

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, December 19, 2024**

1. OPEN SESSION

President Ludecke opened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 1:00 PM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Thursday December 19, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Stephenson

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Daniel Gulbranson, a member of the Big Bear Valley, is tired of the City Council doing things illegally, and nothing is being done about it. They continue to do trickier, they need to fire the lawyers that represent everyone. They hired Mr. LoGrande who has the biggest ethical violations ever given, but we continue to take others leftovers when they get fired other places, and City Council continues to lie to this Valley.

4. REPORTS

A. General Manager, Jared Cheek, reported he participated in a webinar about some projects going on in the water shed. Several board meetings ago we decided to refund the spectrum internet, that's confirmed, we should have that soon. The bus station is now complete. We had an admin committee meeting last week. Had another meeting with Bear Valley Electric and power services. Viewed an online demo on a new accounting software for next year's budget. President Ludecke asked if we are moving away from Quickbooks? Mr. Cheek confirmed, yes. Congratulations to Director Lee and Director Bradford for their reelection.

Mr. Cheek asked that Mike give a quick update on the lake. Mr. Stephenson reported, from November to now the lake has stayed pretty flat. We have only lost about a foot and a half. Vice President Brewster asked if that was a historic low? Mr. Stephenson said he needs to do more research, but he believes it is. We are about half our average annual loss. Our current release is sitting at 0.9CFS and our new system is the best system of water release we have, and we have already saved. State water project allocation is only 10% this coming year. President Ludecke asked what that means. Mr. Stephenson said the owners of that water, the state, determines how much water right they have based on snowpack. President Ludecke wanted clarification, are we talking Mutual? Yes, they are only receiving 10% of their allocation. There have been times when the allocation is changed. Mutual can use state water or pump water. Lastly, there is now the golden mussels, our program will remain the same as because they are the same, basically as quagga zebra mussels. Four other lakes nearby are just closing their lake for 30 days, while they figure out what

their doing. You can either pay for a decontamination or get a 30-day quarantine band. These lakes are going from no prevention to huge changes.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on December 5, 2024.
- B. Warrant list dated 12/13/2024 in the amount of \$49,769.92.

Discussion:

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Bradford, and seconded by Vice President Brewster, the consent calendar was approved unanimously:
AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee, Bradford
NO:
ABSTAIN:

6. BUSINESS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Ludecke & Brewster) recommend Resolution 2024-05 "Big Bear Municipal Water District Administrative Code" General Updates, effective January 2025 for full Board discussion and possible approval.

Discussion:

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Vice President Brewster, and second by Director Lee, Resolution 2024-05, which updates the Administrative Code only as it relates to the election date changes to Division 4 & 5 was unanimously approved:
AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee, Bradford
NO:
ABSTAIN:

- B. Administrative Committee (Directors Ludecke & Brewster) recommend approval of the BB&K annual CPI increase to their rate schedule.

Discussion:

Ludecke explained that BBK is staying on staff as they are in the ending phase of an ongoing lawsuit, so we will need to approve this.

Mr. Gulbranson commented to use caution, they have this hand in many organizations all over the nation.

With a motion made by Vice President Brewster, seconded by Director Bradford, the BB&K rate increase for next year was unanimously approved:
AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee, Bradford
NO:
ABSTAIN:

C. Announce Craig Brewster, Division 3, as President.

Discussion:

Outgoing President Ludecke announced Vice President Brewster as the new President for 2025.

Vice President Brewster complimented Steve on his reign and is looking forward to the next year, it's going to be tough to follow. Director Bradford also complimented the whole board for working well together, happy to say everyone gets along, we don't always agree, but we keep it going and keep things professional. Outgoing President Ludecke thanked his father, Bob, for his education he gained by previously serving on the board for many years.

No vote needed, set by District Administrative Code.

D. Announce Mark Lee, Division 4, as Vice President.

Discussion:

Incoming President Brewster announced Director Lee as the new Vice President for 2025.

Director Lee declined the position. The next in line will be Director Bradford. Incoming President Brewster asked if he would accept the position, he did. Director Bradford explained he believes we are all elected board officials and it's our responsibility to serve as President or Vice President when it's our time. It's our responsibility to represent their constituents, just a comment. Outgoing President Ludecke wanted to echo those comments, if it's your turn, it's your turn.

No vote needed, set by District Administrative Code.

E. Committee Assignments.

Same committee structure as 2024 with the exception of watermaster and lake improvement.

Discussion:

Incoming President Brewster announced that the committees will be as follows:

Administrative: Ludecke & Brewster, ALT Lee

Budget & Finance: Ludecke & Lee, ALT Rehfuß

Lake Improvement: Lee & Bradford, ALT Brewster

Operations: Brewster & Rehfuß, ALT Lee

Watermaster: Ludecke & Brewster, ALT Lee

No vote needed, set by Board President.

F. Appointment of Board Officers for Calendar year 2025.

Discussion:

Incoming President Brewster announced Board officers which are set by District Administrative Code:

Brittany Lamson, Assistant General Manager will serve as Board Secretary

Jared Cheek, General Manager will serve as Treasurer, and deputy secretary when secretary is absent.

G. Appointment of the District's JPIA Representative for the Calendar Year 2024.

Discussion:

Incoming President Brewster represented the district and would like to stay as the representative.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke, seconded by incoming Vice President Bradford, the nomination for incoming President Brewster to serve as the District's JPIA representative for next year was unanimously approved:

AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee, Bradford

NO:

ABSTAIN:

K. Board to determine who will be the BVBGSA representative.

Discussion:

Outgoing President Ludecke announced he is fine remaining as the BVBGSA representative for the MWD. Incoming Vice President Bradford thinks some consistency is important because it takes a year or two to even learn some of it.

With a motion made by incoming Vice President Bradford, seconded by Director Lee, the BVBGSA representative nomination to remain the same, Director Ludecke, was unanimously approved:

AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Lee, Bradford

NO:

ABSTAIN:

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cheek congratulated the Director on their new committee assignments. District main office will closed Christmas Day through the new year.

Council Lemieux brought a new law, state mandate to agencies which requires them to post open positions prior to budget adoption, there is a hearing on open positions which is to show the recruitment and turnover. This is only applicable if there is more than 20% of vacancies within an agency.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Lee stated it was another good year. Outgoing President Ludecke wished everyone a Merry Christmas and enjoy the time off! Incoming President Brewster thanked everyone for the complimentary sentiments as he takes on his new role as President in January.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: January 16th, 2024

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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