

**MINUTES  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Randy Tobler Jon Blackwell (Phone) Derek Campbell	Lindsey Dalley Ryan Wheeler
	Joe Davis Lon Dalley Jeannie Poynor	Susan Rose Kiley Bradshaw
	Byron Mills	Vernon Robison (Phone)

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:00 p.m., Vice - Chairman Jon Blackwell called to order the regular meeting of the Moapa Valley Water District Board of Directors. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

**1) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)**

None

**2) Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held March 11, 2021 (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Derek Campbell, the Board voted 5-0 in favor to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting.

**3) Update from the Legislature – Warren Hardy (For Discussion Only)**

Warren was not able to attend the meeting.

**4) Approval of the FY22 Tentative Budget (For Possible Action)**

Joe and Jeannie went thru the budget with the directors. They had Waterworth on the screen and went thru some different scenarios for the board to look at. JP from Waterworth was on the phone so he could answer any questions that anyone might have.

Staff has all of our numbers in the water model for the CIP. We had discrepancies so staff was asked to come back with actual meter sells. We have the figures from 2013 to 2020. We were also going to discuss the actual base rate decline as we try to figure it out. We had it set at .25%. Ryan said that at one time it was set at .01% for water sales increase. At some time, those two percentages crossed each other.

Joe explained that when we left off where we were at the last meeting, we had done some adjustments inside the base use decline and also in water sales. Just to bring Randy up to speed, this model as it sits today, has all the projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. One of the comments we got was that at .01% for population growth and then going to a base use decline where we have .25 really has a direct effect on it so staff went back thru meter sales. We sold 112 meters between 2013 and 2020. DL Horton bought 43 meters. Before that we sold 33 meters. There are two anomalies in there. Before that we averaged between 6 and 9 meters a year. Staff just averaged those meters out on an 8 year time frame. Staff came up with a growth projection of .03%. Staff thought it was a pretty aggressive number. We haven't seen anything close to this.

WaterWorth is a great projection tool. If we want it to look good, we can put whatever number we want in there.

Joe said that by borrowing money all at once, you save a lot more money. With all of the projects we have in the budget, we hope we will get some loans or grants to help us do them.

There was quite a bit of discussion on the budget and how many meters we might possibly sell.

Joe had a suggested motion which was on the bottom of the memo.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Lindsey Dalley, the Board voted 5-0 in favor to approve the tentative budget as presented and to establish a public hearing on the budget at 4 PM on **May 24, 2021** at the Moapa Valley Water District, 601 N. Moapa Valley Blvd, Overton, NV.

5) **Managers' Reports**  
**Office Manager**  
**Assistant General Manager**  
**General Manager**

**Office Manager – 1)** Jeannie had the financial dashboard, the budget report and the revenues put in their board packets.

Cash flows are where they should be. For this budget we're at about 66.67% expended and revenues are at up a little bit because it's starting to warm up. She also had the revenue spreadsheet just showing the revenues thru February. They're up a little from last year. She's expects it to be lower then normal because of all of the shutdowns due to the Covid.

We had shutoffs today. We started out with 60 on the list and we shutoff 12 people. IRIS works really well.

Randy asked about the tax money we get from the state.

Jeannie thinks that the money is going to be a lot less than normal because of Covid.

**Assistant General Manager- 1) Production** - Lon Dalley explained that water production is about where we were last year. In March we pumped 55,940,000 gallons out of Arrow Canyon #1. **2) Meter installs** - There were 3 meters installed in March so we've sold four meters so far this year. **3) Capital Improvements Update**- Staff has been installing two small water line extensions paid for by customers to extend to their properties. One was 600' on Metcalf, and the other was 200' on Heyer. **4) Meter Install in Moapa** – Someone wants to install a meter in Moapa where the water pressure is really low. Lon doesn't have a problem with it but wants to make sure that everyone is ok with the meter install.

**General Manager - 1) Flat Bed Truck** - Joe said that the newspaper made it sound like we had two trucks stolen. It looked like they tried to get into OPD's yard but that didn't happen. The truck they stole had a diesel engine in it. They busted out of our yard with the truck. It was later found by Yamashita Bridge. The truck was a 2001 and in bad shape especially after they got done with it. Joe has found a new truck to replace the 2001. Carson Dodge found a truck that met the criteria from another dealer in another state which was subject to sell. When Nick got done talking to them, they were willing to make sure that we got it. It was \$47,000 and we issued them a purchase order. Next year we slated \$60,000 for another new truck. The \$47,000 is actually under our limit so next month we will ratify the payment for the \$47,000. It will probably take four weeks to get here. They haven't caught the individuals yet. **2) Hearing on change Applications** - The hearing is on the change applications for Moapa Pioneers in Moapa. The hearing will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Greg Morrison will be there for the justices to ask him questions about why we don't want those applications moved so we've got him well prepped. This is part of the Rox Water. **3) Possible Money from the State** - The State ended up getting an opportunity after the Feds passed the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" which gave money to the State. On April 1<sup>st</sup> Sisolak issued Every Nevadan Recovery Framework". There is a "Small Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Investment" so Joe called Marilyn Kirkpatrick and asked her how we could get some money. She asked what project we are looking for money on. Joe told her we are looking for money to do the Main Street project because of what's going on with NDOT. She told him to send the information on the project and the estimated cost so he did. She called him early Friday morning and said that the research on that the State get \$100 million to go towards infrastructure Joe hopes that we will be able to get some of that money. \$1.9 billion was issued for the recovery of water infrastructure across the United States. It still hasn't been defined according to the National Water Association. There's \$1.1 billion that's out there between roads and everything else. There is a caveat that's cut out for water projects. Joe asked Warren how we can get a grant writer so we could possibly get in on the federal level so we can get some of that money. Warren has a team that he works with that writes grants and hopefully his grant team can get paid out of the grant money. Joe explained to Masto's Office that

downtown Main Street doesn't have fire protection. We have a 6" main running down the street and it reduces to a 4" line so for the entire economic development of our community, 99% of our business district is lacking in waterflow and fire protection. He's trying to use that as a caveat to try to get some of Masto's portion. Maybe we can start capitalizing on some of these grants that are out there on a federal level. Hopefully, we can some money without having to pay someone to do it. \$436,145,283.29 is being sent to the State of Nevada. **5) 1309 hearings** – There's not much going on right now. Everyone's in a holding pattern.

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Ryan Wheeler, the Board voted 5-0 in favor to call a closed-door session at 5:12 pm.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Derek Campbell, the Board voted 5-0 in favor to reconvene the open - door session at 5:32 pm.

**6) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)**

None

**7) Director's Preference**

- Review Monthly Expenditures
- Litigation
- Other Related Water Rights Issues

Randy Tobler disclosed that he has an interest in a small business that is on the monthly expenditures list.

**8) Personnel**

None

**9) Approval of the May 20, 2021 Board Meeting**

The consensus was to hold the next board meeting on **May 24, 2021**.

**10) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)**

Nothing

**11) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.