

# **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 June 9, 2020 Time – 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC AND BOARD WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY
\*\*TELECONFERENCE LINE THRU ZOOM 669-900-6833\*\*

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting convened by President Corl-Lorono at 6:00 pm.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mark Johannes.

## **ROLL CALL**

Directors present:

**Judy Corl-Lorono** 

John R. Burkhart

J. Larry Coulombe - via teleconference

Michael McBride JoMarie McKenzie

Staff present:

Marina West

Public Present: 0 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference. 4 members of the public were present in the meeting room.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director McBride made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Coulombe seconded the motion.

**Public Comment: None** 

Corl-Lorono

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Burkhart

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June 9, 2020 Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes Approved July 14, 2020 Page 1 of 6 Coulombe Y
McBride Y
McKenzie Y

MSC<sup>1</sup> – (McBride/Coulombe) motion approved

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

Reject All Bids Received on May 21, 2020 for the Rehabilitation of Tanks B1 & B2
 Miscellaneous Safety Upgrades for Tanks R1, R2A and R2B

GM West gave the staff report provided in the Agenda packet noting that the project bids exceeded the Engineer's Estimate by about \$100,000. At this time, staff is recommending with concurrence from the engineer that the bids be rejected in their entirety. GM West has added the recoating work to the "master plan" or Preliminary Engineers Report and will try to tie the project to the uranium blending pipeline. If funding cannot be secured, then staff would consider removing the tanks from service and finding an alternative purpose for the tanks (ie. covered storage).

## **Public Comment:**

A member of the public asked about the location of the tank and about replacing.

## Motion No. 20-43

(After brief Board discussion) Director McKenzie and Director Burkhart had questions for the General Manager. Director McBride made a motion to Reject All Bids Received on May 21, 2020 for the Rehabilitation of Tanks B1 & B2 and Miscellaneous Safety Upgrades for Tanks R1, R2A and R2B. Director McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

MSC<sup>1</sup> – (McBride/McKenzie) motion approved

## 2. Receive and File Notice Inviting Bids for Safety Upgrades for Tanks R1, R2A and R2B

GM West gave the staff report as provided in the Agenda packet. This bid will result in completing the necessary safety and security upgrades to the Imp. District Goat Mountain tanks. GM West pointed out that while the "apparent low bidder" from the original bid was still the "apparent low bidder" on just these structural modifications for safety and security it was decided inappropriate to carve-out such a small piece of the total work. This is why the bids were rejected and staff advertised again, just for the structural upgrades.

GM West informed the Board that the bids are due June 30<sup>th</sup> and staff expects to bring a recommendation for award to the July 14, 2020 regular meeting for review by the Board.

#### **Public Comment:**

One member of the public asked for clarification on the engineer assigned to the project.

## Motion No. 20-44

(After brief Board discussion) Director Burkhart made a motion to Receive and File Notice Inviting Bids for Safety Upgrades for Tanks R1, R2A and R2B. Director Coulombe seconded the motion.

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

MSC1 - (Burkhart/Coulombe) motion approved

3. Authorize Execution of County of San Bernardino Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Agreement for Collection of Special Taxes, Fees and Assessments Fiscal Year 2020-21

GM West gave the staff report as provided in the Agenda packet stating this is an annual administrative action related to placing any kind of assessment on the tax rolls. For the Agency this includes Stand-by Assessments as well as Delinquent Water Bill Assessments.

**Public Comment: none** 

#### Motion No. 20-45

(After brief Board discussion) Director Burkhart made a motion to Authorize Execution of County of San Bernardino Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Agreement for Collection of Special Taxes, Fees and Assessments Fiscal Year 2020-21. Director McBride seconded the motion.

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

MSC<sup>1</sup> – (Burkhart/McBride) motion approved

4. Review Recommended Resolution No. 20R-XX Modifying the Basic Facilities Charge to \$4,930 and the Service Line Installation Fee to \$1,475 for 1-inch Residential Meters

GM West gave the staff report as provided in the Agenda packet. Annually the Board reviews these charges with the Service Line Installation fee reviewed against the actual costs of labor and material while the Basic Facilities Charge has been adjusted by the Consumer Price Index in lieu of a formal rate study. For Fiscal Year 2020/21, staff is recommending adjustment to

both charges. Service line installation from \$1,370 to \$1,475 based on the actual cost of the last twenty service installations. Basic Facilities Charge from \$4,810 to \$4,930 based on the Consumer Price Index "inflation calculator". Finally, GM West noted that the Board is hereby asked to make a motion to move the recommendation to the July 14, 2020 Board meeting for consideration and possible adoption. The June 9, 2020 motion just documents that the intent to raise the charges has been posted and distributed at least 14-days prior to adoption of the charge as required under the Mitigated Fee Act as these charges do not fall under the guidelines of Prop. 218.

**Public Comment: none** 

#### Motion No. 20-46

(After brief Board discussion) Director McBride made a motion to recommend staff agendize for the July 14, 2020 meeting to consider adopting Resolution No. 20R-XX Modifying the Basic Facilities Charge to \$4,930 and the Service Line Installation Fee to \$1,475 for 1-inch Residential Meters. Director Burkhart seconded the motion.

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

MSC<sup>1</sup> – (McBride/Burkhart) motion approved

#### Public Notice and Posting of Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2020/21

GM West gave the staff report as provided in the Agenda packet noting that as with the prior agenda item the Appropriation Limit worksheet must be posted and distributed at least 15-days prior to formal adoption by the Board. As the calculation worksheet was posted June 5, 2020 with the agenda packet, staff is requesting the Board receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Appropriation Limit worksheet. The resolution of adoption is scheduled for Board consideration and approval at the July 14, 2020 regular meeting.

**Public Comment: none** 

#### Motion No. 20-47

(After brief Board discussion) Director Corl-Lorono made a motion to receive and file Public Notice and Posting of Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2020/21. Director Burkhart seconded the motion.

Corl-Lorono Y
Burkhart Y
Coulombe Y
McBride Y

McKenzie Y
MSC¹ – (Corl-Lorono/Burkhart) motion approved

#### 6. Consent Items -

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2020
- **b.** Receive and File Mutual Emergency Water Supply Agreement between Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency and Hi-Desert Water District

**Recommended Action:** 

Approve as presented (Item a-b):

**Public Comment: none** 

#### Motion No. 20-48

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

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

MSC<sup>1</sup> – (McBride/Coulombe) motion approved

## 7. Matters Removed from Consent Items

None

## 8. Public Comment Period

No comments were received from the public.

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

General Manager Report – none.

Director McBride reported on the Mojave Water Agency meeting he attended virtually on May 28, 2020 highlighting issues such as Delta reliability, budget and office procedures relating to re-opening post-COVID-19.

Director Coulombe - none.

Director McKenzie - none.

Director Burkhart reported on the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting he attended virtually. This included an update on Delta reliability, Urban Water Management Plans and legal challenges related to the Delta Stewardship Council. All relating to reducing reliance on the Delta. He further reported on the CA Rural Water Association Private Well Replacement Program.

President Corl-Lorono reported on the CSDA Legislative Days "webinars" she attended in lieu of the "in-person" conference normally held in Sacramento.

## 10. Adjournment

President Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Approved by:

J. Larry Coulombe, Secretary of the Board

MSC<sup>1</sup> – Motion made, seconded and carried.

