

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013***

CALL TO ORDER

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that in closed session he was instructed to draft an agreement for the General Manager's contract and in a closed session special meeting the Board authorized the General Manager to settle a claim.

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule reported that the most exciting recent news he can share is the submittal of a grant interest application for construction of the Stanfield Crossing Recreational Improvement Project. He added that when David Lawrence (City Engineer) told him that the County was planning on reconstructing Stanfield Cutoff, he shared with them the District SCRIP concept plan. He explained that the County was very interested in the concept and shortly after his meeting with them; they suggested teaming on a funding grant. He convened a meeting here at the District office with County Transportation, US Forest Service, City Engineering, and City Planning. He commented that everyone was excited about pursuing the grant interest application. He reported that Doug Lewis at County Transportation and Siri Eggebraten in City Planning put the application together and it was submitted on Tuesday. Mr. Heule explained that the application review and project ranking will take place in May and by June we should know if our project will be asked to submit an actual grant application. He added that this effort could not have come this far this fast if it was not happening at the same time the Big Bear Valley pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian master plan was being put together. He reported that the group that originally met realized in reviewing the concept drawings that the 2001 design is not practical because it would block views of the Lake from properties on Stanfield Marsh and would require too much fill dirt. He added that if we are asked to submit a grant application later this year, a less obtrusive design will be proposed. He explained that the bottom line is that all parties are very interested in collaborating on this effort adding that timing is everything. Mr. Heule reported that the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget is nearly complete. He added that the Budget and Finance Committee met yesterday to review some minor changes. He explained that we are on schedule to present it to the Board for review at the June 6 meeting and consideration of

approval at the June 20 meeting. He thanked Director Murphy for doing the QA/QC on his Budget Message adding that he will rest easier knowing that his grammar can now pass muster. Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that the fishing dock repairs are complete and they are floating and will be placed next week. He explained that there was a delay due to the striping of the East Ramp parking area. He added that the RV Park is now open with many spots reserved. He reported on the water temperatures explaining that on April 29th of this year, the temperature was at 58°. He stated that on the same date in 2012 it was at 55°, in 2011 at 45°, and in 2006 at 44°. He added that in 2004, while the Lake was down to 14' 4", the temperature was 56°. He commented that it is unusually warm and definitely on a warming trend. He added that herbicide is on the way.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux stated that he is looking forward to seeing Mr. Heule and Director Suhay at the ACWA Conference next week. He commented that we have a Closed Session coming up.

President Smith reported that the Bass fishing has been very good. Mr. Stephenson commented that Aaron's Bass Tournament on April 21st was very successful with everyone catching limits.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of April 18, 2013
- Warrant List Dated April 26, 2013 for \$128,173.56
- Consider approval of General Manager's Contract

BUSINESS ITEM

There were no business items

PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Hart, Big Bear Lake resident, asked if today's Closed Session regarding real property will be addressing the house at the Trout Pond. Mr. Heule explained that it is regarding the entire Trout Pond parcel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that he along with Director Suhay will be attending the Spring ACWA Conference in Sacramento next week. He announced that he will be traveling to LA on Friday to meet with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss our work-in-kind obligation with their auditors. He added that Mike Rogers of MWH will be inspecting the abutments at the dam May 14th. He explained that the inspection is intended to confirm that some minor rock bolting and boulder grouting will sufficiently protect the downstream dam abutments during an overtopping

event. He added that this will then be used to gain approvals from Division of Safety of Dams to eliminate any requirement for extremely costly construction of flood gates on the dam. He announced that the next Board meeting will be May 16th.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Murphy announced that he will not be available for the May 16th Board meeting. Director Eminger commented on the many beautiful flowering trees in the valley. President Smith thanked all the Directors for their participation in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District facility tour on April 19th. He added that a thank you letter was sent to Valley District. Director Murphy commented that their infrastructure was phenomenal.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session under Government Code Section 54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Scott Heule General Manager, concerning price and terms of payment, 440 Catalina, Big Bear Lake, California at 1:40 PM.

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 2:18 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 16, 2013
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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