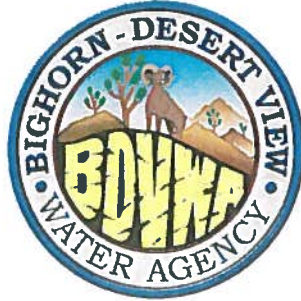


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Board of Directors' Special Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Office
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, March 31, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Glen Goslaw

Roll Call

Directors Present: Judy Cori-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 (Staley/Burkhart) unanimously approved.

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

General Manager West updated the Board on the LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) proceedings. West stated the protest portion is now complete and the Agency will begin the transition process. West also stated the Agency will begin to advertise the job positions in the near future.

No public comment

Audit Services with Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. for an Additional Three (3) Years

General Manager West reported the FPREP Committee took this item up for discussion at their March meeting. West stated that a change in auditors generally would take place after a period of years, however the actual "on-site" audit staff generally changes from year to year with Mr. Ken Al-Imam overseeing the process. This provides the change in oversight implied by a change in audit firm. Furthermore, Mr. Al-Iman of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. has been involved with the pending annexation and West feels they will know best how to handle the financial conditions imposed by LAFCO in this first year of transition. West further noted that there would be no cost increase for the three year proposed term.

No public comment.

Motion No. 15-009

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to continue audit services with Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. for an additional three (3) Years ending June 30, 2015, 2016, and 2017. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhart.

MSC¹ (McBride/Burkhart)

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

Appointment Agency's General Counsel

General Manager West gave a brief overview of the appointment of Mr. Wysocki. The Board of Directors had previously met with Mr. Wysocki during the Board Workshop in February.

No public comment.

Motion No. 15-010

(After brief Board discussion), Director Coulombe made a motion to appoint Mr. David Wysocki of the firm Aklufi and Wysocki Attorneys at Law as Agency's General Counsel. Director McBride seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Coulombe/Burkhart)

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

Authorize Issuance of Credit Cards

General Manager West gave the staff report reviewing reasons Agency staff is requesting individual cards for each Director. Most importantly, the cards will be used to pay for expenses Directors incur during conferences and seminars and to provide necessary identification on-site.

Public Comment:

Anonymous asked if cards are paid off each month.

Anonymous commented that the credit cards are available to help the Agency.

Motion No. 15-011

(After brief Board discussion), Director Burkhart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15R-02 Authorizing issuance of credit cards to individual Directors for charging of expenses and establishing identity in conjunction with conferences and other authorized travel and establishing a credit limit of \$2,500 per card issued. Director Staley seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/Staley)

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

Proposed Employee Funded Post-Retirement Health Insurance Program

General Manager West reported the Agency would incur little risk and no cost in providing employees post-retirement health insurance. This insurance would serve as a bridge to Medicare. West stated the retired employee would be required to pay two months in advanced of each monthly payment. The person would also have had to be an employee of the Agency for at least ten years and retire at or after the age 55.

No public comments.

The Board directed staff to proceed with offering the post-retirement medical insurance to the employees.

ACWA/JPIA Membership Benefits

Per request of the FPREP Committee, General Manager West is reviewing the possibility of canceling membership with ACWA and ACWA/JPIA. The Agency currently receives its dental, vision and life insurance through ACWA/JPIA but would like to combine these insurances with Special Districts Risk Management Authority who is currently providing employee health insurance.

Anonymous asked if San Bernardino County Special Districts uses ACWA/JPIA for their employee health benefits.

The Board directed staff to continue to look for a third party provider to cover the dental insurance until the Agency can be accepted by SDRMA.

Status of Chapter 8 Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property

General Manager West updated the Board on the Tax-Defaulted Properties the Agency had looked into purchasing during a previous Board meeting. West reviewed the tax sale process as it pertains to Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. West discussed the benefits of the acquisition and also discussed the Right-of-Way Contract with the California Department of Transportation.

No public comment.

Motion No. 15-012

(After brief Board discussion), Director Coulombe made a motion directing staff to proceed with purchase of tax defaulted property and subsequent execution of Right of Way Contract with the California Department of Transportation for deed of an easement for widening of State Route 247. Vice President Staley seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Coulombe/Staley)

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

Consent Items

- a. Financial Statements February 2015
 1. Balance Sheet
 2. Statement of Revenue and Expense
 3. General Account (Union Bank)
 4. Disbursements
 5. Local Agency Investment Fund Balance Timeline
- b. Receive and File Disbursements February 2015
- c. Production Report, February 2015
- d. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 24, 2015

No Public comment.

Motion No. 15-013

Director McBride made a motion to approve consent items a - d. 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 removed.

Public Comment Period

Leslie Miller of Landers thanked the Board of Directors. She brought her son with her to the meeting to witness a Board with integrity.

Verbal Reports

Vice President Staley reported on the Homestead Valley Community Council he attended last March. He also reported on the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting he attended with General Manager Marina West.

Director Coulombe reported on the Morongo Basin Pipeline Committee meeting where they discussed the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Director McBride stated he hopes the Agency will have the budget ready for approval by the May Board meeting.

Future Agenda Items

No items suggested.

Adjournment – President Judy Cori-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Approved by:


Terry Burkhart, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.