

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, August 3, 2023**

1. OPEN SESSION

Vice President Ludecke opened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at PM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Thursday August 3, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Ludecke, Vice President
Craig Brewster, Director
Mark Lee, Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Craig Brewster

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Larry Cooke, resident of Big Bear Lake, is bothered by the lack of shoreline maintenance that is being absorbed by the water since the lake is higher now and causing an issue under water. Doesn't seem right, would like more maintenance. Director Brewster informed Mr. Cooke that the resident can clear the area in front of their homes which he does for hours every week to make sure it looks nice. Mr. Stephenson responded, yes, residents can do that and are encouraged to do that. Director Brewster explained that he spend hours and hours maintaining the shoreline in front of my house because he wants it to look nice and remain functional. Mr. Stephenson continued that, the shoreline falls under riparian habitat and is not the same as weed abatement, that area is habitat and cannot be cleared out. Vice President Ludecke said this issue can go to lake improvement, but thinks a annual workshop to show what these home owners can and cannot do to take better care of the area in front of their house would be more beneficial.

4. REPORTS

A. Mr. Stephenson reported we have received a couple weed calls for the harvester, done some water testing, the Regional Board has us listed as a caution, we did testing and not sure where their numbers came from, as usual. Even their data does not seem to not have enough to make the threshold of a caution level. This could be because someone had a visual sighting or call from the public. They used to go on our boats, and we took them out for sampling. The second year, we said we couldn't help unless they worked during our work hours, still didn't work out. Finished last year, and this year we had to decline because we cannot donate that much staff time. So now they are just going around the shoreline and grabbing scum samples around the lake. We are always at a caution level, because it is such an ongoing and changing elements in the environment, we just want people to be educated about our lake.

Thought we were going to have a swim beach area open this year, but after talking to their staff they are not going to open it because they can't hire lifeguards and they are not willing to take any liability on for possible illness from algae, which we have no reports of in the history of the District. Hopefully we can help them with this next year, and hopefully we will have another good winter.

The previous board questioned the grout bay picnic area, we reached out to forestry, if they are not going to open it, then we would take our property back. Next day the gate opened, so they maintain those bathrooms that they built on our property. There are still issues on who would have

liability if there was an incident. Counsel Lemieux explained it would be a joint liability so both parties could probably be named, but most likely District would not be named because of the maintained being deferred to forestry. We are still pretty busy on weekends, most of our staff remains which is a good thing. Director Brewster wanted to follow up on Ms. Conroy's dock being out of compliance and make sure she did comply. Mr. Stephenson replied that she is still about 2' too long, but with the mud and everything, she will be in compliance in a couple weeks with how the lake the moving down, so consider that resolved.

B. Lake Improvement Committee member, Director Brewster reported that they discussed the lake wide EIR project list. They modified some areas, eliminated some for the consultants to consider for the final report to the Army Corps. Still very early in the draft phase of this report during the project descriptions.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on July 20, 2023.
- B. Warrant list dated 7/28/2023 in the amount of \$186,089.66

Discussion:

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

6. BUSINESS

N/A

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stephenson said that Director Rehfuss is sorry he can't be here today, he is out sick.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Brewster really wants swim beach to get open next year, agrees with Larry about lakeshore management and a workshop to educate the public on what can be done. Larry Cooke suggests getting an email list from all the lakefront owners.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Before going in to closed session, Counsel Lemieux asked for comment from the public regarding closed session items that were on the agenda, but no public in attendance had comments.

Vice President Ludecke adjourned to closed session at 1:34 PM

Vice President Ludecke reconvened to open session at 3:29 PM. Counsel Lemieux summarized the closed session which discussed a possible, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1). Significant exposure to litigation: One case, and discussion of employee pursuant to government code 54957(b): Title: General Manager, neither had reportable action which concluded Counsel's report.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: August 17, 2023
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM



Brittany Lamson, Secretary to the Board of
Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District

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