

***MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014***

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 Colin O'Neill (via conference call), General Manager Scott Heule, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

President Smith stated that there was no reportable action at the closed session of December 19, 2013.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of December 19, 2013
- Warrant list dated December 24, 2013 for \$45,313.05

REPORTS

President Smith reported that the success of 2013 was not a direct reflection of his accomplishments explaining that it was successful due to the Board of Directors and Staff. He gave his review of 2013 summarizing the following accomplishments:

Completion of the East Launch Ramp office building.

Completion of the East Launch Ramp entrance booth increasing launching efficiency and improving parking.

Completion of the stairwell at the dam allowing access to the control building.

Progress in the District's in-lieu water agreement amendment.

A successful Kool Kids event.

A successful Adopt-A-Shoreline Cleanup Program adding that Director Eminger had a big part in the success of this program.

He thanked the Board and Staff for all their hard work and a successful 2013.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Director Murphy (representing Division 1) 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 Lewis (representing Division 2) will serve as Vice President this year.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014 AND PRESIDENT'S GOALS

President Murphy 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 Murphy announced the committee members as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy
Mary Ann Lewis

Alternate: Skip Suhay

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vince Smith
Mary Ann Lewis

Alternate: Todd Murphy

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Skip Suhay
Vince Smith

Alternate: John Eminger

LAKE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Mary Ann Lewis

Alternate: Todd Murphy

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Vince Smith

WATERMASTER COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Mary Ann Lewis

WATERSHED COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Vince Smith

Alternate: Skip Suhay

President Murphy announced that he is adding a new committee; a one year Ad Hoc to complete detailed short range (5 years) and long range (10 years) Capital Improvement Plan.

AD HOC – CIP COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy
Vince Smith

Alternate: Mary Ann Lewis

President Murphy announced that in addition to the new CIP Committee, he will be holding monthly workshops to increase transparency and to involve all board members in pressing issues confronting each committee. He added that they will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm as follows:

Workshop Dates

January 22
February 19
March 19
April 16
May 14
June 18
July 16
August 20

Committee

Lake Improvement
Operations
Budget and Finance
Facilities
Watershed
CIP
Lake Improvement
Budget and Finance

September 17	Operations
October 15	Facilities
November 19	CIP

He added that Watermaster is not included but will be held as needed.

President Murphy explained that it doesn't look like a wet winter and asked that the different committees look at alternatives considering the low lake conditions. He thanked Director Smith for his successful year as President. He announced that he will be unavailable for 3 meetings this year so Vice President Lewis will be in charge for those meetings.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S JPIA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

President Murphy reported that the District utilizes the services of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) for its property and liability insurance requirements. He announced that Director Lewis was the representative last year and he is recommending that she be appointed as the District's JPIA representative for calendar year 2014.

Director Suhay moved approval of appointing Director Lewis as the District's JPIA Representative for Calendar Year 2014. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN

Mr. Heule reported that ACWA's Board of Directors unanimously approved a Statewide Water Action Plan for California on September 27, 2013. He explained that the plan was developed by a broad cross-section of member water interests convened by ACWA over several months. The plan outlines 15 actions to improve water supply reliability, protect water rights, protect the integrity of the state's water system and promote better stewardship. He added that it also includes guiding principles for implementation of the plan to help ensure actions benefit the entire state, respect water rights and contract terms and reflect a new regulatory approach that can better meet the needs of water users and ecosystems. Mr. Heule reported that the Statewide Water Action Plan was submitted to Governor Jerry Brown on October 2, 2013 as the water community's recommendations for developing the Administration's water plan for the state. He explained that although the District does not receive any direct benefit, the District's in-lieu partner San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District does and could benefit from its implementation. He reported that the Committee recommends that the District express support for the ACWA plan by adopting the resolution and forwarding it to the Governor's office in Sacramento.

Director Lewis moved approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District in support of the Association of California Water Agencies' statewide Water Action Plan. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule thanked the Board for allowing staff to have an extended Christmas and New Year's holiday. He commented that being out of the office from the 24th of December until this past

Monday was a nice break explaining that fortunately District business immediately affecting the public this time of year is almost non-existent. He reported that Mike Stephenson is still hunting and will be back in the office next Monday the 13th adding that he is sure Mike is going to have stories to tell. Mr. Heule reported that we received a letter from the Division of Safety of Dams earlier this week in response to Mike Rogers memorandum about the dam safety during overtopping. He added that the Division agreed with Mr. Rogers recommendation to paint the steel cross bracing and rock anchors and loose rock scaling at the abutments. He explained that they also concluded that in light of Mr. Rogers evaluation that the dam is in "good condition with sufficient stability under normal, seismic, and flood conditions" the District will not be required to retrofit the dam with the large radial arm flood gates. He added that we will have to respond to their request for development of a plan that will limit overtopping of the dam by March 1, 2014 reporting that we are actually well on the way towards getting that accomplished. He commented that any work we do to paint the cross bracing and abutment reinforcement will be considered general maintenance work that will not require an application or review fees to be paid to the Division. Mr. Heule reported that the Rotary Club wants to express their sincere appreciation for allowing them to use the Board room for Santa Central for several days last month. He explained that the club Santa's visited nearly 250 homes and gave gifts to 600 children. He announced that in accordance with District Ordinance No. 45 Directors per diem rate was adjusted for calendar year 2014 by the most recent annual CPI of 0.5%. He explained that this raises Director per meeting compensation from \$140.11 to \$140.81. He reported that the draft of the Upper Santa Ana River Integrated Water Resources Management Plan has been completed. He stated that he reviewed the plan and made some edits. He added that he also forwarded the draft plan to the DWP and the CSD for their review and comment. He explained that the plan is intended to assist agencies in the plan area with developing tools for optimizing management and use of the region's water resources while protecting ground water basins from water quality degradation and liquefaction. He commented that although the District is a small piece of the whole, participants in the update process wanted the plan to be comprehensive. He reported that he provided input based on collaboration with the DWP, CSD and BBARWA adding that Directors will be asked to endorse the plan probably within a month's time. Mr. Heule announced that the next Board meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday in January, January 23, instead of the third Thursday. He stated that the office will be closed for the national Martin Luther King holiday on January 20, 2014. He added that a Board workshop will be held on Wednesday January 22nd at 1:00 PM to review and discuss Lake Improvement Committee topics including interpretive signs at Stanfield Marsh and target goals for aquatic plants in the Lake. He reported that he and Don Evenson will be meeting with Valley District for further discussion of the in-lieu agreement amendment before the Watermaster Committee meeting on January 21st.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Eminger commented that Director Smith let the lake drop more than 4 feet from this time last year. Director Smith stated that a "March Miracle" is coming. He also congratulated President Murphy. Director Lewis thanked Director Smith for his year as president and welcomed Director Murphy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 16, 2014
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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