

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014***

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Murphy called the Open Session to order at 1:05 PM. Those in attendance included Director Lewis, Director Eminger, Director Smith, District Counsel Wayne Lemieux (via conference call), General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

President Murphy reported that there was no reportable action from the closed session at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORTS**

General Manager, Scott Heule thanked the Directors for giving him a few days off to celebrate his brothers retirement after 32 years of piloting commercial aircraft. He reported that it was a great celebration adding that the weather was colder there than it was here. He commented that he had a bit of bad news explaining that the day after he left his mother fell and broke her hip and her surgery is scheduled for tomorrow. He reported that his presentation at the Kiwanis Club a week ago was well received. He added that he has placed some of the new posters that he used in the presentation around the room for everyone to look over. He explained that Victoria designed and produced them for him. Mr. Heule reported that the draft version of the annual Watermaster Report has been completed adding that we will be discussing the contents at the Watermaster meeting next week.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that the maintenance department seasonal employees are coming back next week. He explained that a new clerk dispatch employee has been hired and will be starting in two weeks. He added that a new lake patrol officer has also been hired. He explained that the lake patrol shed has been rebuilt. He reported that Patrol Boat 7 has a rebuilt motor explaining that it is the boat that he will be using for the Polar Plunge to take the torch to the event. He commented that the MWD team is comprised of many of our employees explaining that most will not be participating in the plunge itself but did donate money. He reported that the lake came up 10 5/8 inches throughout the entire storm and has remained level for 2 days.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- Minutes of a Special Meeting of February 19, 2014

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of February 20, 2014
- Warrant List dated February 27, 2014 for \$28,930.06
- Approval of a special event permit for the Jim Hall Memorial May Trout Classic to be held May 17th & 18th
- Approval of a special event permit for the 2014 Big Bear Lake Troutfest to be held on October 4th and 5th

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux explained a new rule that dictates that every Director's vote on every action item must be clearly set forth in the minutes of all meetings conducted under the Brown Act. He explained that if the vote is unanimous, it means that all Directors present voted for it so everyone has been identified in the minutes.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE OF \$149,980 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AQUAMARINE AQUATIC PLANT HARVESTER**

Lake Manager Mike Stephenson reported that at the Facilities Committee Meeting on February 26th, three quotes for harvesters were presented:

Aquamarine H9-905 for \$149,980

Aquamarine H5-200 for \$49,980

Inland Lake Harvesters, Inc.

Mild Steel Hull for \$158,675

Stainless Steel Hull for \$176,750

He explained that the one that staff and the committee believes to be the best choice is the Aquamarine H9 for \$149,980.00. He added that the reason for this recommendation is because the parts are interchangeable with our current harvester and also because it holds 150 cubic feet more weeds than the 750 we now own. He stated that the committee wanted to be sure the new engine meets current and future emission requirements for the State of CA and if sales tax is going to be charged and also the cost for delivery and if it can be delivered by June 15. Mr. Stephenson reported that he found out that it does meet emission standards and that tax is not applicable. Mr. Lemieux stated that California sales tax would most likely be charged. Mr. Stephenson reported that the machine that we want is not available at this time and he explained to the company that he needs it now, so they offered to loan us a machine if we order the new machine from them now and only pay for shipping on the loaner. He added that the shipping cost is estimated at about \$20,000 and the supplier will pay to have it shipped back to them at the end of the loaner use. He stated that we will pay them a down payment of \$70,000 before they ship the loaner and it will be applied to the new machine. He estimated the entire cost in rough numbers to be \$182,000 including the harvester, shipping, and sales tax. Director Smith explained that the loaner harvester is a machine that was traded in on a new machine. He reported that no new machines are available at this time. He added that the bottom line is that we will have a rental machine larger than what we are buying and we can start using it on June 15th. He stated that we will have to pay to ship it but not pay to ship it back and maybe we can even

keep it for a low price to use for parts or an extra machine rather than them having to pay to ship it back. Mr. Stephenson explained that they are sending photos of the loaner machine tomorrow. Director Smith asked if we could hold off making a decision until the next board meeting. Mr. Stephenson said if he stalls again we could lose the deal so he would like to order it as soon as possible. Director Smith stated that we have to do something about the weeds and if we use too much herbicide he believes we will have an algae bloom so he feels we should proceed with the offer.

Director Smith moved approval of an expenditure of not to exceed \$182,000 to include the equipment, transportation, and sales tax and to use \$70,000 as a down payment to come from the Capital Improvement fund. Director Lewis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments were made

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heule announced that our next Workshop is scheduled for March 19 at 1:00 PM. He added that the agenda will include issues from the Budget and Finance Committee. He reported that our next Board meeting will be on March 20. He added that he anticipates that we will be discussing the Big Bear Marina dredge project and bidding on the dam strut painting. He announced that he will be in Sacramento on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the State Water Resources Control Board to hear about a proposed statewide Mercury Control Program for reservoirs. He added that this is in anticipation of a Statewide Mercury TMDL.

#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

No comments were made

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:40 P.M under Government Code Section 54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Scott Heule General Manager, concerning 440 Catalina, Big Bear Lake, California, APN #2328-202-15, #2328-202-08, #2328-291-27

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 2:05 P.M.

No reportable action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

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