

**MINUTES OF THE  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Lindsey Dalley	Jon Blackwell
Scott Farnsworth	Ryan Wheeler
Kelby Robison	
Joe Davis, General Manager	Jeannie Fox
Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager	Jennifer Farnsworth
Kiley Bradshaw	Janice Ridondo

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:00pm, Chairman Kelby Robison Called to order the regular meeting of the Moapa Valley Water District. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

- 1) Public Comment (may be limited to five minutes)**  
None
- 2) Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 9, 2023 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)**  
On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the March 09, 2023 meeting.
- 3) Updates from the Legislature – Warren Hardy (For Discussion Only)**  
Warren Hardy was in session and could not break away. He will give an update at the next Board Meeting.
- 4) FY24 Budget Review (For Discussion Only)**  
Staff has completed the preparation for the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2024. The budget shows a change in net position of \$5,219,852 and a total net decrease of (\$659.372) This includes \$2,463,474 ARPA Grant and \$2,476,640 appropriations request.  
The State Statutes require the District to hold a public hearing on the budget during the third week in May. Staff is recommending 4:00pm on May 18, 2023. The District needs to adopt and file the final budget with the County Clerk and Department of Taxation prior to June 1, 2023.  
Ryan Wheeler made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget as presented and to establish a public hearing on the budget at 4:00 pm on May 18, 2023 at the Moapa Valley Water District office. It was seconded by Jon Blackwell. The Board voted 5-0.
- 5) Managers' Reports**  
Jeannie Fox, Office Manager reported that our revenues are looking good. We are a little bit off from last year, but it has been a rainy, wet, cold year. We are hoping this coming year will be better. It was reported that everything is going well in the office, and we installed new carpet this past month.  
Lon Dalley Assistant General Manager reported that in March we ran Arrow Canyon #2 and totaled 48,000,000 gallons. The East Logandale Tank project is 99.9% completed. It was reported that while replacing the valve assembly at the tank, we had some issues. We had a 90-degree elbow blow off, and we lost a good amount of water before we could get it fixed. The water reached Bowler Elementary school and made a muddy mess, but the crew did a great job cleaning it up before the next school day.  
Joe, Lon, Mason, Vic and Josh had the opportunity to go to Reno for the NVRWA Conference. It was a good conference with networking and good training sessions. Josh Leavitt was nominated for Rookie Operator of the Year, and he was chosen for that award.  
Joe Davis General Manager reported he had meetings with congressman Amodei who is over the appropriations request on a federal level. He commented that they are expecting a 25% reduction in the

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appropriation request funding that is going out this year. The District was talking about doing Arrow Canyon #3, but we were under the impression that the money needed to be used within twelve months, so we did not put in an application for an appropriation request. Since then, we found out that the twelve months doesn't really apply. Joe met with Jason Cooper; it was said that we classify as a disadvantaged community so there could be an opportunity to where we could get principal forgiveness. One issue that we are having is for the last five years we have had projects on the list, and we have applications in for BLM right aways. We have been unable to advance any of those right away application because BLM is short staffed, and it is hard to get things done. Jason has found a contact with the EPA that is a Senior Policy advisor in the US EPA. He really understands Western water issues. He explained that on the East coast they do not understand the West. We must have tanks for drought mitigation. He reached out to Senior Water resource specialist over Aquatic resources and is in the BLM Headquarters. She reached out to the Las Vegas office wanting to know why our application was sitting stagnant. We are hoping between these two individuals we can get these applications moved in a timely fashion. One of the big fears and why these individuals are willing to help us is, EPA on a national level is looking at Nevada because everyone hears free money, but no one is taking Priority loans out, low interest loans. The EPA is talking of cutting funding for the state which would be detrimental.

While in Reno Joe and Lon also had the chance to sit down with Assemblyman Watts and talk about AB-387 which deals with the Lower White River Flow System. Even though Assemblyman Watts is not over our District he was more than willing to listen to our concerns.

Our Main Street plans are going out to advertise on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Review Journal. It will be in The Progress in the next two weeks. We're hoping to have a bid opening on May 9<sup>th</sup> and then we'll have a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Overall, the meetings in Reno went really well.

**6) Directors' Preference**

- Review Monthly Expenditures
- Litigation
- Other Related Water Rights

**7) Public Comment. (May be limited to five minutes)**

No Public Comment

**8) Approval of the May 18, 2023 Board Meeting**

The Directors' agreed to hold the next Board Meeting on May 18, 2023 at 4:00pm.

**9) Adjournment**

Jon Blackwell motioned the meeting adjourn at 4:25pm it was seconded by Ryan Wheeler.