, and paving. Mr. Heule stated that staff wants to thank the Board for the great Christmas dinner party and gifts. He also thanked Directors for the very nice imprinted leather note binders that everyone received.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Each Director thanked President Suhay and entire staff for a great year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Heule reported that Monday, January 16th is a District holiday explaining that the office will be closed. He commented that President Eminger will be out of town celebrating his anniversary starting the end of next week through most of the balance of the month. He explained that staff will begin the recruiting process for seasonal help beginning the middle of this month. He reported that there will be several items of business next meeting, January 19th, explaining that Vice President Smith will be leading the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 19, 2012
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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