

**MINUTES OF THE  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Randy Tobler  
Ryan Wheeler

Jon Blackwell (Phone)  
Kelby Robison

Joe Davis, General Manager  
Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager  
Kiley Bradshaw, Operations Manager

Jeannie Fox  
Susan Rose

Chad Atkinson (Phone)  
Janice Ridondo

Scott Farnsworth (Phone)

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4 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 previous meeting held on September 8, 2022 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Kelby Robison the board voted to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

**3) Presentation & Approval of the FY2022 Audit (For Possible Action Only)**

Chad was on video conference call. He explained that there is an unmodified or clean opinion on the financial statements and there were no findings in fiscal year 2022. Chad reviewed the revenue and expense trends, net position, and cash trend on the financial statements.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler Seconded by Kelby Robison the board voted 4-0 to accept the FY22 audit of the financial statements.

**4) Insurance Presentation - Scott Carson (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Scott Carson was not able to attend the meeting.

**5) Review and Consider the Adoption of the MVWD Business Impact Statement (For Possible Action)**

Joe explained that the only business to send a letter was the Catholic Church, they felt that they would be impacted by the change to the tier structure. However, in review of their usage they will not be impacted at all by the change. Staff presented the tier change to the Board last month in our public meeting, so today they can take action and approve or deny the change.

Ryan asked if Joe had received any other letters or communication from the public Joe said there hasn't been. Randy stated that he had asked Joe to provide an accounting of how many this would effect, and he was surprised at that number. However, the Board has asked Staff to be creative on how we can do that, making it so the people who use the most water will pay for that use. With this rate structure we show an effort to conserve water. Joe agreed that conservation is a massive movement for the state and it needs to be. We have a lot of requirements that will be coming down concerning water this year and we need to make sure that we are at least staying with the trend.

Kelby asked where the four percent comes into play with this tier? Joe explained it doesn't really we have figured it to be one dollar higher than the last tier.

The Moapa Valley District Board of Directors have determined that to the best of their knowledge the approval of the addition of a fourth service connection water volume tier changes does not

impose a direct and a significant economic burden on a business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business and moves to approve of a fourth tier to the service connection water volume tier charges as outlined in the Business Impact Statement.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Kelby Robison the board voted 4-0 to Adopt the MVWD Business Impact Statement.

**6) Usage Block Rate, Service Connection fees, hydrant usage, fees, and payment in lieu rate increase (For Discussion Only)**

Joe explained that each year at this time we review our rates. With the District adding the forth tier, Staff has tried to be creative with rates this year. Joe is thinking that we can leave the base rate as is and raise the tier charges.

JP was on a video conference. He presented to the Board a high-level demographic analysis on the affordability of our water. This analysis looks at it from a community standard not an individual household. This analysis shows that our water is affordable.

Joe spoke about cost of everything going up. The Material costs is rising, he said that the PVC 24" pipe has gone up 60%, 8" pipe has gone up 165%, 6" pipe has gone up 234%. This is having a huge effect on what we are able to accomplish and then having a 16 week or even a 24 month wait period is having a drastic effect on us. We do know that we have to do something, staff is recommending that we increase the tier rates by 4%, along with the connection and impact fees, hydrant fees. Joe would like input from the board. Randy said that JP's assumptions are very broad, the study is pretty blanketed. Randy likes the idea of leaving the base rate and raising the tier rates. Joe explained that the analysis is very generalized.

Joe reiterated that we do need to do something with rates. An example of prices increasing are we were awarded a grant from the state to abandon some wells out here, all the estimates we had before we went out to bid were \$15,000.00 we received one bid for \$40,000.00. The costs are so astronomically high we have chosen not to do that job.

Randy wanted to remind everyone that there were several years with no increases, and we still haven't fully caught up with everything, there are still funds like for arsenic media that aren't being funded, so in five years when you need to purchase that, you'll be scrambling for it.

Joe asked the directors to take some time and think about it so we can discuss it at our next meeting.

**7) Move to Ratify the purchase of waterworks supplies from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$45,980. (For Possible Action)**

We have a few projects that we have going on, so we purchased 2000' feet of pvc.

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Kelby Robison the board voted 4-0 to Move to Ratify the purchase of water works supplies from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$45,980.

**8) Managers' Reports**

**Office Manager** – Jeannie had the board reports in their packets. She said everything looks good.

**Assistant General Manager**- Arrow Canyon Well #1 pumped 80,853,000 gallons of water. We also pumped 5,221,000 out of Baldwin. We pumped 86,074,000 gallons of water in October.

**General Manager**

Joe talked more about the material costs and the amount of time to get the bed for a service truck is 206 weeks out. Nick is quite tenacious; he was able to find us a truck bed before the 206 weeks.

Joe with Nevada Rural Water was able to represent the State of Nevada at a National level in Washington DC to attend a board meeting on getting the funding for the circuit writers out here. He was able to sit through several different classes.

For the Main Street Project, they had a few very positive meetings and things are starting to move forward with the project.

The East Logandale Recoat Bid opening will be on the agenda in November.

**9) Directors Preference**  
**-Review Monthly Expenditures**

Randy Tobler disclosed that he has a small business that is on the expenditure list.

Randy wanted to let the directors know that we have received two letters of outstanding service by our serviceman Jestyn Postma. This customer has had a leak at his meter twice and both times Jestyn has responded in a timely manner and very friendly and helpful even at 1am.

Randy appreciates that our employees consider the customers it is the mindset we need to have. Ryan brought up how we can help the community like the district going down and helping Cappalappa with the flood. Kiley spoke to where Mason is at on the lead line removal process.

**-Litigation**  
**-Other Related Water Rights**

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

Janice Ridondo asked who our legislative consultant is. Joe answered Warren Hardy.

**11) Approval of the November 10, 2022 Board Meeting**

**12) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM