

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, July 18, 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 July 18, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Osborn

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Rusty Barnes, a Big Bear Resident, with a lot in Fawnskin, came to talk about the erosion problem by his property, but understands now that it is in litigation. He claims its making drastic impacts to his ability to sell his lot. There has been work done there in the past, dredging projects (private owner) and now the dredging work is going to be filled in.

Dave Coletta, Fawnskin resident, also concerned about the erosion over near his yard which is bringing more dirt into the dredge he completed. The rushing water is even taking out the cinderblock wall that was constructed. Not safe in its current state.

4. REPORTS

A. Interim General Manager, Brittany Lamson reported July 4th holiday went well. There was a noticeable amount of wakeboard boats out there which was causing some issues. We had another serious injury, so we are going to take steps to make the process a little better, keep everyone safe out there. So, there might be a policy change in the near future. The Replenish Big Bear pilot results are in, so we should be having that presentation at the second meeting in August, but I will confirm that date when I get it. Our Initial Study/ MND is out for public comment. This is for our special use ramp and dredge to be completed on the west side of the jetty.

Larry Cooke, a resident of Big Bear Lake, asked if there would be benefit with moving the water all over the place during this hot weather? Mr. Stephenson said yes, we try to do that with our bubbler system, and had some other plans to move the water throughout the lake, but the cost was much too large.

B. Chief Operations Officer, Mike Stephenson, reported 2003 was the first time the lake hit 75 degrees that we could find. It is currently 75 degrees now. You can compare last year's temp to this year and it's much higher. This high temp was taken from the far east end of the lake because that's usually the hottest. In 1977 when the lake was the lowest, it was about 71 degrees. The lake

is layered higher than ever. There is an 11-degree difference between the top to the bottom of the lake, and it's layered completely across the whole lake. The 21 ft of upper warm level, but there is 30 ft of "dead zone" or no oxygen for the fish.

C. Facility Manager, Jim Cummings, reported on our recent projects. We completed our 36" meter replacement, it was flawless, High Desert Underground did an amazing job, they were incredible. The crane had perfect placement and took the whole crane to move that new meter down. The crane had a tough job, he is going in blind with where the meter is so far down there, the operator, Schroder and his field guy were flawless. Our team was great, we did some electronics, the new SCADA system will be started and hopefully completed tomorrow. We just finished up the monitoring wells, as of yesterday all paperwork was submitted to the County. We assisted, with that as well, they capped the wells, we dug the holes. So now Big Bear Marina has their whole parking lot back.

D. President Ludecke reported that there was a couple admin committee meetings since our last meeting. Vice President Brewster said we had a great turn out to our most recent admin committee, so that was good, a lot of interest about the topic of wakeboard boats. We did discuss a boater education video. Travis Scott from the Visit Big Bear suggested taking on the video and providing it to the rest of us. We brainstormed some ideas with the crowd there to limit or mitigate the issue of the wakes.

President Ludecke reported on a previous admin meeting, we saw a presentation for a on the lake obstacle course proposed to be at Pine Knot marina. I see a couple folks from Pine Knot so could you guys just elaborate a little more on this activity for the rest of the board and public?

Brian Boyd of Big Bear Watersports explained they wanted to give adults and kids another activity to use to use up here. This would be monitored 24/7, all participants would be wearing a life jacket, there is two lifeguards on site. These are all scalable, so we would start small, see how it goes and can add more pieces. The Valley does not have much for the local kids, they do not have a public place to swim or use the lake. We wanted to be able to accommodate the kids in the valley and tourist. They run around the track and swim. Vice President Brewster loves the idea, explained he just did one in Utah and it was a blast. But what will happen after hours when it's closed? Brian explained there is a large barrier buoy so its a little border which would keep people off of it at night. President Ludecke asked if it would still in the 5mph zone? Would boaters be stopped from plowing into that? Brian said yes, the buoy and ropes are meant to keep people out. John Osborn added that there is a 100 ft safety line around the whole thing. Director Bradford asked about capacity, Brian said about 40 people at a time. This would also be inspected daily, and at the end of season would be pressure washed and folded up. Current timeline is next May to start operations, we started looking at this last year and tried to figure out how to really make this work. Director Bradford asked if they have thought about maybe giving swim lessons here because there are not really good options up here. Kids need to learn how to swim out here. Brian thought it would be a great thing to expand to the Valley.

Larry Cooke asked take a close look at the commercial permit. Ms. Lamson confirmed she has.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on June 20, 2024.
- B. Warrant list dated 7/15/2024 in the amount of \$2,516,647.45

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. The Administrative Committee (Directors Ludecke & Brewster) recommend voting for the CSDA incumbent, Jo MacKenzie, Director, Vista Irrigation District for the Southern CA Director chair for this year's CSDA Elections.

Discussion:

This is an election for the CSDA southern CA network. The committee was satisfied by the incumbents service so far so they recommended she be reelected.

With a motion made by Vice President Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the nomination of Jo MacKenzie for the Southern Network CSDA board, was approved unanimously:

AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee, Bradford

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

B. The Administrative Committee (Director Ludecke & Brewster) will have a recommendation for full Board discussion and possibly approve new auditing firm proposal for the FY 2023-24 audit.

Discussion:

Ms. Lamson explained the District is looking for a new auditor because the previous audits have not been completed on time, on budget and basis questions asked of the firm could not be answered. They can no longer provide all required services the District needs and need to hire third party companies to complete some aspects of the audit. All this being considered, we went out to bid to seven different firms. Spoke with four of them and received one bid back. This bid is actually less than what we ended up paying for the last two years of audits. The firm that submitted this proposal seems very capable and can complete a comprehensive audit within their firm, no third party outsources will be needed.

With a motion made by Vice President Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the MUN CPA LLPs proposal for auditing services for the FY 2023-24 year not to exceed \$51,200 was unanimously approved:

AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee, Bradford

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

7. Items removed from Consent Calendar

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stephenson explained this is Interim GM Brittany Lamson's last meeting and she did an absolute fabulous job. President Ludecke continued and thanked her for a job well done, she really did a great job. Director Brewster and the rest of the Board continued with gracious comments. Ms. Lamson thanked the Board for the opportunity, it was a fantastic experience. Also, Jared is starting on Monday!

Director Bradford asked how the carp incentive program was going, I explained it was going well, but have not seen many new faces to the disposal bucket, but fish are still coming in.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No other comments than continued gratitude to Brittany.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1: 57 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: August 1, 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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