

BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

"To provide a high quality supply of water and reliable service to all customers at a fair and reasonable rate."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

**BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. CHEROKEE TR.
LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92285**

**February 25, 2020
Time – 6:00 P.M.**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, President Corl-Lorono introduced Mr. Chris Palmer, Field Liason for the CA Special Districts Association. Mr. Palmer presented the Board of Directors with the renewal of their Certificate of Transparency and District of Distinction Awards at the end of 2019. He noted there some 2,000 Special Districts in California yet only 124 Transparency Certificates and 54 District of Distinction Awards have been presented. He thanked the Board for its continued commitment to Transparency with its public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened by President Corl-Lorono at 6:09 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mike Reynolds.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Judy Corl-Lorono
John R. Burkhart
J. Larry Coulombe
Michael McBride
JoMarie McKenzie

Staff present: Marina West

Public Present: 6

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director McBride made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice President Burkhart seconded the motion.

Corl-Lorono	Y
Burkhart	Y
Coulombe	Y
McBride	Y

McKenzie Y

MSC¹ – (McBride/Burkhart) unanimously approved

5. Customer Appeal of Tampering Charges of \$355.19; Parcel No. 629-351-07

General Manager West gave the staff report as presented in the Agenda packet. GM West informed the Board that the son of the customer called yesterday stating they could not be present for the meeting and asked that it be moved to the March meeting. The Board discussed whether or not to delay the action to March.

Public Comment:

One member of the public noted the customer has not acted in good faith to this point.

Motion No. 20-015

(After brief Board discussion). McBride made a motion to deny the request to reschedule the appeal to the March meeting and to deny the appeal of tampering charges in the amount of \$355.19 and to allow for a payment plan up to 12-months in conjunction with the existing payment plan. Secretary Coulombe seconded the motion.

Corl-Lorono Y

Burkhart Y

Coulombe Y

McBride Y

McKenzie N

MSC¹ – (McBride/Coulombe) 4/1 motion approved

6. Board to Provide Direction to Staff Regarding CalPERS Unfunded Liability – Alternative Funding Options

General Manager West gave the staff report. Depending on the Board's direction to staff she recommends that the Finance Committee meet with the general manager and the Agency accountant to work out the details of an investment strategy.

Board discussion ensued. Vice President Burkhart likes the 115 Trust. Secretary Coulombe would like to investigate other investment options such as CalPERS Prefunding Program. Director McBride would like to see the Side Fund paid off. GM West discussed the various options with a 115 Trust and to allow the Finance Committee to work with the Agency

Public Comment;

Member of the public suggested purchasing Closed-End Mutual Funds and other investment opportunities that pay good returns.

Motion No. 20-016

(After further Board discussion). McBride made a motion to pay off the Side Fund of approximately \$54,554 as of June 30, 2020. Burkhart seconded the motion. The Board

further directed staff to return to the finance committee to further vet how to start the 115 Trust.

Corl-Lorono Y
Burkhart Y
Coulombe Y
McBride Y
McKenzie Y

MSC¹ – (McBride/Burkhart) unanimously approved

- 7. Authorize Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Resources of Southern California to assist with completion of plans/specifications/bidding contract documents, bidding activities and construction management/inspection services needed to recoat two water reservoirs: B1 and B2 at an estimated cost of \$90,450.**

General Manager West gave the staff report as presented in the Agenda packet.

No public comment.

Motion No. 20-017

(After brief Board discussion). McBride made a motion to authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Resources of Southern California to assist with completion of plans/specifications/bidding contract documents, bidding activities and construction management/inspection services needed to recoat two water reservoirs: B1 and B2 at an estimated cost of \$90,450. Secretary Coulombe seconded the motion.

Corl-Lorono Y
Burkhart Y
Coulombe Y
McBride Y
McKenzie Y

MSC¹ – (McBride/Coulombe) unanimously approved

- 8. Authorize General Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Jeep Chrysler Dodge Ram Fiat of Ontario for the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Ram 1500 4X4 Pickup Truck at a cost of \$17,860.73.**

General Manager West gave the staff report as presented in the Agenda packet.

No public comment.

Motion No. 20-018

McBride made a motion to Authorize General Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Jeep Chrysler Dodge Ram Fiat of Ontario for the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Ram 1500 4X4 Pickup Truck at a cost of \$17,860.73. Burkhart seconded the motion.

Corl-Lorono Y
Burkhart Y
Coulombe Y
McBride Y
McKenzie Y

MSC¹ – (McBride/Burkhart) unanimously approved

9. Consent Items –

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2020
- b. Financial Statements for January 2020
 - 1. Balance Sheet
 - 2. Budget Status
- c. Receive and File Disbursements January 2020
- d. Service Order Report January 2020
- e. BDV Production Report January 2020
- f. Goat Mtn. Production Report January 2020
- g. Receive and File December 17, 2019 PLEGS Meeting Minutes
- h. Resolution No. 20R-08 Establishing Standing Committees, Other Appointments and Authorizing the Creation of Ad Hoc Committees
- i. Approve Director Attendance Retroactively to California Community Water Systems Alliance: Advocacy Workshop 101 held February 20, 2020 at Mojave Water Agency
- j. Authorize attendance to the AALRR Employment Law Conference on March 26, 2020 in Cerritos, CA at an Estimated Costs of \$1,000 per Director
- k. Authorize attendance to the CA Special Districts Association Legislative Days May 19 – 20, 2020 at an estimated cost of \$2,000 per Director.

No public comment.

Motion No. 20-019

Director McBride made a motion to accept the consent calendar items a-k as presented. Secretary Coulombe seconded the motion.

Corl-Lorono Y
Burkhart Y
Coulombe Y
McBride Y
McKenzie Y

MSC¹ – (McBride/Coulombe) unanimously approved

10. Matters Removed From Consent Items

None

11. Public Comment Period

Approved March 24, 2020

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No public comment

Adjourned to break at 7:03 PM – Reconvened from break at 7:09 PM

12. Verbal Reports - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings.

1. General Manager Report:

GM West reported on an upcoming presentation she is giving on March 13, 2020 at the 29 Palms Historical Society. The title is "History of Water in the Morongo Basin: Perspectives on an Underappreciated Resource. The lecture is sponsored by the Old Schoolhouse Museum and The Desert Institute. Doors open at 6:15pm.

2. Director Reports:

Vice President Burkhart reported on the MWA TAC meeting of February 6, 2020 where there was a discussion on Governor Newsom's Draft Water Resiliency Portfolio. He also reported on the Community Water Systems Alliance Workshop she attended on February 20, 2020.

Director McKenzie reported on the Community Water Systems Alliance Workshop she attended on February 20, 2020.


Director McBride reported on the Community Water Systems Alliance Workshop she attended on February 20, 2020. He further reported on the February 2020 Homestead Valley Community Council meeting he attended.

3. President Report:

President Corl-Lorono reported on the Community Water Systems Alliance Workshop she attended on February 20, 2020.

Adjournment – President Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Approved by:


J. Larry Coulombe, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded and carried.



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