

MINUTES
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2020

PRESENT: Kenneth Staton
Jon Blackwell
Ryan Wheeler (Phone)

Lindsey Dalley (Phone)
Randy Tobler

Joe Davis
Lon Dalley
Jeannie Poynor (Phone)

Kiley Bradshaw
Susan Rose

Byron Mills

Todd Allen
Vernon Robison

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:00 p.m., Chairman Ken Staton 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)

Mr. Allen called in because he has a 2" meter on his property. He said that he had an agreement with the water district which was that the 2" meter he has would be on standby until the meter changed hands or there was a change on the title. Neither one of those things have happened. For some reason, the water district has jacket up the price to \$150/month. He wanted to see what the district could do about it.

Joe explained that we had a few meters that were grandfathered in that weren't being charged a monthly fee. A few years ago, the directors were looking at our finances and the obligations the district has. In order to supply the water that is associated with the meters we ended up removing all the meters that were on a special rate and moved them to the normal rate in order for them to pay their fair share of the maintenance of the system. Mr. Allen owns a meter that's on the end of Wells Road. He had called and talked to Jeannie and Jeannie explained to him what the policy is. He indicated that he wasn't happy with the monthly bill so he called into the meeting to talk do the directors to see if there was anything the board could do for him. This meter is in the ground and is off and locked.

Randy asked Mr. Allen if someone had explained to him why the \$9 monthly was done away with.

Mr. Allen said that no one had explained to him about why he was no longer paying \$9/mo. He said that years ago someone at the district had told him he was grandfathered in and we went back on the deal.

Jeannie said that she had asked him to show proof in writing of that but he doesn't have anything.

Randy explained that he had a property on Cooper and fell into that same deal that Mr. Allen had. He was under the same impression that Mr. Allen had. Randy actually ended up selling the property because he didn't need it and he didn't want to continue to pay a bill on a property which was an investment. When you look at how it was worded when it was passed (there was only two people at the meeting) they put them under a special rate class because of something else they were passing at that time. It wasn't a promise or a commitment even though at that time when he got his bill that's what he thought. As the board looked back thru the notes and Randy looked back thru all his paperwork, there was never a promise or a deal or a commitment it was just a special rate they gave those meters. When Randy was first on the board he can name probably a handful of people that asked for the same special treatment that Mr. Allen and Randy got. Randy had quite a few people complain that they wanted that special rate too. Everyone else was paying their fair share for the maintenance of the system. We also have the State Ruling on the water. Our resources are limited now. Randy has all of his paperwork and if Mr. Allen wants to look at it he would meet with him and go thru it with him. We have to hold that water for those meters and if the owner wants the meter turned on that water has to be there when the property owner wants to use it. Randy has gone through all of his records and he doesn't have anything in writing.

Lindsey called into the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Joe explained that our bond covenants don't allow us to have a special rate. We used to have special rates but we had to get rid of those special rates in order to get funding from USDA.

Mr. Allen asked that we email the minutes of the meeting where the board changed the monthly fee on off and locked meters.

Chairman Staton recommended that Mr. Allen meet with Randy.

2) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held April 7, 2020 (For Possible Action)

On motion of Jon Blackwell and seconded by Randy Tobler, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting.

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3) Legislative Update – Warren Hardy (Discussion Only)

Warren was not able to attend the meeting.

4) Approval of the FY21 Final Budget (For Possible Action)

Joe explained that the only thing that was added was that the General Manager has the authority & approval to solicit bids & purchase all Capital Improvement items identified in the MVWD FY2021 Budget as long as the following criteria are met

- Purchases are within the approved budgeted amount
- The Board of Directors are notified of the budgeted purchases at the next Board of Directors meeting
- All purchases above the approved budgeted amount must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the purchase being made

On motion of Randy Tobler and seconded by Jon Blackwell, the Board voted 5-0 in favor to approve the Moapa Valley Water District Final FY2021 Budget as presented and to establish the approval of the General Manager to purchase the capital improvement budgeted items as listed above.

5) Manager's Reports

Office Manager

Assistant General Manager

General Manager

Office Manager – Jeannie Poyner had the financial dashboard, the budget report and the revenues put in their board packets. She went thru the numbers. Revenues are up a little from last year. We're at about 75% of the year and they are at 78%. She's not sure we're going to make budget.

Joe reminded the directors that we might have to augment the budget, but we won't know until the end of May or the beginning of June.

Jeannie said that we will know more after all of the banked meters are gone.

Assistant General Manager- 1) Production - Lon Dalley explained that water production is up quite a bit because it's started to get warm. We pumped 88,214,000. 78,000 came out of Baldwin and 88,136,000 came out of Arrow Canyon. **2) Arrow Canyon Well #1 Well Level** – There's no change in the well levels. **3) Meter Installs** – No meter installs so far this year, but we sold one meter and had one upgrade this month. **4) Unplanned Projects** – The Clark County Dept of Aviation is expanding its fence lines on their own property and in doing so, is encompassing a section of our water lines. Staff is working with them on obtaining an easement from the DOA where we cross their property. This will buy us time to work on relocating those waterlines. Staff is working on moving a small section of waterline off their property within the next few weeks. This will be on our dime and it was not planned. There is also another thing that came up. NDOT is working on milling down the Blvd from the mortuary down to the museum. They're going to take it down ¼" then they're going to come back and slurry it. When doing that there are some valve cans that are in the road, so

we received notice that we are responsible to pay for that. Lon talked to Byron about it and Byron said that we have to pay for it. That's going to be another \$40,000 - \$50,000 that we weren't planning on.

Ryan said that he had a discussion with Joe and Lon about this and they talked about sending a letter to NDOT but Ryan hasn't heard back from either one of them. Lon explained that it was actually completed. We sent it to Byron because they had a deadline by May 22nd. He mailed it off today plus some other information that that they requested. Lon said that he would email that letter to Ryan. This project is just a temporary fix so we would have to go back and redo the valve cans in 10 years. That's a hardship on us. **5) New Employee** – We hired Garrett Rose as a maintenance worker.

General Manager –1) Office Hours – We have a full - length Lexan window in the front office. We went with Lexan because there's less chance of it breaking. It was \$900 but it spans the whole front counter. We have to put a wooden cap on top to help strengthen it a little more. It does have some scratches in it that shouldn't be there so Brimont is contacting the company to find out what happened because when they pulled the tape off, everywhere they touched it with their hand was scratched. This will help keep everyone safe. **2) Warren** was supposed to be on the phone but he updates Joe every night around 9 pm. There hasn't been any major issues that have come up thru the legislature on water related stuff. He did want to cover a few things. Joe didn't want to paraphrase anything. Greg Haven has reached out to Joe quite a bit just making sure that we're ok over here and if there's been any major issues because of the COVID-19. That way he could take care of those things thru the legislature. **3) Commissioner Kirkpatrick** – She has been fantastic on keeping the District informed of needed updates and requirements. She has sought input on community and District needs in an ever evolving attempt to address concerns and supply needed resources. She calls him regularly to keep him updated on what's going on. She's constantly asking what the community needs and she was able to secure a couple of food trucks to bring food out to those in need. She asked if there was anything our stores needed so he gave her kudo's for helping out our community on anything that was needed especially when it comes to resources. **4) NvWarn and NvRWA** – FEMA in conjunction with the EPA is delivering cloth face mask to all water sector employees with the help of Nevada Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network and Nevada Rural Water Association. These masks are washable & reusable. **5) Project Funding** – We have been discussing the possibility of Sunrise Engineering helping us get some COVID-19 funding that might be coming down the pipe. There's a slim chance of getting some zero % funding. We don't know on critical infrastructure if we can get anything. One thing that is on our radar with all of the other things that we've talked about it in the past is that we've already had two leaks in front of Home Hardware. The poly is breaking so the question is do we want to continue to go in and piece meal the repairs or do we want to do it as a whole project? If the directors remember us trying to do the project, it was going to cost us over \$1,000,000,000. There was quite a bit of discussion on this item.

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

None

7) Director's Preference

- Review Monthly Expenditures

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

- Discussion Regarding Future Election of Officers

- Litigation (Closed – Session)

- Other Related Water Rights Issues

8) Personnel

9) Approval of the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting

The General Consensus was to have the next board meeting on June 11,2020.

10) Public Comment (Maybe limited to five minutes)

None

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.