

**MINUTES OF THE  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Kelby Robison Jon Blackwell (Phone)  
Scott Farnsworth Ryan Wheeler  
Lindsey Dalley arrived at 3:04

Joe Davis, General Manager Jeannie Fox  
Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Farnsworth  
Kiley Bradshaw Janice Ridondo  
Byron Mills Stan Hardy

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 3:01pm, Board Member 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 November 09, 2023 Board Meeting (For Possible Action)**  
On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the November 09, 2023 meeting.
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting held November 15, 2023**  
There were no minutes to approve because this was a special closed-door meeting.
- 4) Water Dedication Ordinance/Reimbursement Area Policy Discussion (For Possible Action)**  
Joe explained that Stan Hardy had reached out to the district in regard to two policies that anytime you submit a subdivision map you have to follow the water dedication ordinance to where you have to make a payment to the district. He also has a concern with the reimbursement area, that is why he wanted to be placed on the agenda so he could come before the Board. Hardy stated that he currently owns some property, and he doesn't want to sell it, he wants it to stay in the family. He has a 2-acre lot that he is trying to split so his daughter can have the lot with the meter and home on it and the back half will stay as is with a hay barn on it. He says it's going to get complicated because there is 20 acres that is part of a family trust that will need to be divided 3 ways when his mother is no longer here. They plan to keep that in agriculture. They do not want to sell it and they do not want a meter. Hardy thinks this dedication plan was put into place for developers who want a meter. He said he doesn't mind paying for something that he's getting but, in this case, they do not want a meter. Hardy said he did not think this plan was ever intended to stop families from keeping properties inside their families. Nothing is being sold in this case, but they need to divide the land to allow growth within the family. Stan was open to any questions that the Board may have. The Districts Attorney Byron Mills asked General Manager Joe Davis to explain to the Board what triggers the reimbursement policy, whether it's the meter or the subdivision. Davis said that reimbursement policy only gets triggered when you come into purchase a meter, So the reimbursement policy for Stan does not take effect unless he tries and put a meter on the property. The concept came up to where we were having a bunch of developers come into the community and they were going to tie up the resources, so they developed the Water dedication ordinance. The issue comes into where if someone wants to come in and subdivide a piece of property and they claim they're not going to put a meter on it, and they may not for 10 or 15 years but then they come back after the map was signed to come purchase a meter from the district. The concept was that the dedication fee was designed in order to bring up the equity in the system that everyone else was paying to maintain the system that's out there. They did not have the capability at the time, and we still don't have the Capability or staff time to track this. There were

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ideas tossed around on how we might be able to keep track of this. There was much discussion among the Board members but was decided by Chairman Kelby Robison and Ryan Wheeler that a problem has been raised and it is going to take some time between Board, Staff and Legal to come up with a solution. Lindsey Dalley motioned to direct staff to place the Water Dedication Ordinance/Reimbursement back on the agenda for next month's meeting and look for various solutions to the board's concerns. It was seconded by Scott Farnsworth. The Board voted 5-0.

**5) Discussion and possible approval of rate increase for 2024 (For Possible Action)**

Joe Davis reported that staff has spent the past few months collecting historical data and incorporating Board direction in an effort to better identify and plan for the future revenue needs for the continued operation and maintenance of the districts water system. The projected revenue needs of the district are estimated to require an 8% rate increase according to Water Worth. Staff are recommending an 8% rate increase instead of the originally estimated 5% increase for the FY24 budget year. After much discussion between board members, Scott Farnsworth moved to increase the district's monthly base rate, usage block rate, Backflow, Meter Connection Fee's, hydrant and Water Station usage rate and water resources fee by 8%. It was seconded by Lindsey Dalley. The Board voted 5-0

**6) Personnel – Approval of the employee Christmas Bonus (For Possible Action)**

Lindsey Dalley motioned that the Board gives a \$600 per employee Christmas Bonus to staff. It was seconded by Scott Farnsworth. The Board voted 5-0.

Lindsey Dalley motioned that the Board gives a \$600 Christmas Bonus to the General Manager and Assistant General Manager. It was seconded by Ryan Wheeler. The Board voted 5-0.

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

Janice Ridondo asked questions about the Main Street Project. General Manager Joe Davis gave her a report.

**8) Directors Preference**

-Review Monthly Expenditures

-Litigation – Lindsey Dalley motioned to go into closed door at 3:54pm it was seconded by Scott Farnsworth. The Board voted 5-0. Lindsey Dalley motioned to come out of closed door at 4:26pm it was seconded by Scott Farnsworth. The Board voted 5-0.

-Other Related Water Rights

**9) Approval of the January 11, 2024 Board Meeting**

The Directors' agreed to hold the next Board Meeting on January 11, 2024

**10) Adjournment**

On motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded Lindsey Dalley the meeting adjourned at 4:27pm. The Board voted 5-0