

**MINUTES**  
**MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**HELD**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Randy Tobler  
Jon Blackwell  
Derek Campbell

Joe Davis  
Lon Dalley  
Kiley Bradshaw

Byron Mills  
Vernon Robison

Lindsey Dalley  
Ryan Wheeler

Jeannie Poynor  
Susan Rose

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:00 p.m., Chairman Randy Tobler 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**

None

**2) Approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Derek Campbell, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

**3) Approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021, Board Meeting (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Derek Campbell and seconded by Jon Blackwell, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

**4) Legislature Update - Warren Hardy (For Discussion Only)**

Warren was at the meeting to update the directors on what has been going on in the Legislature. He apologized for not being able to call in or attend the meetings in person. All of the water committees met around 3 pm or 4 pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Speaker Parsons said this was going to be a nuts & bolts session. He said that they were going to do the budget and be done. Warren says that he normally tracks 50-60 bills for the district. Probably 40 of them would be water related bills. This year he only tracked 12 water related bills and probably 20 when you consider the open meeting law bills and other things. Very little got done. Only 6 water bills passed. One of the biggest bills was one that allows for protests on change of point of diversions. The biggest bill was on water pollution in mines. Warren had Joe look at it 6 times. That was the most controversial bill this session. Other than that, it was a very light session.

There's going to be a special session this fall or late summer dealing with reapportionment. It's possible that during that session there may be some issues come up. According to the governor, they're going to focus on reapportionment.

Warren has been in contact with the State Treasurer and there's likely to be another special session. The Governor was charged with looking at the federal dollars and how those funds are used in Nevada. Warren is in weekly contact with him to find out what funds are available to his clients. He seems to think it's more complicated than most people think. It may not be until next year before they have that session. The State Treasurer advised Warren to shoot for the moon. Joe and Warren have talked a lot about that. Warren is in the process of identifying some grant writers that have expertise in public utilities to get them on board to help us pursue some of those grants so that's something we're working on. There will be another meeting next week.

The other thing is we have a new director at NDEP. He is a dedicated environmentalist and is trying to propagate some of the requirements that larger districts have to do. Warren has stirred

up some of the other rural utilities and they're going to have a meeting with staff to discuss some of those stringent crazy requirements that aren't necessary for small rural utilities.

Joe also asked Warren to look into the new federal laws on the Safe Drinking Water Act. The House has a crazy version on it and the Senate is not quite that bad, so Warren reached out to them.

There were a few questions from the board members and Warren answered they're questions.

There was a lot of this on this item.

Ryan Wheeler came into the meeting at 4:10 pm

Lindsey Dalley came into the meeting at 4:20 pm

**5) Approve the formation of Reimbursement Area #009-021 (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Lindsey Dalley, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the staff prepared formation report for Reimbursement Area #009-021 and instructed staff to implement the same.

**6) Accept the bid and award a purchase of waterworks materials from Ferguson Water Works, Henderson, NV in the amount of \$238,395.05.**

We received three bids for this project. Only two were accepted. The third bid was incomplete.

The three bids we received were 1) Ferguson Waterworks, Henderson, NV \$238,395,08  
2) Mountain Land Supply, St. George, UT\$255,195.63  
3) Dana Kepner Co. Las Vegas, NV Incomplete Bid

Joe explained that it's hard to get pvc right now. The price of materials has really gone up. This project is almost the same as the Yamashita project, but the Gubler project is going to cost us almost \$100,000 more than the Yamashita Project.

Staff reviewed the bids and has determined that Ferguson Waterworks was the lowest bidder and would recommend that the waterworks be purchased from Ferguson.

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Jon Blackwell, the Board voted 5-0 in favor to accept the bid and award a purchase of waterworks materials from Ferguson, Henderson, NV in the amount of \$238,395,008 for the Gubler Ave. Small Water Main Replacement Project.

**7) Manager's 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. **2)** Revenues have been up for the last few months so that's good. 83% of the year has been expended. Revenues are at 88%. The service connection fees are on the Overall Budget Report which is thru April. **2)** We've are trying to finish the end of the fiscal year. The auditors will be here the first week of August. Ken's been working hard on that. We hope to have the audit done by the October meeting.

Chairman Tobler appreciates staff calling customers and alerting them to leaks and that that they might have an issue. There were quite a few questions from the directors on how the badger meters work.

**Assistant General Manager- 1) Production** – In May we pumped 95,202,000 gallons out of Arrow Canyon & we pumped 1,458,000 gallons out of Baldwin for a total of 96,761,000. In June we pumped 102,792,000 out of Arrow Canyon. **2) Well Levels- Arrow Canyon Well Levels** – No big change there.

**3) Meter installs** – We had 5 meters installed in May. The total meters foy CY 2021 = Eleven (11)

10 were 5/8 "x 3/4" and 1- 1". All were residential meters.

In June we sold 6 meters. Total meters sold for CY 2021 = Seventeen (17) 16 meters were residential meters (15-5/8" x 3/4" and 1-1". There was one commercial meter which was a 1" meter.

Four residential meters were in Valley Heights and the commercial meter was for O'Reilly's.

**General Manager-1)** We already talked about the House bill that he was going to talk about. Joe had reached out to Warren on the federal funding aspect of it. Joe did submit the request for funding. On the State level they wanted to know how the funds could benefit our community so Joe submitted Main Street because it would benefit the whole business district. Lon and Joe got an opportunity to meet with Marilyn Kirkpatrick. Joe had a few things on his list to talk to Marilyn about. Marilyn's aspect was that's nice but shoot for the moon. The sad part is that we just took every capital project on the list and started throwing it in there. Joe got updated engineering estimates and the sad thing is the Narrow's Tank was estimated at \$3 million and now the estimate is \$9 million. The Moapa tank was estimated to cost \$1 million and now it's estimated to be \$3 million because of the cost of concrete. We paid \$4 million for the Overton tank. The East Logandale tank recoat is almost \$900,000. Joe filled out the report for Marilyn, he spoke with Warren about this because there are different levels of funds is that he used the East Logandale tank because that's a safety issue. If that tank has blistering issues than we could have water quality issues. If it ends up collapsing, then we wouldn't have any fire protection in that area. Joe went thru the report and filled it out. Main Street was on that list. We shot for the moon and put every capital project on the list. We'll see how that will turn out. The request has been submitted. Joe had his stuff submitted before they even had any money. They have a meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. After the County Commissioners meeting, they will talk about what projects will benefit the community the best. **2) MVRWA** – Joe has been working with NVRWA with the NV Wellhead Protection Program. Ours was updated in 2005. Part of the Wellhead Protection Program protects our source water in our system. If someone wants to build something like an Industrial Park, they would have to make sure that they follow protocol to make sure that our water doesn't get contaminated. We started the process to update that. The projector that we have in the conference room we were able to buy thru the Wellhead Protection Program. We were able to get our fences at our headhouses and our tanks thru this program. That's what started this whole thing. Joe requested a Promethean Board which makes all of our stuff obsolete. The board is interactive. You can write on it with your hand, you can do Zoom meetings with it, it has a camera, so we don't have to go thru this process of the phone, it does everything live. We can use it for training meetings, and we can also host meetings. Joe also explained that a lot of the monitoring wells in Moapa and in Coyote Springs are being shot up. That's a direct connection to our water source. Joe would like to get some money to weld those up. There are some other things we might be able to get with the money. **5)** Joe also attended a meeting about all the litigation that is going on. Joe just got an email from them.

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

None

**9) 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.

**On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the Board called a closed-door session at 5:15 pm.**

**On motion of Jon Blackwell and seconded by Derek Campbell the Board reconvened the Open-door session at 6:02 pm.**

**10) Public Comment**

None

**11) Personnel**

None

**12) Approval of the August 12, 2021 Board Meeting**

The general consensus was to hold the next board meeting on August 12, 2021

**13) Public Comment**

None

**14) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.