

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, November 16, 2023**

1. OPEN SESSION

President Bradford 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 November 16, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Ludecke

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Steve Fengler wanted to tell the board about possible security issues at the storage lot across the street. Interim General Manager Lamson responded that all mentioned issues have already been repaired and are no longer an issue.

4. REPORTS

A. Interim General Manager, Brittany Lamson, reported that there was a BVBGSA meeting on Monday, the project has pretty much the same timeline they have had, nothing really new, there is going to be a contract for an annual report that will be coming to the board in the future. The Draft EIR for the project is out right now internally for review, stickleback fish are still an issue for the recycled water. Mr. Stephenson added that this idea does not make sense financially as they are endangered and introducing that water vs the water they have been living in the whole time does not pan out. Director Rehfuss asked if this timeline for a project like this was normal because it seems extremely slow. Counsel Lemieux responded that it depends on what the GSA is classified as, as far as water storage risk level is concerned and this area is not a crucial area. That being said, there is no emergency approval process for this project.

B. Chief Operating Officer, Mike Stephenson, reported all the buoys, hazards, docks from the west have been pulled with the exception of the East Ramp so when the ramp closes, we will grab that. Lake will be ready for the winter season. Today we did the last adjustment of the "destrat" system, it's way more efficient than the old system, these pumps are designed for this and they are moving approximately 10 times the amount of water. This will be providing water movement for safety purposes to make sure we do not have any ice gathering around the boom-line. We did work with the electric company to keep prices as low as possible. Used to be a single unit, these ones are individually stacked, so they are easy to repair, and they are really designed for what we're using them for. Working really well. Patrol 1 will remain out and being kept at BBM until we get real weather. We started the season at 9' 10" down, so we actually finished the year higher than where

we started. Record low for level lost over the season. Currently at 7.93" which we got about an inch of rain from the storm yesterday. So that's great. Watermaster committee will be coming up soon.

C. Director Reh fuss reported on the Operations committee. Explained they got news about the Lake, everyone participated well, and represented most marinas and they were all on board with their operations and ours.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2023.
- B. Minutes of a Special Meeting on October 25, 2023.
- C. Warrant list dated 11/9/2023 in the amount of \$290,123.38

Discussion:

No comments were made.

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

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

NO:

ABSTAIN:

6. BUSINESS

Board to review, discuss, and approve tree trimming needed in the old/closed RV park next to the main office by Porter Inc. not to exceed \$5,000.

Discussion:

Ms. Lamson explained that our trees are overdue for major maintenance and having them trimmed back before any major storm would be a huge benefit to the District. The lot next to the main office (Closed RV Park) has some trees lining the streets that are above some electrical lines. Vice President Ludecke wanted to confirm they were not electrical, because they will come out and trim for free if so. Ms. Lamson responded that they are not entangled in the lines but could break off and fall on the lines and that is why the preventative trimming is being recommended by the district. Mr. Cooper of the public added that he believes preventative is better than reactive and thinks the service should be done.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke, and second by Director Lee, the proposal for tree trimming in the old/closed RV park was unanimously approved:

AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Bradford

NO:

ABSTAIN:

B. Board to review, discuss, and approve tree trimming needed in the storage lot by Porter Inc. not to exceed \$12,000.

Discussion:

Ms. Lamson explained the trees across the street in our storage lot are also an issue. Last winter a couple broke off and caused damage to the LeRoy's electrical panel, some line damage and it was not good. With this proposal, it would eliminate those trees completely, including grinding, trim back dead wood, and top off the trees along the far west side of the lot.

With a motion made by Director Reh fuss, seconded by Director Brewster, the proposal for tree trimming in and around the storage lot from Porters not to exceed \$12,000 was unanimously approved:
AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Bradford
NO:
ABSTAIN:

C. Board to review, discuss, and approve tree trimming needed at the East Public Launch Ramp by Porter Inc. not to exceed \$15,000.

Discussion:

Ms. Lamson reported this is the final location in need of tree trimming, the East Ramp. We had some major breakage last year. Fortunately, it happened while the ramp was closed so no one was injured, but it took significant time for our maintenance crew to go in and clean up after the fact. This could have all been prevented if maintenance was done prior to snow load and heavy winds. Porters would be doing the most work here, all trees along the walking path and another the single car parking will be trimmed back to prevent any breakage or damage.

With a motion made by Director Brewster, seconded by Director Reh fuss, the proposal for tree trimming at the East Public Launch ramp from Porters not to exceed \$15,000 was unanimously approved:
AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Bradford
NO:
ABSTAIN:

7. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (starting at 2PM)

Discussion of employee pursuant to government code 54957(b): Title: General Manager
Before going into closed session, President Bradford asked for public comment about the closed session item and no comments were given from the public in attendance, so the meeting was adjourned to closed at 2PM.

President Bradford reconvened to open session from closed session at 3:10 PM. Counsel Lemieux reported out of closed session, he reported that there was no reportable action related to the discussion of an employee pursuant to government code 54957(b): Title: General Manager and this concludes the report from the closed session.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Ludecke mentioned he and Director Lee and Ms. Lamson will be attending a CSDA budget training workshop tomorrow.

10. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

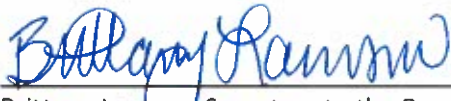
President Bradford asked do we need to keep a better eye on things as far as security. Both Ms. Lamson and Mr. Stephenson responded that we have upgraded everything we can.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: December 7, 2023
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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