

**MINUTES OF THE
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

PRESENT: Randy Tobler
Jon Blackwell (Phone)
Kelby Robison

Joe Davis
Lon Dalley

Byron Mills
Warren Hardy (Phone)

Lindsey Dalley
Ryan Wheeler (Phone)

Jeannie Poynor
Susan Rose

Pledger Solomon

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:01 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 October 21, 2021 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Kelby Robison, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Board Meeting.

3) Warren Hardy (For Discussion Only)

Warren was at the meeting to give us an update on what's been going on in the legislature.

Warren had a meeting today and he and Joe reviewed the proposed regulation one more time and it seems like it's probably settled down in a pretty good place where it will give the State Engineer the ability to sort thru some of the extensions of time that are being abused. On the same token we need to have the ability to have the water in our portfolio. He thinks they delivered in opposing their bill and they came up with a reasonable alternative.

There are some other regulations they're looking at adopting. Warren wants to make himself available to us. He doesn't anticipate that it's going to impact the water district at that special session. He's trying to be accessible to his clients, so they know what's going on. The census wasn't done on time which was the case as usual. They had to go into a special session to address redistricting which is what is going to happen. One of the things he always tried to do when he was in the legislature representing us as our Senator, was trying to get two representatives in these two valleys. That would give us a little more legislative stroke because of the way the valley's population is. That doesn't seem possible anymore. We tried to get a position to where we have a reasonable legislature and a legislative representative that understands what our issues are.

Warren personally thinks this is a positive for Republicans. They are going to have to disperse those Republican voters into other districts. That will make Republicans a little more competitive in other districts. It's such a significant Democratic advantage in Clark County that it's not going to help much. That's what's going on right now. They can't really put all the Republicans in one district like they did 10 years ago.

Warren said he will have the new official out to meet and greet with the Board. He will let Joe know if anything comes up.

4) Approval of the Infowest Agreement (For Possible Action)

Joe and Byron worked on the verbiage that was in the agreement. The only thing that changed was the \$600/month. It would be a 10-year contract and they would have to come back to us and renew the contract.

On motion of Kelby Robison and seconded by Ryan Wheeler, the board voted 5-0 to authorize the General Manager to sign a 10- year wireless co-location agreement with Infowest, Inc.

5) **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. Jeannie did check and it is 401. She will check it out to see what's going on. The cash flows are down. That is from us purchasing materials for our capital projects. We have some good things happening in the office. We're working on a new website. There is going to be a section in there where we can meet and greet the Directors. We will have pictures of the Directors and maybe have a message from the Chairman. We will also have pictures of the valley. At the next meeting we would like to take a picture of all of the directors. We are currently working on our credit card processing.

Joe explained that our previous website guy is no longer doing it. Susan has very little access to the website. The last budget that we approved had the website in it. It will be very interactive, have pictures of the community and we can promote things.at.

Assistant General Manager – 1) Production – In October we pumped 48,799,000 gallons out of Arrow Canyon #1 & 24,293,000 gallons out of Baldwin for a total of 73,722,000. We are a little down from last year but there were no red flags there. **2) - Arrow Canyon Well Levels** – No big change there. **3) Meter installs** – We installed one meter in October which was a 5/8" x 3/4" meter. Total meters for CY2021 = Twenty-one (21). 20 residential, (18- 5/8" x 3/4" and No meters were sold in September. Total meters for CY 2021 =Twenty (20) Residential:19 residential (17-5/8 x 3/4") and 2 1" meters) There was 1 commercial 1" meter.

General Manager – When we go back to our budget, we have notes saying that we were going to do a 3% rate increase in December 2021 so at the next board meeting that will be on the next agenda to discuss. From the managers' standpoint, even though we've made adjustments, one of the biggest things is that we have a lot of unknowns. The materials that we always use are skyrocketing. We're having a hard time get materials so we definitely want to continue with what we've projected and stay with the curve so we don't fall behind. It would be easier to follow that out because we have some high increases that projected out through WaterWorth

With the infrastructure package that got passed on the federal level, the State Revolving Loan Fund will get funding the next five years so Joe put some metal in it for us to try to get some funding from the Covid funds also. One of the things that will put us on the list is if someone is shovel ready to go.

Joe reached out to Sunrise to get all the bid documents, and everything lined up. He thinks it will be ready and will probably be just under \$15,000. It would probably be about \$10,000 to get to the bid where it's ready to go out to bid. That way we would be 100% shovel ready. He will reach out to the State and let them know that it's 100% ready to go. He will check with the State to see if they have any grant money available.

Joe said that when we did the Overton Tank it was \$400,000. Right now, their projecting it at \$800,000 to coat it. We hope that once it goes out to bid it would come in as a normal amount but with the hardship to acquire things, everyone is over bidding extremely high. Joe put in for \$850,000. He doesn't know how it all works. He just wants to make sure that we have a shovel ready project. We submitted the project a long time ago. Joe explained that we are reaching out to Senator Cortez Masto to see if they can prod BLM along because the BLM permitting process drags the process out. We need to get free money or grants to do the projects and we need to get the ball rolling.

We reached out to Zach in Vegas thru a letter and went thru the process especially for sites that have already been disturbed. That's the part the kills you.

Mason has been doing a lot of GIS stuff. Joe has some pictures showing all the leaks we've had.

To follow that up, the green are almost all leaks on laterals or resetters that had leaks on them. Over 60% of the leaks are on laterals or resetters. There's been a lot of time spent looking at these, so we were talking about what we were going to target. This will be on next month's agenda. Mason will be at the meeting to bring us up to speed and in January, he will give us a presentation on this. Hopefully this will help on the man time. The GIS system is great.

Our brief is due to the State Engineer on November 22nd. Greg is getting close to getting ours done. The individuals that did the petition for the judicial review submitted the original briefs. It's starting to gain traction but it could go on for years before it goes anywhere.

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 expenditure list.
- **Litigation**
- **Other Related Water Rights Issues**

On motion of Jon Blackwell and seconded by Kelby Robison the Board voted 5-0 to call a closed- door session at 5:02 pm.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 5-0 to reconvened the open-door session at 5:58 pm.

8) Personnel

None

9) Approval of the December 3, 2021 Board Meeting

The December meeting will be held on December 3, 2021 at 3 pm.

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.