

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Office
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Meeting convened by Board President Judy Corl-Lorono at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by John Burkhart

Roll Call

Directors Present: Judy Corl-Lorono
J. Dennis Staley
Terry Burkhart
Michael McBride
J. Larry Coulombe

Staff Present: Marina West
Michelle Corbin

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/McBride) unanimously approved.

Update on Dissolution of CSA 70/W-1 and Annexation to BDVWA

General Manager West reported the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) voted in favor of the annexation proposal. The thirty day reconsideration period will end in February after which the protest ballots will be mailed to property owners and registered voters. West reminded the Board that during the process so far there has been zero opposition. West also explained the protest ballot process and its timeline.

Once the protest ballot is complete the Agency will move forward with the conversion of customer information from County Special Districts to Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. Also, per the pending protest ballot, the Agency will increase the field staff by two employees. Both of these actions will not begin until after the protest hearing.

Public comments:

Anonymous commented that he would like to see new hires be a young person that has a family that lives in the area.

Motion No. 15-001

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to authorize General Manager to execute contract with Springbrook for conversion of CSA 70/W-1 billing accounts in the amount of \$9,720; and authorize General Manager to increase field operations staff by two full-time equivalents to accommodate anticipated workload upon successful completion of annexation proceedings at an estimated annual cost of \$140,000 (high estimate). The motion was seconded by Vice President Staley.

MSC¹ (McBride/Staley)

Cori-Lorono: Y

Staley: Y

Burkhart: Y

McBride: Y

Coulombe: Y

Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and Other Meeting Assignments 2015

President Cori-Lorono went over the assignments and determined there will be no changes from the 2014 assignments.

Anonymous asked what TAC stood for.

Motion No. 15-002

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to approve the Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and other Meeting Assignments for 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Coulombe.

MSC¹ (McBride/Coulombe)

Cori-Lorono: Y

Staley: Y

Burkhart: Y

McBride: Y

Coulombe: Y

Scheduling of Board Workshop for 2015

General Manager West commented on dates that would be good for staff to meet for the Board Workshop.

No public comment.

Motion No. 15-003

(After brief Board discussion), Director Burkhart made a motion to schedule the 2015 Board Workshop for February 20, 2015. Director McBride seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/McBride)

Cori-Lorono: Y

Staley: Y

Burkhart: Y

McBride: Y

Coulombe: Y

Consent Items

- a. Financial Statements September 2014
- b. Receive and File Disbursements September 2014
- c. Financial Statements October 2014
- d. Receive and File Disbursements October 2014
- e. Financial Statements November 2014
- f. Receive and File Disbursements November 2014
- g. Financial Statements December 2014
- h. Receive and File Disbursements December 2014
- i. Service Order Reports: Thru December 2014
- j. Production Reports: October, November and December 2014
- k. Special Board Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2014
- l. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2014
- m. Resolution No. 15R-01 Establishing A Fixed Asset and Surplus Property Policy

No Public comment.

Motion No. 15-004

Director McBride made a motion to approve consent items a - m. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhart.

MSC¹ (McBride/Burkhart)

Cori-Lorono: Y
Staley: Y
Burkhart: Y
McBride: Y
Coulombe: Y

Matters Removed From Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the consent calendar.

Public Comment Period

Anonymous, commented on the difficulty of opening up a water account that is currently going through probate.

Verbal Reports

General Manager West reported on the Small Water Systems Committee of the Mojave Water Agency. California Rural Water Association (CRWA) representative Mr. Selby has completed needs assessments for twelve of the small systems. The next task at hand is the development of a model program. Mojave Water Agency is planning to work as an umbrella recipient to funnel grant monies down to disadvantaged small systems such as Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. West reminded the Board, minor grants take much effort and larger grants take the same amount of effort. The thought process of this Committee would be to search for large grants that could pay towards combined projects of the small systems.

Director Coulombe reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference he attended in December 2014. Director Coulombe participated in several breakout sessions that included "Groundwater Management and Storage".

Director McBride reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference where he learned about performance appraisals, water loss and water quality issues. Director McBride also reported on the Black Rock Lecture Series he attended at Copper Mountain College.

Director Burkhart reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference she attended in San Diego in December 2014.

President Corl-Lorono reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference where she participated in seminars about health care costs.

Future Agenda Items – No items suggested.

Adjournment – President Judy Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Approved by:


Terry Burkhart, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.