



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' WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES (SPECIAL MEETING)

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

April 22, 2023
Time – 10:00 A.M.

NO ZOOM PLATFORM PROVIDED FOR THIS MEETING
BOARDROOM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President McKenzie called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by JoMarie McKenzie.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: John R. Burkhart – Absent w/prior notice
 JoMarie McKenzie
 Megan Close-Dees
 Craig Dicht
 David Chapman

Staff present: Marina West

Public Present: 1 member of the public arrived at approximately 11:00 am

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Workshop Discussion and Action Items –

1. Annual Review of the Board of Directors' Handbook – 2023 Revision

GM West gave the staff report as provided in the Agenda packet. She noted that the Board Handbook was produced in response to the Agency's desire to achieve the District of Distinction accreditation from the Special District Leadership Foundation / CA Special Districts Association. To maintain qualification for that accreditation the Board must review

the Handbook on an annual basis. Today's annual review includes adoption of this 2023 update based on the 2022 review and therefore the Board is asked to adopt the Resolution acknowledging such.

Directors asked questions regarding the updates that were made. GM West summarized the changes made and Directors discussed portions of the handbook.

Director McKenzie asked about a statement concerning "special considerations". She asked if this needed to be changed in light of recent requests for bill relief or allowing fences to "enclose" meters. Director McKenzie feels as it is a shame and waste of time for customers to plead before the Board, if the Board is advised to answer "no" to their request.

Director Close-Dees noted that any member of the public has a right to come and request a special consideration.

GM West reviewed the purpose of the Agency Ordinance as a policy document and explained that members of the public have a right to request redress from the Board of Directors' regarding the application of the Rules and Regulations by staff. GM West explained that seeking administrative remedy from the full Board of Directors is an appropriate step for a customer who disagrees with staff over the application of the rules. Director Dicht stated his understanding is that a customer has the right to "ask for" special consideration. It was further clarified that the Board can allow variances from its Ordinance.

Director Chapman pointed out the statement is aimed at "a director" and not the full Board. Director McKenzie wants to make sure this statement is not contrary to our Rules and Regulations. Director McKenzie requested that General Counsel Kennedy review the paragraph and approve the statement. Director Dicht noted it is a reasonable statement in his opinion.

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 23-015

Director Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23R-06 Adopting the Board of Directors' Handbook for the Purposes of Providing a Comprehensive Desktop Reference for Board Members. Director Close-Dees seconded the motion.

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

MSC¹ (Chapman/Close-Dees) approved.

2. Presentation and Discussion of Capital Improvement Projects Including Goat Mountain Replacement Well and the “Pipeline Improvements / Consolidation Project” with Director and Public Comments, Questions and Input

GM West gave a Powerpoint presentation with maps and outlined the major construction components of the Goat Mountain Replacement Well and the “Pipeline Improvements / Consolidation Project”. She then turned the meeting over to the Board and Public to review the maps seeking comments, questions and input.

Comments, questions and input were received and answered.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Adjournment of Board Meeting to Optional Fieldtrip to Visit Capital Improvement Project Locations – Goat Mountain System Interconnection with BDVWA; Goat Mountain replacement wellsite and Uranium blending pipeline alignment at Pipes Wash.

This “fieldtrip” opportunity is open to all public. Fieldtrip will begin at 1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA, 92285 with a departure time no sooner than 11:30 am. No Agency business shall be conducted during the fieldtrip as it is for informational purposed only.

Vice President McKenzie Adjourned the Board Workshop meeting at 11:00 am. The Field Trip started at 11:30am and continued until approximately 2:00 pm.

Approved by:


Megan Close-Dees, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded and carried



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