



BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

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

**January 10, 2023
Time – 6:00 P.M.**

**MEETING ROOM IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE
PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY**

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**Director Chapman will attend via teleconference
from the location identified as
778 Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284**

CALL TO ORDER

President Burkhart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led By Phil Johnson

ROLL CALL

Directors present: John R. Burkhart
 JoMarie McKenzie
 Megan Close-Dees
 Craig Dicht
 David Chapman

Staff present: Marina West

Public Present: 3 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference.
0 members of the public were present in the meeting room.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Close-Dees seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Discussion and Action Items -

1. **Presentation of A Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service by Jim Ventura**

President Burkhart presented the resolution of appreciation to Mr. Ventura and thanked him for his service to the Mojave Water Agency on behalf of the Morongo Basin residents.

Members of the Board of Directors gave personal stories and thanks to Jim Ventura for his leadership and mentoring to them as individuals.

Public Comment:

Mr. Johnson thanked Jim Ventura for his leadership on multiple commissions and Board's throughout the Morongo Basin.

Mr. Ventura commented on the history back to the 1980's and the formation of the Joint Powers Authority for the Morongo Basin Pipeline. He pointed out that one has to have be sensitive to other points of view and to make a real effort to understand the differing perspectives of others. I described the challenges of working in the basin as a Southern California Edison representative and the people he met along the way. He reminded the Board that Mojave Water Agency was known for a long time as the "do nothing" Agency and their first project was the Morongo Basin Pipeline and the MWA Board wasn't really aware of the uniqueness of the Morongo Basin compared to the remaining areas. Lastly, he reminded us that it is not about one person but the group. He talked about the attendance at the MWA by Morongo Basin leadership. In closing, he thanked everyone for their support through the years.

No Motion

No Action Taken – Informational/Ceremonial Only

Board adjourned to break at 6:16 pm ---- Meeting resumed at 6:51 pm

2. **Adopt Resolution No. 23R-01 Adopting the Directors' Compensation List "A" and "B"**

GM West gave the staff report as presented in the Agenda packet noting that the resolution has been modified to open meeting attendance to all directors rather than using the "rotation" approach. She also the policy for reimbursement of expenses was included as an attachment as it sets forth the guidelines for "Authorized Meetings". She also added several conferences regularly attended by members of the Board. Any event or meeting not listed must be brought to the full Board for approval either in advance or retrospectively. Lastly, she reminded the Board that an oral reports at an open public meeting are required for all Category "B" meetings attended.

Public Comment: None

Motion No. 23-001

Director Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23R-01 Adopt Resolution No. 23R-01 adopting the Directors’ Compensation List. Director Close-Dees seconded the motion.

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC¹ (Chapman/Close-Dees) approved.

3. Adopt Resolution No. 23R-02 Establishing Standing Committees, Other Appointments and Authorized Assignments and Authorizing the Creation of Ad Hoc Committees.

GM West gave the staff report as provided in the agenda packet noting that the resolution establishes the definition of the Committees and other assignments. It sets the regular committee meeting date and time for the purposes of agenda posting (Brown Act) requirements.

Public Comment: None

Motion No. 23-002

Director Dicht made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23R-02 Establishing Standing Committees, Other Appointments and Authorized Assignments and Authorizing the Creation of Ad Hoc Committees; and authorizing the appointments to the Standing Committees and Other Assignments and any existing Ad Hoc Committees as recommended by the President of the Board for calendar year 2023. Director Chapman seconded the motion.

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC¹ (Dicht/Chapman) approved.

4. Board to Discuss Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a “Management Succession Plan and Associated Organizational Structure”

GM West gave a brief staff report noting this item was moved from the December meeting.

Director Dicht and Director McKenzie expressed an interest in being on this Committee.

Public Comment: None

Motion No. 23-003

Director Dicht made a motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a “Management Succession Plan and Associated Organizational Structure” and appointed Director Dicht and Director McKenzie to the Committee. Director Close-Dees seconded the motion.

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC¹ (Dicht/Close-Dees) approved.

5. Consent Items -

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2022
- b. Financial Statements
 - 1. Balance Sheet – November 2022
 - 2. Budget Status – November 2022
- c. Receive and File Disbursements for December 2022
- d. Service Order Report for November 2022
- e. BDV Production Report for December 2022
- f. Goat Mountain Production Report for December 2022
- g. Receive and File PLEGS Standing Committee Minutes for October 18, 2022

Motion No. 23-004

Director Chapman made a motion to approve consent items a – g as presented. Director Dicht seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC¹ (Chapman/Dicht) unanimously approved.

6. Matters Removed from Consent Items

None

7. Public Comment Period

None

8. Verbal Reports – Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings.

1. General Manager Report – GM West noted that with the adoption of the Standing Committee Resolution the next Finance (FPREP) Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023. This Agenda will be posted January 13, 2023.

2. Director Reports –

Director Chapman reported on the Landers Association meeting he attended on December 17, 2023. Noting that attendance was low and that he senses that they are struggling at how to attract new members. The Landers Association was awarded a cash grant by the Homestead Valley Community Council and they in turn donated their grant to the Yucca Mesa Community Center and Flamingo Heights Community Center. Landers Association is doing fairly well with the Thrift Store sales.

Director McKenzie reported on the Ethics training she completed recently noting that “just because its legal doesn’t mean its ethical”.

9. Adjournment

President Burkhart Adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Approved by:



Megan Close-Dees, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded and carried



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