

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, August 1, 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 August 1, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Lee

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Larry Cooke, a resident of Big Bear Lake, requested to be agendized to give an update on how the marinas came to be, and discuss general history of this subject. President Ludecke asked how much time he would need, if that is even appropriate (addressed toward legal counsel Lemieux). Mr. Cooke responded that he would only like 20-30 minutes. President Ludecke requested it be on the next Board meeting. Ms. Lamson reminded the Board the next meeting already has a pretty big agenda with the Replenish pilot program water analysis presentation, so President Ludecke would like to push until the first meeting in September.

4. REPORTS

A. General Manager, Jared Cheek started his report by thanking the Board for the opportunity to serve as the GM. He continued, last week we had an update on the Lakewide EIR program. GEI is still working on the specifics to project location, quantities and off-site storage areas. Spent a lot of time getting orientated with the district. We met with the soroptimist club, the county, Education Trust, again at swim beach. They are now looking at drilling a well, non-potable, and constructing a silt curtain which will slow the water movement out of that area to prolong the useable time swim beach can be open. Vice President Brewster asked what the current depth is over there. Mr. Stephenson responded that it's about 16'. President Ludecke mentioned that he is not really in favor of that effort, but interested to see where it goes and is in full support of the County improving their swim beach area. I attended the BBARWA meeting regarding the water testing from the pilot testing, that is the presentation that will be done here at our next meeting.

Monday July 29th, we had an earthquake, so I got to observe the dam post-earthquake inspection because it was greater than a 2.0, which was a great training exercise. President Ludecke asked to look at google maps and see the comment that's referenced. The Countin' Carp incentive program is still going on, same group catching. Our current environmental document is still active, comments are open until August 10. We would like to bring back the Kool Kids program, later

September, more to come with that. New construction is beginning around our electronic sign, so that will look great.

We have been receiving and have seen some dead fish. It's really minor to moderate, it's been really hot, and they don't do well. June was about 4 degrees hotter than last year, but the nightly low is over 5 degrees hotter than the average. Sustained hotter than normal temperatures is causing this. Our crew is checking every day, so we are saying on top of things.

B. Chief Operations Officer, Mike Stephenson, reported lake is 5' 3" down from full. Surprising how much ground water is still moving, which shows in our lack of loss in the evaporation. Our current release requirement is 1.25 CFS. We have two more wires to install until our new SCADA system is in place. That should be up and running after next week. We will still be testing our 14" and 24" gates on full load, which is required, once we pass this fish issue. Aerator was having some issues, but its back and running great. It's just too hot for these fish. We're not getting the cool down at night like we usually do.

Director Rehfuß asked, do you think that seeing all the sculpin is a good sign? Mr. Stephenson responded it is, because they are actively breeding and the surface survey samplers we built for invasive species monitoring is giving them additional places hang out in a high places and not have to swim all day to cooler water.

Larry Cooke asked if there was any advantage to the extra aeration system? Yes, Mr. Stephenson has already proposed that to the new GM as a future project. It will help.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on July 18, 2024.
- B. Warrant list dated 7/24/2024 in the amount of \$57,398.72

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, Rehfuß, Brewster, Lee, Bradford

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

6. BUSINESS

N/A

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Brewster asked about the video for boater education. Ms. Lamson responded that we are planning an admin and operations committee meeting for next week so that will be discussed then.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Rehfuss wanted to thank Brittany for stepping up and doing a great job and helping out with the transition of bringing Jared on board.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: August 15, 2024
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM



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

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