

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, November 21, 2024**

1. OPEN SESSION

President Ludecke opened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 1:01 PM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Thursday November 21, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Ludecke, President
Bob Reh fuss, Director
Craig Brewster, Vice President
Mark Lee, Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jared Cheek

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Daniel Gulbranson, a resident of Big Bear Valley commented, it seems like many people are afraid of retaliation from the City, and the City Manager. Kristina at the Grizzly newspaper quit her job because she was being told what to write in the Grizzly newspaper. People will not even submit an anonymous complaint because they are so scared of retaliation against themselves or their business. The extreme codes of the City are so ridiculous. Eric Sund is still being a bully to everyone, and City Council is sticking up for him and it's sad. All these other Boards want to push things a certain way, and don't like it when others disagree with them.

4. REPORTS

A. Jared Cheek, General Manager, reported on a couple of things that occurred since the last meeting. We met with VBB on the boat safety video, and what we would like to see. We stressed that we would like to have something ready to use prior to April 1. We had a meeting with GEI and reviewed services offered and general project status update. Lastly, yesterday we had the Marina Task force meeting and had a great presentation by staff, and it went well.

Vice President Brewster commented about the boater education video and wants to make sure it includes transom/ bow riding is prohibited, should be added to that. Director Reh fuss asked what would be helpful when showing this to the public so everyone can understand? Loren and Jeff of the public provided some insight of what they would do to portray this message, from a private business owner perspective, positive message and info graphic to show the message.

B. Mike Stephenson, Chief Operating Officer, reported that the water temperature that you see weekly, drops drastically this time of year, which was a question Loren had at the committee meeting yesterday. This year the lake hit 76.6 degrees on the east end in July. Cooled to 75.1 degrees five days later. During that time is when we saw the fish kill off, minor compared to other lakes. The last recorded temps saw a big drop because the temps throughout the year are taken a meter down, but we show surface temperatures when our boats are winterized. We are changing

the method the temp is recorded during this time of the year which is why you will see drastic changes. We will make a note as to when the method change takes place to avoid confusion.

Vice President Brewster asked why we don't do this measurement all year? Mr. Stephenson explained that it did not make sense for data, no significant change in the water during our winter season. Director Reh fuss was asking about remote measuring tools that we might be able to use year around and send them remotely to the office. Mr. Stephenson confirmed it's possible, but the cost benefit just doesn't make sense. Director Lee asked if you sent the probe down two meters, is the temperature consistent? Yes. Same surface temp across the lake? Right now, yes.

C. Director Reh fuss discussed the operations committee meeting, which was our fall marina task force meeting, he has seen a lot of cooperation here and lots more information. Drew Pappas did an amazing job yesterday, he is a great, articulate guy and he is leading the lake patrol team in the direction that is what the District wants to portray to our lake users. We touched on lake level, operations, had 47% more boaters, but incident were not increased by the same ratio. More people enjoying themselves and less people having issues. We clearly have a presence out there and it's showing in a positive way. Had six patrol boats this year, concentrated on Boulder Bay where we see a large group of lake users. Everyone needs a boater card, except rental boat users. Can also look someone up by their name and DOB to confirm they do have their boater card. There were 21 incidents that required additional services. Most issues were lack of education. Glad we are pushing education with a great day and not emphasizing tickets. Launch ramp operations will change effecting decontamination of ballast tank vessels; those will no longer be performed on weekends or holidays. This just takes way too much staff and time to accommodate. We will still perform them by appointment only during the week. Spoke about the golden mussel which is new to the delta. There were also a couple legislations changes, but nothing major.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on November 7, 2024.
- B. Warrant List dated 11/15/2024 in the amount of \$29,857.96.
- C. Surplus Equipment & Vehicle List for Disposal.

Discussion:

No comments were made.

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

AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Lee

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

6. BUSINESS

A. General Manager would like to recommend a time extension to the existing on-call engineering contract with GEI Consultants, which is originally set to expire December 31, 2024, to June 30, 2025 to accommodate for on-going work that will not be completed by the end of the calendar year, for full Board discussion and possible approval.

Discussion:

Mr. Cheek explained that the current contract for our consultants started October 2019, what is in front of us today is a time extension only, no additional fee. You guys just approved the change order to another

task, which will not be completed by the end of the calendar year. President Ludecke asked if and when we would approve this for a larger time frame? Mr. Cheek responded that we did this timeline to get on the same schedule as our budget so we would look at that with the whole board to see if you all wanted to move forward with a longer extension. Director Reh fuss asked if we know when the environmental documents would be done? The task that was just extended is scheduled to go out for second circulation before the end next month, and the lake-wide document should be out sometime next year.

With a motion made by Vice President Brewster, and seconded by Director Lee, the GEI master agreement expiration date extension until June 30, 2025 was approved unanimously:

AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Lee

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cheek announced that the District offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after. The east ramp will be open until 11/30, weather permitting.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Reh fuss said he was really impressed by the presentation that Drew put on. Really enlightening, and at the next meeting we would like to see that presentation if others are interested. President Ludecke would like to see that on the agenda, so that presentation will be agendized for next meeting.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: December 5, 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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