

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Mark Lee

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Daniel Gulbranson, a resident of Big Bear, explained he was here because of issues with City Council and their hiring of Michael LaGrande after he had to pay one of the highest ethical standards breach in LA County. He wanted to express that the City Manager is a condescending bully, he should be fired and something should be done. Claims he wants criminal prosecutions. Claims BBARWA is trying to get rid of Kendi now just because she doesn't go along with the group.

Tom Sitton, a resident of Big Bear, thought the Carp competition was great, fantastic. He explained he was practicing his speech for the City Hall Meeting. Restated the grizzly article that said the BBARWA project dried up and now we have to pay for all this. BBARWA board already voted against it. Claimed they are writing in Jim Eakin instead of having Kendi just run unopposed at the City. He feels the City Council policy and procedure is not right. This Valley does not want this project and we don't care about 2-4 inches of water.

Jess Madison of the Grizzly, explained the newspaper is about accuracy and facts, but just because someone does not like something does not mean I write a story about it.

Before moving to reports, President Ludecke announced that we might have some people in attendance that want to get out of here sooner than later, so we are going to move forward to our business item/award ceremony.

4. REPORTS

A. Jared Cheek, General Manager, we had the big fire last week, exempt staff stayed put in case we needed to response to anything. Brittany and I went to the High School's AP Government Econ class and spoke about the District and different career paths. We also attended the San Bernardino Valley General Managers quarterly meeting. We had a meeting GEI and discussed the special use ramp, we are going to put the environmental document back out for public comment so all our

commentor can see that their concerns/comments or questions were addressed before finalizing the document. We received back our latest quagga water samples and we are STILL quagga free and want to keep it that way. So that is great news.

B. Mike Stephenson, Chief Operating Officer, explained in the early years that quaggas were being found in other states, we were told there was no way to keep them out, but the previous Board decided to spend whatever we had to, to keep these out. Now we are the model of inspections and decontamination, we have found mussels annually on boats through our inspection process, and we would have already been infected if we did not take this seriously.

Mr. Stephenson explained that at the last meeting he received a question regarding the inflow that he couldn't really answer last time, so he wanted to answer it today. May 13th of this year lake level was 3.87, today we are at 6.08, we broke the 6ft mark. We have only lost 2.19 ft of lake elevation. 3,177 AF gone from drawdown. Lake evaporation should be about 6,500 AF based on our historical average. Tried to find an average dry year, started at 8.32ft, ended at 11.71, using the May thru September time period. That's 7,038 AF actual lake level loss. Over double lake level loss of what we are seeing this year. There is 3,861 AF subsurface flow, which was greater than the loss we saw. That's huge, better than we thought. This inflow will show in the Watermaster this coming year.

Director Ludecke said there is obviously a connection between groundwater and lake level. Director Bradford added we had no monsoon this year, and summer is over, so to lose such a small amount of water is crazy. Director Reh fuss asked if this gives any indication of how long it will flow subsurface? Mr. Stephenson said the time for that is November 1, we usually see that date as the beginning of an uptick in lake level, but that is just an in house starting date. Early storms don't move the groundwater.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on September 5, 2024.
- B. Warrant list dated 9/16/2024 in the amount of \$5,125.55.

Discussion:

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Brewster, and seconded by Director Reh fuss, the consent calendar, was approved unanimously:

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

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

6. BUSINESS

Mr. Cheek reviewed some stats that came through from the incentive program. Mostly new hunters which was great this year. We had 57 of the 67 days where we counted fish, so there was only 10 days throughout the program where no fish were counted. The public was happy about it, and glad to bring the family together and was great to meet others involved in the program/sport. Director Bradford had the initial idea and the team made it come together. Director Bradford loves to see the young man here that was out fishing and hunting, it's great to see. Jim Teel suggested the turn in time be a little later, cuts the collection time in about half for him.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

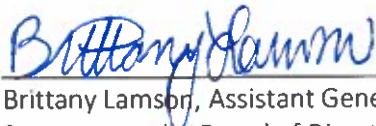
Director Reh fuss explained he was skeptical about this program in the beginning, but it seems like the public were happy about it and it turned out pretty good.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: September 19, 2024
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM



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

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