

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, August 17, 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 August 17, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bradford

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Diana Havey, representative from the group We Can Fish, has a tournament at the end of September for disabled kids hosted by We Can Fish. Explains that the organization is so appreciative of this group(MWD) and loves hosting the event here. They are a non-profit, but they still are charged a fee per angler. Ms. Havey is asking the Board to have this fee waived because it's a very small non-profit, with a low budget. President Bradford said since it's not on the agenda, we can't make any decision today, but we hear you and will address this through the appropriate avenues. President Bradford would like to schedule an operations committee to discuss this.

Larry Cooke, resident of Big Bear Lake, asked if there was a meeting set up about lake shore clean up? General Manager, Mike Stephenson, explained it was not because the last direction given by the Board would be for a workshop to be held at the beginning of spring to educate the community of how to properly cut back their weeds on the shoreline if they choose to do so.

4. REPORTS

A. Mr. Stephenson reported that Regional Board has tried to taint our lake as unhealthy and saying that there is so much algae in the lake and it's highly toxic for the past few years. However, they could not get the high testing numbers they wanted because our water is so clean. A "caution" level warning could be as simple as someone calling the Regional Board hotline and saying it looks green and we are marked as caution. Our lake looks great, we are going to flip soon here, which could make things look bad. Our algae cell count is nearly non-detect. We always take samples because we like to see what's in the lake. Regional Board still cannot find anything that causes concern. We actually just made a list of cleanest lakes in CA. Silverwood Lake is number 2, which had some of the highest suspended solids in the state, so that is a little strange, but their TDS is about 400, we were at 220 last week. We are listed as number 7 out of 10, which is awesome. Weed harvesting has been picking up, but for the most part, it's been pretty mild. Average is a million pounds, we are at 20K right now. Come Labor Day, our west ramp will close, and east ramp will have reduced hours, like normal. Since school is in session, that is why we see the big drop off. Few reportable incidents, but nothing major. Weather should be coming to CA, and we are hoping

it happens. We are hoping it's going to get some good moisture into the lake and be able to see some real lake rise from this storm. This is the slowest dropping lake we have ever seen, not sure what it means, but we are very happy.

B. Committee reported that all the items they discussed are on the agenda and will be discussed further there.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on August 3, 2023.
- B. Warrant list dated 8/14/2023 in the amount of \$32,893.90

Discussion:

President Bradford would like to abstain because he was not present at the meeting.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke , and seconded by Director Brewster, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ludecke, Rehfluss, Brewster, Lee

NO:

ABSTAIN: Bradford

6. BUSINESS

A. BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADING SECURITY :

Mr. Stephenson explained this is for all facilities, we needed to answer some more questions to make sure we were getting everything we needed done through this proposal. The only extra expense we will have is installing an additional phoneline at the west ramp for the extra fire monitoring. Our old system was never good enough to actually catch anyone doing anything. This will be vital to the dam with all our new systems going in. Everything will be covered and they can utilize the our existing lines which is saving money. Monitoring costs are almost the same, but we will be getting much more for the same monthly cost. We are asking for approval of not to exceed \$32K. Cameras here will double, so we no longer have blind spots outside or at the front counter, ADT thinks we might need to up the quality of our current camera. President Bradford thinks we should add more cameras including in the shop area in case we have someone break into the shop area. Vice President Ludecke asked for clarification, we have six cameras and can expand to eight? Mr. Stephenson responded, yes. The workshop area is a real concern, and we need to add a camera there too. Mr. Cooke has a question, launch ramps, are they being monitored? How far can the camera reach? Mr. Stephenson explained they are monitored, and the cameras go really far, and can zoom, they would easily be able to see at the bottom of the ramps, but not across the lake.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke , and seconded by Director Lee, the ADT proposal for upgraded security and monitoring at all three facilities was approved and the Board would like to approve a budget of not to exceed \$32,000 which is below the approved budget item, and was approved unanimously.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stephenson announced that the Fireworks show for the Labor Day has been cancelled. There are several environmental issues with it, probably will only have the July 4th fireworks show going forward.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Before going in to closed session, Counsel Lemieux asked for comments from the public regarding closed session items that were on the agenda.

Mr. Cooke asked about the anticipated litigation and how much he could know; Counsel Lemieux explained that there is a situation that has a high likelihood to cause concern for the district, so we will need to prepare. Mr. Cooke continued, he thinks this format (having closed session last on the agenda) is not very friendly to the public. Director Brewster explained if we did it before the meeting, it really limits the amount of time we have because we have an open session at 1pm, and then would have to go back into closed session if all business was not concluded. We never know how long those meetings are going to go. Counsel Lemieux, explained that having them at the beginning of the meeting or before the regular meeting really isn't a great strategy because of the short timeframe possibly getting cut short. But the report is always available right after closed session is closed, regardless of when the meeting is being held.

Vice President Ludecke adjourned to closed session at 1:53 PM

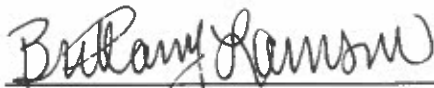
Vice President Ludecke reconvened to open session at 3:29 PM. The District Counsel reported out of Closed Session as follows: The Board met in closed session to discuss two items. The first closed session item was Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b). The position discussed was General Manager. The Board took no reportable action. The second closed session item was Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). The Board discussed one case involving significant potential exposure to litigation. The Board took no reportable action. This concludes counsel's closed session report.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: September 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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