

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012***

CALL TO ORDER

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

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule reported that the District received good news two days ago thanks to Director Murphy. He explained that with the dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency, the District will begin receiving additional property tax revenue that previously was directed to the improvement agency. He reported that it is estimated that the District's share will be on the order of \$230,000 annually. He explained that this amount includes what we are currently receiving from the City on the RDA Pass Through, which amounts to roughly \$75,000 per year. Mr. Heule commented that this additional \$150,000 will certainly be useful. He explained that the details of how all of these transfers of tax revenue will take place and which agency will get how much is still fluid. He stated that on the other hand, the base amount the District will pay on the in-lieu agreement is scheduled to go up by \$61,000 on July 1, 2017, just five years from now. He explained that if the assessed value of property in the District in 2017 is similar to the current assessed value, the District can expect the in-lieu payment to go up by about \$91,000. Mr. Heule reported that we are beginning to hear rumblings again from Caltrans about finishing up their work at the dam. He stated that he and Mike Stephenson will be meeting with their project manager tomorrow morning to discuss some of the details on what needs to be done and how we would like to see it come together. He added that they will be attempting to identify work the District wants done at the Dam that Caltrans would fund in order to offset the costs we have incurred with the security fencing and stairs at Bay 7.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that nearly half of the 170 buoys are now in. He stated that next Tuesday will be First Aid/CPR training for all staff. He commented that the RV Park opened May 1st. He explained that some very nice improvements were made to the park allowing more flexibility in RV lengths as well as adding to the beauty of the park. Mr. Stephenson reported that just today he arranged for delivery of warm-water fish as well as replacement trout for last year. He added that we did lose a growing season but financially we are in good shape. He reported that blue gill fishing is picking up considerably. Director Fashempour asked if blue gill spawn in the lake. Mr. Stephenson explained that they do now with the decreasing carp population. He added that we will be stocking the trout for the May Trout Classic on Wednesday and tagging fish on Thursday. He reported that the West Ramp will open on Thursday, May 10th.

Director Eminger reported that he, Director Suhay, and Mr. Heule went to the Santa Ana River Watershed conference on April 21st explaining that it was a good and successful conference.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux asked that item 5C be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

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

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting of April 19, 2012
- B. Warrant List Dated April 26, 2012 for \$14,643.29
- D. Approval of appointing the General Manager to be the voting delegate at the 2012 ACWA General Session Membership Meeting

Item removed from Consent Calendar for further discussion:

5C. Consider approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District consenting to join the Health Benefits Program of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority ratifying the action of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Board of Directors to terminate the Health Benefits Authority Joint Powers Agreement and authorizing and directing the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux explained that the Health Authority had objections to some of the changes he made to the Resolution and he suggests that it be adopted pending his working out changes with the Health Authority. He explained that he believes the changes will be minor.

Director Suhay moved approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District consenting to join the Health Benefits Program of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority ratifying the action of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Board of Directors to terminate the Health Benefits Authority Joint Powers Agreement and authorizing and directing the General Manager to execute all necessary documents with additional changes from District Counsel. Director Fashempour seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM HICKS AND HARTWICK TO PERFORM REDISTRICTING LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

Mr. Heule reported that when the Board approved the new Division Boundaries they were informed that the next step in redistricting was to secure the services of an engineering company to prepare a legal description of the new boundaries. He stated that Hicks and Hartwick, Inc. has submitted a proposal to prepare the description for a cost of \$5,850. He explained that once the legal description is in hand, the Board can consider approval of a resolution that would be submitted to the registrar of voters to formally make the new Division boundaries effective prior to the November election. He reported that the Committee recommends that the Board approve the proposal.

Director Smith moved approval of the proposal from Hicks and Hartwick to perform redistricting legal descriptions for a cost of \$5,850. Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE DAM

Mr. Heule reported that in an effort to both celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dam and test fly a possible future fund raising idea the Foundation Committee would like to plan a Lake tour event on Labor Day afternoon September 3, 2012. He explained that the event would be on Miss Liberty; tour narration would include a new video presentation of MWD, brief history and everything we want everyone to know about the dam and its operation. He added that Directors would be stationed on the boat at poster sized maps or drawings to further explain what we do. He reported that the tour would include a spin through the boom line up to the dam. He added that using a radio and public address system on the boat guests could ask questions of a staff member on the dam. Mr. Heule commented that at a certain time during a description of the use of the aeration system it would be turned on. He explained the objective will be to both celebrate, screen the video for the first time, provide opportunity for locals to get some special education about the District and solicit a response regarding if they think a similar tour and

narration about the MWD could become a regular summertime cruise in the future. Mr. Heule reported that for this event the District would charge \$40 per person and it would include a drink ticket and appetizers. He added that sometime on the cruise we would cut a cake and the President would make a speech. He explained that the Committee thinks that the event could generate some revenue over and above expenses. Mr. Heule stated that he had a conversation with Leo McCarthy of the Miss Liberty and considering the cost to charter the boat and the per person charge for the tour, it would probably pay for itself. Director Fashempour stated that the Committee thought it would be fun to honor the Dam with a 100 year celebration and let people know what the District does. She explained that this could be a trial run for a public event tour option that could be conducted on a more regular basis. President Eminger stated that he thought it was a good idea commenting that most locals don't understand what the District does. Director Suhay asked if there would be a list of people to invite. Director Fashempour explained that an advertisement could be run first and then a list with invitees if that doesn't fill it up. Director Suhay commented that maybe some of the people we would invite could ask others to come and maybe we should not charge these people. He said maybe we could invite groups and they could pay by the group. Director Smith asked if Labor Day was a good day commenting that many could have other plans. Director Fashempour explained that most people would be back home on that Monday. Director Smith stated that if we wait until Labor Day that might preclude us doing another tour this season due to the weather. Director Fashempour explained that the video would not be ready before that time. Director Smith stated that if the tour is successful we would just have to wait until next year to do it again. It was determined that the Committee will proceed with the tour plans.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CHARGING FOR LAUNCH RAMP PARKING

Mr. Heule reported that after studying several options for parking fees at the launch ramps the Foundation Committee decided to recommend selling \$10 annual parking passes for cars at the ramps that are parking without having purchased a boat permit. He explained that the pass would be displayed on a mirror hanger and could be purchased at the ramp office. He added that during slow period's ramp attendants would walk the parking lot to identify cars without the parking pass and those without a pass would be advised with a notice under their wiper blade to purchase the pass on their way leaving the parking lot. He reported that the Committee estimates the program could generate \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. Director Suhay asked if the Committee had considered daily passes. Director Murphy explained that staff would not be available to monitor and sell daily passes. Director Suhay asked if most of the day users were locals or tourists. Mr. Heule responded that week days are mostly locals and he wasn't sure about weekends. Director Suhay asked what about people who have lake passes but take their trailer home and come back without their trailer, would they have to pay for a parking pass. Director Fashempour stated that the Committee thought the yearly passes would be the simplest way to try at first and she didn't think that many people would take their trailers home and return without them. Director Smith asked if ramp attendants could look up if someone has a permit or not. Mr. Stephenson responded that they can. Director Suhay asked how often the lot fills up. Mr. Heule responded that it fills up more than several weekends a year. Director Smith asked what if someone purchases a yearly pass and arrives and can't get a parking spot. Mr. Heule explained that someone could arrive and not be able to get in to park even with a pass. Director Suhay commented that if he purchased a pass then he would feel he had a guaranteed spot. Mr. Jack Williams, Valley resident, commented that he feels it would be better to charge for admittance

rather than a pass adding that it seems like more trouble than it is worth. Director Suhay stated that he feels this should go back to Committee for further review.

The consensus was to send it back to the Foundation Committee for further consideration.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Jack Williams commented that for the 100 Year Dam Anniversary maybe instead of charging for the Miss Liberty, private boats should just go to the dam area and raft up. Mr. Stephenson explained that he would not be comfortable allowing numerous boats access through the boom line. Director Fashempour stated that the Committee is receptive to all comments today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule announced that he and Directors Suhay and Eminger would be at the ACWA Conference in Monterey next week. He reported that the May 17th Board meeting will include a detailed and thorough presentation by our engineer Don Evenson regarding our in-lieu agreement. He added that at that meeting the Board will be asked to provide direction concerning possible changes that would result in higher summertime lake levels and a more restrictive summertime release policy.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Murphy commented that he has received some great fishing reports from numerous people. Director Fashempour complimented Director Murphy on how his mind works and his amazing thinking processes adding that he is a pleasure to work with. President Eminger stated that the Foundation Committee is a tough committee because it has never been done before.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:50 P.M to consider:

Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 2:44 P.M.

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Big Bear Municipal Water District

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Vicki Sheppard

Secretary to the Board

Big Bear Municipal Water District

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