

**MINUTES OF THE
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD
Tuesday, May 30th, 2024**

PRESENT:

Kelby Robison	Jon Blackwell
Lindsey Dalley	Ryan Wheeler
Scott Farnsworth– Arrived at 4:09pm	Byron Mills
Joe Davis, General Manager	
Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager	Jennifer Farnsworth
Kiley Bradshaw	Jeannie Fox
	Vernon Robison

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:03pm, 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 April 9, 2024 (For Possible Action)**
On a motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting.
- 3) Approval of the FY25 Budget (For Possible Action)**
Joe Davis stated that Staff has prepared the budget, and we got the information back from the State and everything was correct. The budget shows a change in net position of \$296,402 and a total net decrease after we do our projects is (\$380,885). When we do the motion the General Manager statement says that The General Manager has the authority & approval to solicit bids & purchase all Capital Improvement items identified in the Moapa Valley Water District FY2025 Budget as long as the following criteria are met.
-Purchases are within the approved budgeted amount.
-The Board of Directors are notified of the budgeted purchases at the next Board of directors meeting.
-All purchases above the approved budgeted amount must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the purchase being made.
The budget is the exact same as we reviewed at the last budget meeting.
On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Moapa Valley Water District FY25 Final Budget as presented and to establish the approval of the General Manager to purchase the capital improvement budgeted items as listed above.
- 4) Public input on proposed Narrows Tank & Arrow Canyon Well #3 Project Funding. (For Discussion Only)**
Joe stated that part of the requirements to fill out the application to borrow from the State revolving loan fund is, they want to make sure you have done public outreach to get input from the community. We have talked about this over the course of two meetings and unfortunately no one was here to make a public comment about it. We felt we would drive some more interest by asking for a PSA be put together and put into the local paper, but no one called or showed up for public comment.
- 5) NDEP Office of Financial Assistance Funding Resolution to receive a long-term loan for future projects with 1% financing. (For Possible Action)**
Davis said that part of the loan application process is that you must have a resolution from the Board in order to take and put in the application. It doesn't mean you have to accept the loan but in order to put the application in you have to have the application submitted by July and you have to have an official resolution that the Board is willing to take on the debt. With that we had a resolution drafted up that covers the requirements for the loan aspect. Board members had a few questions, more background was

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given. An approved Official Resolution is required from the MVWD Board of Directors for the support of the NDEP Office of Financial Assistance loan application for the Arrow Canyon Well #3 and the Narrows 3.0 MG Tank projects in the amount of \$12,630,000. This funding opportunity comes with a historic low 1% interest rate and would allow the district to accomplish these necessary projects that were previously financially out of reach.

On a Motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jon Blackwell the board voted 5-0 to move to approve the Official Resolution of the Moapa Valley Water District for support of the funding application to the NV Division of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance for the Arrow Canyon Well #3 and Narrows 3.0 MG Tank Projects.

6) Approve scope of work by WLA Environmental, LLC for the baseline biological analysis. Cost not to exceed \$37,000 (For Possible Action)

Part of the BLM process to expand our right of way in these areas, we have to go out and get a Baseline Biological evaluation. We along with our engineer were surprised with the cost that came back. Unfortunately, everyone that is on the list and certified are tied up with projects, so costs are high. This company WLA even though their cost is high, they are willing to get out and get started. Time is of the essence in order to get the application in. We brought this forward to the board so it can be part of the application process so when we actually put in for the loan, we can include the Engineering services that we've got and this money here we can include on the loan to get that reimbursed in cash and we'll have a longer outlay on it. We have the opportunity to recoup it. Board Members had a few questions for General Manager Joe Davis.

On a Motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Jon Blackwell the board voted 5-0 to move to approve the "Scope of Work" by WLA Environmental, LLC for the "baseline biological analysis" at a cost not to exceed \$37,000.

7) Manager's Reports

Jeannie Fox Office Manager reported on the budget report. Looking at revenues, water sales are under 75% of the year expended but with the connection fees and the 340A project it puts us just right about at 75%. It's just about year-end so we are looking at the budget very closely. Jeannie went over the Capital Budget through March. The Financial Dashboard and Revenues were gone over.

Lon Dalley Assistant General Manager reported on the Spring/Ground Water Production. Arrow Canyon #1 pumped 69,979,000 gallons, Arrow Canyon #2 pumped 218,660 Gallons, Baldwin Springs pumped 746,000 gallons which brought us to a total of 70,943,660 gallons pumped. Lon went over the Arrow Canyon well Levels. It was reported that back in January we applied for the Bureau of Reclamation grant for water meters. We were tentatively approved to be awarded that grant. They just have to make sure we meet the wavers for (BABA) Build America, Buy America. We have never had a problem meeting the requirements for the wavers in the past. Board Member Ryan Wheeler wanted to know how much the grant was for. Lon told him that the grant is for \$100,000 with a 50% match, so we have our \$100,000.

Joe Davis General Manager reported that after we had our first inspection of the East Logandale tank after the recoat. We had a diving company come in and do it because we are unable to drain it because they are still trying to get the outflow at the flood control on Whipple. The report that we received back was from a gentleman that's been in the industry for forty years. He wanted to know who we hired to paint the tank because it's the best coating job he had seen.

Staff got invited to attend a community stakeholders meeting held by Congressman Steven Horsford. They wanted to talk about concerns in Moapa Valley and Virgin Valley. There was a photo opt presentation check for the #2.4 million to help fund the replacement of the 24-inch water line.

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The Water Resource Plan is required to be kept up to date. Glorieta Geoscience has been helping us work on that. We're close to 85-90% finished. There are some graphs and language that need to be redone. Board Members had a few questions regarding the Water Resource Plan. The Main Street Project is moving along. All of the milling is done at this time, and they will start a little paving tonight around the flashers. They will get the paving and stripping done next week, June 3rd thru the 5th. Once the project is completed, we will schedule a ribbon cutting. Davis reported that he has been asked to be a stakeholder in the Governor's office of Economic Development. This steering committee is collecting diverse perspectives and input towards the development of a water-wise economic framework that will help align economic development and water resources incentives and policies. June 4th will be the first meeting in Las Vegas.

8) Public Comment. (May be limited to five minutes)

None

9) Directors Preference

-Review Monthly Expenditures

-Litigation – On a motion from Jon Blackwell and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 5-0 to go into closed door at 4:43pm. On a motion from Jon Blackwell and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 5-0 to come out of closed door at 5:39pm.

-Other Related Water Rights

10) Public Comment. (May be limited to five minutes)

None

11) Approval of the June 13, 2024 Board Meeting

After much discussion, on a motion of Jon Blackwell and Seconded by Lindsey Dalley the Board voted 5-0 to move the next Board Meeting to Monday June 24, 2024 at 4pm.

12) Adjournment

On a motion of Jon Blackwell and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. The Board voted 5-0