Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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Board of Directors' Special Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Office 1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285 Tuesday, December 15, 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 Vice President Staley

Roll Call

Directors Present: Judy Corl-Lorono

J. Dennis Staley Michael McBride J. Larry Coulombe

Director Burkhart absent with prior notice.

Staff Present:

Marina West Michelle Corbin

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

MSC¹ (McBride/Coulombe) unanimously approved.

Dental Insurance Contract Approval

General Manager West gave a brief overview of the dental plan. West stated this Premiere Access plan is slightly better than the current plan the Agency offers. The plan will also cost approximately \$1100.00 more for the year and will allow the Directors to participate, should they wish. West noted after one year the Agency will have the option to seek enrollment in the Special District Risk Management Authority Delta Dental coverage if it proves more cost effective. GM West reminded the Board that while the Premier Access dental is \$1100.00 more per month, the Agency will save \$6,500.00 by cancelling membership with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

West stated, should Directors decide to participate, they would be responsible for payment of their premiums to be paid in advance.

No public comment.

Motion No. 15-046

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to Authorize General Manager to execute documents necessary to contract dental insurance with Premier Access through WSP Corporate Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc. beginning January 1, 2016 for a minimum 1-year period; and Authorize qualifying members of the Board of Directors to enroll in the dental benefit program with 100% of the premiums to be paid by the Director through a reimbursement arrangement with the Agency. Vice President Staley seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (McBride/Staley)

Corl-Lorono: Y
Staley: Y
McBride: Y
Coulombe: Y

Technical, Managerial and Financial (TMF) Assessment for State Water Resources Control Board Grant Applications

General Manager West gave a brief explanation of the questionnaire.

No public comment.

Motion No. 15-047

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to Receive and File the "Technical, Managerial and Financial Tune-Up for Public Water Systems" required by the State Water Resources Control Board. The motion was seconded by Director Coulombe.

MSC¹ (McBride/Coulombe)

Corl-Lorono: Y Staley: Y McBride: Y Coulombe: Y

Consent Items

- a. Financial Statements October 2015
 - 1. Balance Sheet
 - 2. Budget Status
- b. Receive and File Bank Reconciliation (AR Disbursements) October 2015
- Receive and File Payroll Disbursements October 2015
- d. Improvement District Goat Mtn. Cash Account Summary
- e. Service Order Report, October and November 2015
- f. Production Reports, October and November 2015
- g. Goat Mtn. Production Reports, October and November 2015
- h. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2015
- Receive and File letter from Senator Jean Fuller congratulating the Agency on the Special Districts Leadership Foundation Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

No Public comment.

Motion No. 15-048

Director McBride made a motion to approve consent items a - i. The motion was seconded by Vice President Staley.

MSC¹ (McBride/Staley)

Corl-Lorono: Y Staley: Y McBride: Y Coulombe: Y

Public Comment Period

Anonymous stated he does not want to merge with Hi Desert Water District under any circumstances.

Verbal Reports

General Manager West reported on an invoice the Agency received from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The bill is for rent paid by the Agency for water line access across the frontage of BLM lands. This year the BLM increased rents approximately 400%. West has contacted Senator Cook's office and the Agency attorney is drafting a letter of appeal.

Regarding conservation reporting requirements, West reported the Agency has submitted the water production reports requested and the Agency is in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board mandates. Lastly, West also reported the Agency received the permit to operate the Improvement District Goat Mountain.

Vice President Staley reported on the Association of California Water Agencies Conference he had attended in early December. During the conference he attended seminars on water storage, district cost cutting and the drought. Director Staley also made suggestions regarding "under the counter" hot water heaters.

Director Coulombe reported on the Association of California Water Agencies Conference. During the conference Director Coulombe attended seminars on water trends, El Nino and finance. Director Coulombe also reported on the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation meeting he attended in October.

President Corl-Lorono reported on the Association of California Water Agencies Conference she attended. During the conference she completed the required Sexual Harassment Awareness for Supervisors (California AB 1825).

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

Approved by:

Judy Corl-Lorono, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.