

**MINUTES OF THE
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022**

PRESENT: Randy Tobler
Jon Blackwell (Phone)
Ryan Wheeler
Kelby Robison
Lindsey Dalley

Joe Davis, General Manager
Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager

Jeannie Poynor
Susan Rose

Byron Mills, Attorney (Phone)
Vernon Robison
Warren Hardy (Phone)

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:04 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 (Maybe be limited to five minutes)

None

2) Approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Kelby Robison, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Board Meeting.

3) Warren Hardy (For Discussion Only)

Joe said that Warren had reached out to him to see about the state of elections and how he sees them moving forward and what he sees in his crystal ball and to see if there are any bill drafts out there that board members might want to see happen. There is no way to make a determination on what this session is going to look like and who will be in control. There is a strong path for Republicans to take the Senate. He thinks that if the election was held today, the Lieutenant Governor would be in a lot of trouble.

The good news for us is that we generally don't have partisan issues except when it comes construction related issues. There seems to be a massive uptick in the effort to get project labor agreements on public work projects. That will really drive up the cost.

Warren talked about State infrastructure funding that will be required to have a project labor agreement.

Lindsey asked if we got \$100,000 for a project from the state would we have to pay \$150,000 or more than that to complete the project?

Joe explained that we're in this situation right now with some money that we got and it doesn't have any strings attached to it. It's the Main Street Project. All of the BIL money that is out there is subject to American Steel and Davis Bacon wages. It causes that cost to skyrocket to where we don't have any wiggle room to cut the cost.

Warren asked if the money is federal money.

Joe said it was federal money.

Warren explained that it's almost impossible to get around prevailing wage. Warren tried to get around the State prevailing wages. It is a lot less than the federal prevailing wage. One

of the problems that we have is that every county came up with their own prevailing wage. Warren tried to get us, and Virgin Valley tied into the rural region. That would have saved us a lot of money. When he is able to get another Republican Legislature, he will get that done.

He reminded everyone that we need to get bill drafts in soon.

4) Budget Review (For Discussion Only)

Joe had Mason come to the meeting. He reached out to the State on what we are going to do to the East Logandale tank. Joe got ahold of the contractor who did the original coating. They indicated that if we did \$450,000 that would be a solid number which was nice to hear.

The State just moved over to a digital format, so we had to resubmit all of our forms. Joe said that as he was talking to them, they indicated that if we finance that tank they will only do principal forgiveness on the inside of the tank. When you breakdown the cost that's associated with it, we paid to do the interior on the Overton tank which was about \$175,000. We're going to pay for the tank ourselves. We are still on the list. We are going to adjust the budget showing that we are going to pay for it ourselves. We thought we could get principal forgiveness for that.

They came out with a new lead assessment that they want us to do. Everybody in the United States has to do it. They have to remove all of the lines from their system. Part of the process is to go thru and assess their system and find out if you have any in your system and report it to the State. It dovetails on what Mason does. He is targeting all of those meter laterals in order to get those out because of the leaks. Mason put together a presentation that's associated with that.

We're going to be able to kill two things at once.

Mason said that he went through the federal mandate and highlighted a handful of things that are associated with our water system.

Mason also said that all water systems must develop an initial inventory by October 16, 2024, so, we must have a full list of our inventory by that date.

Inventory must include all service lines that are connected to the public water system regardless of ownership and status.

Joe explained that when our system was built, downtown Overton did have galvanized lines in it. There were four streets that had galvanized lines. We believe we've removed all of those lines so we can meet that requirement. We've been keeping this information for years. We've been keeping this information in GIS. Mason has spent a lot of time getting that information in there. When the system was built, this time frame was when everything was all plastic in Logandale, the Sandhills and Moapa. We've never encounter any of that. The hard part of it is in downtown Overton. We are going to have to identify what's down there.

We should be able to get this done pretty quickly.

Mason talked about lead, galvanized and steel pipe.

All construction, plumbing codes, permits and existing records or other documentation which would indicate what materials were used to connect structures to the distribution system.

All water district records, system maps, drawings, historical records on each service connection, meter installation, capital improvement or master plans and operational procedures.

As part of that, Mason has been trying to find all of those meters and a lot of it takes a lot of time. The contractors use to purchase the water meter and put it in their own name instead of the individual that is buying the house, so Mason has to go thru the County records. It's pretty time consuming but he has the program figured out pretty well.

Mason had a presentation. He started out with the middle school. North and south is Main Street, and the park is to the east, so it gives you an idea of where we're at. These are meters that don't have any measurements yet.

Mason went thru and identified those if possible and make sure that's what they are.

Mason also had a spreadsheet that identified them. It has the address, the location number, the meter on it, which pressure zone it's in and the pipe location. This is just the Overton area.

There are 76 that we're going to start with. As he was going thru, he actually found another 300 meters. They estimated that it would be about \$1,800 per meter service from the main to the meter. That's for man time, backhoe, asphalt, and everything else. We narrowed that down in the budget to \$275,000. There could be some additional costs.

Mason is still going thru the meters.

Joe went thru the budget with the Board to let them know what's in the budget. The complete budget books will be at the next meeting. Next month the tentative budget has to be approved.

5) Possible Pay scale increases for MVWD Office Positions (For Possible Action)

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Kelby Robison the board voted 5/0 to table this item. Randy said that this will be addressed at the next meeting.

6) Managers' Reports

- Office Manager
- Assistant General Manager
- General Manager

Office Manager- Jeannie had the Financial Dashboard, the Overall Budget and the Revenues. She said that the revenues look good, expenses look good. We don't have depreciation in there right now.

Website - The new website is up and running. It's working good.

We are also using Express Bill Pay to except payments from customers. Everyone seems to like it.

There were quite a few questions for Jeannie.

Assistant General Manager

- 1) Arrow Canyon Well Levels- The well level is consistent.
- 2) Arrow Canyon #2 pumped 11,909,130 gallons and 35,384,000 gallons were pumped from Baldwin for a total of 47,293,130 gallons.

3) Terribles Herbst

Continued update on this project. The contractor started excavation work on March 2nd, they are claiming to be completed by March 15th which meets the deadline (March 18th) they were given. As long as they get the 24" completed by the deadline, we can deal with the 12" beyond that date.

4) Gubler Project

Update, all meters have been moved over and lines tied in, and old lines abandoned. Crews have the vault to finish up and concreting of hydrants and paving of the road crossings. We are getting close to completion. Crews have done a great job with this project.

General Manager

Joe said that the majority of his staff will be in closed - door.

We finished that judicial hearing, and we are still waiting for the judge to make a ruling. The State has moved over to a national information system where all of our applications that we ever submitted to the State are in there. All of our old loans that we have received are in there also. Joe has three of the five done. It very time consuming.

Joe has taken a class on cyber security. He said there were 30 intrusions in the last month. They're targeting water now. Les Olson is helping us keep protected.

There was an analysis on cyber security. We went thru and answered the questions which was sent to the Feds. Les Olson helped us fill that out.

The East Logandale Tank would cost \$450,000. It's would cost \$292,000 for the inside. If you break that down, and if we can get principal forgiveness, that would really help us. We could get a loan for the difference of \$175,000 and the principle would be \$15,000. We're working our way thru that.

Cheryl Couch who was retired from the USDA, went back to work and is working with Jason Cooper. Cheryl is a great person to work with.

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Kelby Robison the board voted 5/0 to call a closed- door session at 5:24 pm.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Lindsey Dalley the board voted 5/0 to call a open- door session at 5:37 pm.

7) Directors' 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

8) Public Comment (Maybe be limited to five minutes)

None

9) Approval of the April 14, 2022 Board Meeting

The general consensus was to have the next meeting on April 14, 2022

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm