

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, March 7, 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 February 1, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ryan Goss

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments from the public in attendance.

4. REPORTS

A. Interim General Manager, Brittany Lamson, started off her report by introducing the new Facility Manager, Jim Cummings. He has been with the District since February 20, 2024 and has been a great fit. Attended a special BBARWA meeting, they were reviewing their budget which included the rate increase for the Replenish Big Bear project. There was some opposition from the public about the pricing. There seemed to be a lot of miseducation still about the project in general. I also attended the regular CSD meeting on Monday and they also had opposition to the project. The Board was considering a revision to the resolution they have regarding an agreement with BBARWA, who processes their solid waste. In short, the Board needed to approve the resolution which would commit to not building a facility to process their own waste and would continue to be a customer of BBARWA. This language change was needed for BBARWA to qualify for a WIFIA loan for the Replenish project. Their Board voted against the resolution change. This leaves many questions for the future of the project.

Lastly, attended the Santa Ana River Science & Conservation Symposium which was filled with field experts and current projects being done around the whole watershed. A PowerPoint presentation was given by Ms. Lamson regarding topics at the event.

B. Chief Operations Officer, Mike Stephenson, reported on Feb 1, lake level was 8.14 down from full, 2500 surface acres of water, we have come up almost 2 feet. That is 92 acres of surface increase. Last year at this time, our highest level was 6.01 feet down from full. Might be about another 1,200 acres feet in the shed. Good chance we will exceed our starting level from last year.

C. Ludecke spoke for the budget and finance committee, everything is all under budget, so looking good. Brewster spoke about some events coming out on Labor Day. We are going to try to coordinate with the drone show.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on February 1, 2024.
- B. Warrant list dated 3/1/2024 in the amount of \$98,228.59
- C. New Exchangeable Bed Dump Truck purchase not to exceed \$165,086.66.
- D. New Event Application for "Be the Magic Boat Parade of Lights".

Discussion:

No comments were made.

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

AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee

NO:

ABSTAIN:

6. BUSINESS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Ludecke and Brewster) recommend full Board approval of the GEI proposal for the Big Bear Lake Maintenance and Improvement Program Environmental Impact Report and Permitting Strategy not to exceed \$370,936 which includes three optional tasks.

Discussion:

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the proposal for the Big Bear Lake Maintenance and Improvement Program Environmental Impact Report and Permitting Strategy not to exceed \$370,936 was approved unanimously:

AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee

NO:

ABSTAIN:

B. Full Board to discuss and possibly approve a new radio company, Mobile Relay Associates, not to exceed a purchase price of \$17,712.10.

Discussion:

The Board discussed including the functionality for the radios to be used in all of California at an additional cost.

With a motion made by Director Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the purchase of a new radio system through Mobile Relay Associates not to exceed \$17,712.10 was approved unanimously:

AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee

NO:

ABSTAIN:

C. Operations Committee (Directors Brewster & Lee (alt)) recommend the New Event Application for "LakeFest" for full Board approval.

Discussion:

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the LakeFest event was approved unanimously:
AYES: Ludecke, Brewster, Lee
NO:
ABSTAIN:

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: March 21, 2024
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM



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

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