

**MINUTES OF THE  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD  
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Kelby Robison	Jon Blackwell (Phone)
Scott Farnsworth	Ryan Wheeler (Phone)
Lindsey Dalley	Byron Mills
Joe Davis, General Manager	
Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager	Jennifer Farnsworth
Kiley Bradshaw	Jeannie Fox
Joe Phillips	Vernon Robison
Pledger Solomon	Janice Ridondo

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:01pm, 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) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held February 08, 2024 (For Possible Action)**

On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Lindsey Dalley the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2024 meeting.

**3) Sunrise Engineering – Project Funding Options (For Possible Action)**

Joe Davis asked Joe Philips to come talk to the Board. They have been talking about the narrows tank for mitigation for the 24' pipeline as it comes down into the valley. The Warm Springs tank and Arrow Canyon #3 to replace the aging 1991 well at Arrow Canyon #1. When we first started to plan for these jobs, it came in just under 4.2 million for all 3 projects combined. If we look at the state of the industry now from 2018 to current, we are looking closer to 16 million to do everything. There is a big contingency in there for cost overrun, so in the worst-case scenario you would hope that it comes in less than that. We have been working on these and as we all know BLM is the big hold-up. Those plans are in NEPA which is quite a way down the line. NEPA would follow up with an EA. Right now, the State of Nevada has 100 million dollars out there that is slated at 1% interest. It's a once in lifetime opportunity to get projects done. We were able to sit down with Jason Cooper who manages that fund. He wanted to know what our status was for our projects because there is an opportunity that we could get 2.5 million of principal forgiveness. We could save 2.5 million off the top. So, 1% interest is extremely favorable to move through. The payments we would have would be less than when we built the Arsenic Treatment facility that came in at 5 million. We need to know how serious we are to get it allocated. We already had Joe Philips on the line to come in and talk about the project and see how we are going to advance it. It's critical to know how the Board feels on these projects that were identified back in the 2017 Capital Improvement plan. Joe Philips put together some packets for review to let the Board know where we're at. He showed what it would cost per meter if we ended up having to pay the full amount or if we cut the projects up into smaller pieces and only utilized two factors. Joe Philips went over the Information he had prepared and there was much discussion. Board Members were encouraged to look over the information throughout the month, ask questions and this item will be added to next month's Agenda.

**4) FY25 Budget Review (For Discussion Only)**

Joe Davis discussed the last meeting reminding Board members that we went over the budget pretty good. The difference we have today versus what we had then was we lowered the water resource development cost from 300,000 to 200,000. We moved 100,000 dollars out of water resource development into the Vehicle Replacement for the Crew Cab that is outside. The reason behind that is when we reached out for a trade in value for that truck, the trade in value was still high so we can get a better truck and keep the cost down. We reinstated the crew cab truck in the vehicle replacement for \$63,000 and then we took

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the other 47 that was associated with it and put it back into the small main. All the numbers are still the same in the budget, it's just redistributed a little bit. There was some discussion and Board members had a few questions that were answered.

**5) Designate Hinton Burdick to perform the Districts FY24 Audit (For Possible Action)**

After much discussion, Lindsey Dalley made a motion and was seconded by Jon Blackwell the board voted 5-0 to Designate Hinton Burdick to perform the Districts FY24 Audit.

**6) Manager's Reports**

Jeannie Fox Office Manager reported on the budget. The report she had goes through January 31, we're at about 58% of the year expended. Revenues are at about 63%, which is pretty good. We've been at the low time of year so obviously the warmer it gets; the more water will be used. The revenues will increase. Expenses are looking good; we're coming in under. Non-Operating items are always a little wacky. The interest has gone crazy this year so that is high. The Interest expense is also high. Jeannie went over the Capital Budget report and what was spent through January 31. It lists all the projects that are budgeted and unbudgeted. Jeannie went over the Financial Dashboard.

Lon Dalley Assistant General Manager went over the Spring/Groundwater Production. Arrow Canyon #1 pumped 9,604,000 gallons. Arrow Canyon #2 pumped 25,456,548 gallons. Baldwin Springs pumped 4,801,000 gallons which totaled 39,861,548 Gallons. Lon Reported that himself along with Joe Davis, Dandy Sutphin & Jestyn Postma attended the NV Rural Water Association Conference last week in Reno. It is a good conference, you're able to get your CEU's that you need to get every year. The conference was Tuesday through Thursday. They had a great time, and it was Dandy and Jestyn's first time attending. It was very beneficial.

Joe Davis General Manager reported that staff has been working with Byron on the Water Dedication Ordinance. If you remember several years back, we were looking through an issue brought up by a customer at the past couple of board meetings. Staff had been looking at the Water Dedication Ordinance, Payment in Lieu, and the Construction aspect because we had a lot of developers that had come in and tied up our resources for years and then got massive refunds. We had already started the process back in 2018 of re-writing those so they could not get total refunds. We have gotten to a point to where hopefully at the next board meeting, we'll get the rest of the information over to Byron and he will help us draft up the changes that are in there so we can have it available to the board to look at and that way we won't have that issue. It's been on our radar for quite a while. We felt that instead of looking at just at one section we would cross the bridge with the whole dynamic. Not everything has to change. We figured that because all the documents are tied together, we need to do all the documents at once, so they are cohesive as they go through. This will hopefully all be in next month's Board Meeting.

Joe also reported that staff will be coming to the board to talk because the cost of all the materials is skyrocketing. More and more of our lines are under asphalt, our meter installation cost used to be \$1500.00 was slated for the installation and the rest was to pay for equity in the system and help maintain things. What we've noticed is that our meter installation cost is not being covered by the \$1500. In some situations, when you take money for a meter installation and we must cut asphalt, it will cost the district \$10,000 total because we have \$8,000 in asphalt repair. We're trying to come up with some level of tier so depending on where you're at we can move forward with the cost that's paying for the materials. We also must have the charges. We crossed a bridge with NDOT. When you're working with NDOT, it's an extra \$600 dollars just because of the permit. Instead of absorbing that into everyone's application, it's the people that are causing the impact that need to have the fee. Lon and Kiley have been gathering intel and will bring some ideas on this and how do we move forward, that way the board will get a good idea of how they want to approach it.

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Mason Stratton has been doing some leak detection. We already know that we have some water loss, a lot of it is because of the 24' pipeline. The conservation plan we knew we were going to take a hit on it, but we are getting all our prep work in there, so that we can show that we have purchased all the leak detectors. We don't have leaks around town, we have this faulty pipeline that is causing most of our issues. That way when we go to renew the Conservation packet there are new requirements that you must incorporate in it that will help meet those requirements, so we don't take a hit from the State.

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

None

**8) Directors Preference**

-Review Monthly Expenditures – Board Member Scott Farnsworth had some questions on Bond payments made to the NV State Treasurer.

-Litigation, deferred closed door meeting to next month.

-Other Related Water Rights

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

Janice Ridondo had a few questions about the Main Street Project.

**10) Approval of the April 11, 2024 Board Meeting**

On a motion of Lindsey Dalley and Seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 5-0 to move the next Board Meeting to Tuesday April 09, 2024

**11) Adjournment**

On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Lindsey Dalley the meeting adjourned at 5:53pm. The Board voted 5-0