

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

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

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

Jeannie Poynor
Susan Rose

Byron Mills, Attorney
Vernon Robison

Scott Carson
Janice Ridondo

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 October 19, 2022 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Kelby Robison four of the members voted to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022, Board Meeting Lindsey Dalley Abstained.

3) Discussion on the Employee Health Insurance (For Discussion Only)

Joe explained that Scott Carson had been trying to get the numbers from Health Plan of Nevada but they didn't get them out in time for last months meeting. The numbers went up from HPN so he was able to shop the plan and was able to find a plan with similar benefits for about the same cost as we are paying now. Scott explained that we have been with United Health Care for several years however, with costs rising he was able to find what he considers better benefits with a huge doctors list for roughly the same cost that we are paying now. Randy asked how the employees felt about the change? He feels like if the employees are happy with the new plan he is happy with it. Jeannie explained that the employees seemed very happy, we asked for complaints, anyone who didn't want to move over and there wasn't any. There are only a few employees that the cost will go up however for everyone else the cost will go down. Joe explained that if we stay with what we have now the cost will go up by \$30,000 per year. If we move over to the new plan the cost will stay about the same. Lindsey wanted to verify that there are doctors in Las Vegas. Scott verified there is a very large network and they are nationwide. The Board thanked Scott for all his work.

4) Discussion on the Districts Water Usage Block, Hydrant Usage fee, Connection Fees and Water Right Dedication fees.

Joe explained that we have looked at different ways to look at rates. Ryan asked for some information on the tier increase. He was concerned that with the tier increase that was passed last month we may not need the full increase. Lindsey wanted to verify if we have seen any elasticity in the past increases. Joe said that we have not but there is a lag in the revenues but it eventually gets there. Ryan says that the meter replacement program has been helping catch the water. Ryan is concerned that there is a \$637,000 decrease in cash, Lindsay is concerned that he doesn't want to fall behind because a few years ago it was pretty scary. He doesn't want to have to do 15% or 20% increases. He likes the path we are on and with the cost of everything

rising he wants to stay ahead of the curve. Randy brought up the fact that we have replacement funds that we still are not able to fund.

On a motion of Randy and second by Kelby Robison the board voted to leave the base rates and increase the Usage Block rates, Meter Connection fees, Water Rights Dedication, Hydrant water rates, Backflow by 4% effective December 1, 2022

5) Award the bid of the Lognadale Tank Recoat

Joe explained that there has been a slight change in the specs that were sent out. We cannot get the two-part paint system, the time frame to get that in would put us outside the time frame that we can have the tank offline. Joe requested the Directors approve the Schedule D from Olson Precast.

The Fire District has sent a letter to NDEP stating that they realize with that tank offline for two and a half months the flow would be lower up there and they are fine with it.

Kelby wanted to make sure that there isn't a difference in the durability of the different paint. Joe said that there will be a one year warranty on it so we will drain the tank and make sure that we it is holding up. Ryan wanted to make sure Sunrise Engineering is good with the change. Joe stated that they are.

On a motion of Ryan Wheeler seconded by Jon Blackwell to accept the bid from Olson Precast not to exceed \$420,800.

6) Manager Reports
Office Manager
Assistant General Manager

Office Manager - Jeannie had the financial dashboard in the Managers' Packets. She said that everything looks good.

Assistant General Manager - In October we pumped 80,000,000 gallons of water out of Arrow Canyon Well levels look good.

Every three years we are required to take lead and copper samples. We pull 20 samples though out the system. The federal level they require us to be below is .015 and we are at .0047 so we are well below the levels for lead and for copper they require us to be below one and ours is coming in at .015 so we are well below on copper as well.

Crews have been busy working on different projects, various projects that customers have paid for, moving the lines on Airport Road and Moapa Bridge

General Manager - Joe said that we did receive funding from Clark County for Main Street. 2.2 million and we are still working with NDOT so hopefully we will see some of that money as well. There are some contracts associated with the money he is going through he has also forwarded it over to Byron so they will have a good understanding of them. We are still waiting on NDEP on the plans but hopefully we can start around May or June?

Results for the election are Scott Farnsworth and Kelby Robison. We really need to figure out the Chairman duties.

7) Public Comment

Janice said that she was disappointed that she didn't make the board, however she believes she is on the Town Board and she is going to talk to them about attending the public meetings in the valley.

5) Directors' Preference

Review Monthly Expenditures

Randy Tobler disclosed that he has an interest in as a mall business that is on the monthly expenditure list.

6) Public Comment

None

7) Approval of the December 2, 2022

The meeting will be held December 2, 2022

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm